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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 10, 2014 – Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders, Congressman Charles B. Rangel, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, State Senator Adriano Espaillat, City Council Members Mark D. Levine and Carlos Menchaca, Ambassador Sandra Fuentes-Berain, Consul General of Mexico in New York and community residents come together to celebrate Mexico's Independence Day.

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 12, 2014 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

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.

This event is co-sponsored by Emblem Health, Harlem Community Development Corporation, Casa México, Casa Puebla, Centro Cívico Cultural Dominicano, Community Board 9, CUNY Mexican Studies Institute, Church of the Intercession, Harlem One Stop, Hispanic Society of America, La Fuente NYCPP, MASA, Mexican Festival Restaurant, P.A.' A.L.A.N.T.E Harlem, Riverside Edgecombe Neighborhood Association (RENA).

The event is free and open to the public. Light Mexican food will be served.

About Mano a Mano

Mano a Mano: Mexican Culture Without Borders New York-based non-profit organization 501(c)(3) dedicated to celebrating Mexican culture and promoting the understanding of Mexican traditions through arts, culture, humanities, and annual celebrations of holidays.

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