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Raue Center Celebrates The Art Of Folkloric Dance

Beginning with opening night of the 2011/12 Season **Raue Center For The Arts** has been committed to exploring the diversity of Hispanic culture through its programming, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15). The month started with Tito Puente, Jr. and his high-energy mambo style music. It continued with Agua Dulce, a hands-on food and drink event, and The Passionate Frida, a production with Judith Svalander Dance Theatre honoring artist Frida Kahlo. After the smashing success of Judith Svalander's production, Raue Center is proud to end the month's celebration on **October 15 at 8:00 pm** with another local ensemble **Ballet Folklorico Huehucoyotl's "Uniendo Fronteras"**.

Ballet Folklorico Huehucoyotl (BFH), an in-residence ensemble at Elgin Community College, started as one of numerous activities like Mexican Folkloric dance and music that the youth group did to keep active. As the group learned about Mexican folkloric dance, they felt the need to continue learning more of Mexico's rich heritage and share their knowledge and experience of Mexican dance and music year round to a broader audience. Their purpose is to learn, promote and share the beauty and culture of Mexico through the art of folkloric dance.

"Raue Center For The Arts' mission is to enrich the lives of all through the arts – and programming celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month is a great addition to help fulfill that mission," says Richard Kuranda, executive director of Raue Center. Kuranda goes on to explain that the only way we are going to fulfill the mission is to make sure that the programming is accessible to the entire community, which is why they have just lowered the ticket prices!

Tickets are \$15, \$12, and \$9 and are available over the phone at 815.356.9212, in person at 26 N. Williams Street in Crystal Lake, or online at rauecenter.org. This show is sponsored by Hoy.

About Raue Center For The Arts

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Raue Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of all through the arts. For 10 years, they have provided quality programming – striving to make it pertinent, available and affordable to all. As a painstakingly restored, 1920s regional showcase theatre named for its benefactor—Lucile Raue—Raue Center has attracted the finest stars, Broadway shows, musicians and artists. Named on the League of Historic American Theatres, Raue Center is one of the finest examples of restored art and decor in the nation. The 750-seat theatre, located in historic, downtown Crystal Lake, is a gathering place for our region’s citizens and has become a true destination. For additional information, visit rauecenter.org, facebook.com/RaueCenter and twitter.com/RaueCenter.

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