

# News Release



City of Columbus

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## **ANNOUNCING FESTIVAL LATINO 2004 SITE EXPANSION**

**(Columbus, Ohio):** Music in the Air, a program of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, announces the return of Festival Latino, the largest Hispanic/Latino event in Ohio. 2004 marks the ninth year, and unveils an expansion that will double the size of the festival site. The festival will be held Friday, June 18, 11:30 a.m. to midnight and Saturday, June 19, noon to midnight. Admission is free.

In 2004, Festival Latino will expand along the downtown riverfront to include both the east and west sides of the Scioto river. This expansion will feature a new performance area at the Riverfront Amphitheater, additional food and marketplace booths and children's activities. The festival will also host *Emerging Visions*, a contemporary art exhibit at the Cultural Arts Center (Main Street and Civic Center Drive) with support from the Ohio Latino Arts Association.

### **Festival Latino 2004 highlights:**

- **Four stages of music and dance** featuring salsa, banda, mariachi and Andean folk music from the finest international and regional artists.
- **Over 40 restaurants** specializing in Latin American cuisine.
- **Expanded Marketplace** showcasing Latin American arts and crafts.
- **Additional children's activities and workshops** that entertain and educate.
- **New Art Exhibit** composed of 5 Ohio Latino Artists.
- **Expanded Community Information Area** offering health screenings and bilingual information about health, community services, and education and employment opportunities.

### **Festival Latino, presented by American Family Insurance**

**Dates:** Friday, June 18 11:30 a.m. to midnight  
Saturday, June 19 Noon to midnight

**Location:** Columbus' Downtown Riverfront

**Admission:** Free

Festival Latino, presented by American Family Insurance, is produced by Music in the Air, a program of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and funded in part by the Ohio Arts Council.

**Information: (614) 645-7995, TDD: (614) 645-3317**

**Website: [www.FestivalLatino.net](http://www.FestivalLatino.net)**

**Information in Spanish: (614) 645-5419**

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