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Mano a Mano, local elected officials and community residents come together to celebrate Mexico's Independence Day in Northern Manhattan

New York, NY, September 16, 2015 – Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders, MASA, the Jaime Lucero Mexican Studies Institute at CUNY, local elected officials and community residents come together to commemorate Mexico's Independence Day. *El Grito* will take place in Northern Manhattan, an area that has seen an exponential growth in the number of Mexican and Mexican-American families in the last decade. New York City's first-ever Mexican-American elected official, Brooklyn Council Member Carlos Menchaca, will be on hand to perform *El Grito de Independencia*.

El Grito: Mexico's Independence Day will take place at the Church of the Intercession- 550 West 155th Street (between Broadway & Amsterdam Avenue) New York, NY 10032 on Friday, September 18, 2015 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The event is free and open to the public. Light Mexican food will be served.

Festivities on the Independence of Mexico traditionally begin on September 15 with *El Grito de Dolores*. Cities and towns across Mexico unite to remember the struggles for independence from the Spanish Empire. Just like in Mexico, the Mexican Diaspora across the world gathers at community centers, consulates, and embassies to celebrate El Grito, the cry for independence. It is an opportunity to celebrate cultural traditions and to observe a moment of silence to remember our independence heroes and their sacrifice. *El Grito de Dolores* or Cry of Dolores is recited recalling the words spoken by Father Miguel Hidalgo uttered the night of September 15, 1810, which started the struggle for Mexican Independence.

About Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders

Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders is a New York-based non-profit organization 501(c)(3) dedicated to celebrating Mexican culture and promoting the understanding of Mexican traditions.

How to get there:

Trains: 1 to 157th St Station. C to 155th St. Station

Buses: Bx6 to West 155th and Broadway | M3 to West 155th and St. Nicholas Ave | M4 and M5 to West 155th and Broadway | M100 and M101 to West 155th Amsterdam.

Website

<http://www.manoamano.us/en/el-grito-de-independencia.html>

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