

## 23rd Annual National Cinco de Mayo Festival in DC

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Washington, DC - **What:** The Maru Montero Dance Company will host its annual FREE National Cinco de Mayo Festival on Sunday, May 3, 2015 to celebrate Latin American dance, music and crafts. Live performances will include salsa, Mexican folk dancing, mariachis, and other dance and music from Latin America and the Caribbean.

The children's pavilion will host arts and crafts activities where young people can make piñatas, braid hair, build dancing puppets, and play lotería (Mexican bingo) to win prizes.

Highlights of the daylong, free festival include:

1. Dance performances including pre-Hispanic, Latin folk, and salsa
2. Live musical performances
3. Children's traditional arts and crafts
4. Mexican market
5. Food from Latin America

**When:** Sunday, May 3, 2015 from noon to 7 p.m. RAIN OR SHINE!

**Where:** Sylvan Theater at the Washington Monument, 15<sup>th</sup> Street SW and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C.

**Who:** The free, family festival is organized by the Maru Montero Dance Company with generous support from our sponsors, LULAC, Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs and the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

Not just a Mexican celebration, the Cinco de Mayo Festival celebrates the culture of all Latinos living in the United States.

**About the Maru Montero Dance Company:** Founded in 1992, the Maru Montero Dance Company (MMDC) is the leading Latin dance company in the nation's capital, performing Mexican folk, cha-cha, mambo, salsa, tango, and many other dances from Latin America. The company, founded by former Ballet Folklórico de México lead dancer Maru Montero, is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation dedicated to promoting the joy and beauty of Latino culture in the United States. Visit [www.marumontero.com](http://www.marumontero.com) for more information. For interviews, call Maru Montero at 202 258-5283 or [maru@marumontero.com](mailto:maru@marumontero.com)

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