

Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance Stages Free *Esperanza de la Herencia* on May 22nd

Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance brings their annual *Esperanza de la Herencia* back to Austin with a free performance dedicated to inspiring youth. Featuring a live music and dance recital of the organization's cultural arts students, backed by the PRFDance and Jr. performing companies, the performance will be held on Sunday, May 22nd, at the Mexican American Cultural Center.

Esperanza de la Herencia 2011 displays the rich variety of Puerto Rico's traditions, with free admission to all children under the age of 18. The live music and dance recital showcases more than 50 dancers, musicians and performing arts students, with special performances by the professional-level and junior performing companies.

"Children are the hope of the future," said Dr. Tekina-eirú Maynard, founding director of the Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance and Cultural Center. "We hope our programs create a love for culture that lasts a lifetime, and inspires them to celebrate and transmit our joyful heritage to future generations."

The performances will begin at 2 p.m. at the Mexican American Cultural Center Auditorium, located at 600 River Street. For more information, call (512) 251-8122 or visit www.PRFDance.org.

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