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Performance, Art and Activism

A Panel Discussion on the Legacy of El Centro Cultural de la Gente

September 25, 2013, 6 to 7:30 PM

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
50 East San Fernando Street, Room 225/229 (Second floor) San José, CA 95112

Free and open to the public
Reception following in the Cultural Heritage Center (Fifth floor)

Teresa Castellanos - Moderator: Currently the coordinator of Immigrant Relations and Integration Services for the County's Office of Human Relations. She has a 25 year history of working on immigration issues through government, labor and community based organizations such as Justice for Janitors and the Health Workers Union and Catholic Charities.

Mary Jane Solis: Mary Jane has been involved in many social justice related art and community causes and continues to work with community efforts to support Latino art and artists in our community. She is a founding member of MACLA (Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americano) and is the former vice chair of the City of San Jose Arts Commission where she chaired multicultural arts development.

Felipe Rodriguez: Felipe has been in front of audiences for more than fifty years. Coming from a family of activists and performers it was natural for Felipe to sing and play his guitar in church, on stage and on the picket line.

Adrian Tepehua Vargas: Adrian has been active in Silicon Valley's artistic and cultural movement for over 35 years as a theatre and film director, playwright, actor, musician, and producer. For 10 years he directed San Jose's former Teatro de la Gente and was co-founder of El Centro Cultural De La Gente.

Elisa Marina Alvarado: Elisa is the founding member and Artistic Director of the 29-year-old Teatro Visión. As an actress, director and community organizer she has been active in the Chicano movement for over thirty years. Elisa has taught theater for Teatro Visión, San José State University, San Francisco State University and many community organizations.