

The 2007 National Conference on Latinos and AIDS features Soraida Martinez and Rosie Perez.

By Artist, Soraida

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An art exhibition by socially conscious artist Soraida Martinez, plus actress Rosie Perez as the guest speaker, focuses attention on the AIDS epidemic that is affecting Latinos nationwide.

Since 1992, Artist/Designer Soraida Martinez has been raising awareness of socially conscious issues (including sexism, racism and stereotyping), which are just now being discussed in mainstream American society. Soraida's newly created 2007 Verdadism painting, "Latinas and the Unspoken Taboo Killer, AIDS" addresses the current AIDS epidemic among Latinos.

According to Soraida, "I tell people that one doesn't have to have AIDS to be active in an epidemic that is killing people everyday. One should get educated and be aware of all health issues. We cannot wait for the government to help us...let's face it...the government already wishes that all Latinos would just go away."

The 2007 National Conference on Latinos and HIV/AIDS features an exhibition of socially conscious Verdadism fine art; plus, nationally known actress, Rosie Perez, as the guest speaker. Presentations by reputable researchers, educators, medical professionals and Latino leaders also help this conference focus attention on the AIDS epidemic that is affecting Latinos nationwide.

This conference is an educational forum designed specifically for professionals who provide health care for Latinos. Co-sponsored by Minority Health Care Communications, Inc. (MHCC) and Nurse Practitioner Alternatives, Inc. (NPAI), the primary goal of this Latino conference is to update the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of health providers who care for patients with HIV/AIDS. This conference is designed for healthcare media, federal and state legislators, AIDS service organization officers, social workers, peer counselors, church leadership and corrections healthcare personnel. The objectives are to familiarize participants with the epidemiology of HIV in the United States, current guidelines and cutting edge clinical modalities for the management of HIV, current research encompassing drug abuse and its connection to the HIV epidemic, social and psychiatric concerns of the HIV-infected patient, policy initiatives, trends and political issues which impact the HIV infected patient.

The 2007 National Conference on Latinos and HIV/AIDS is held at the Miami Beach Resort & Spa, Miami Beach, Florida, from July 30th-31st. For more information or to register for this conference, please visit <http://www.minority-healthcare.com> or contact NPAI at 866-901-6267. For more information on the socially conscious Verdadism art of Soraida Martinez, visit <http://www.soraida.com>.

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