

# 23rd Annual National Cinco de Mayo Festival at the National Mall

*“On Cinco de Mayo, Everybody’s Latino!”*

**What:** The Maru Montero Dance Company will host its annual FREE National Cinco de Mayo Festival on Sunday, May 3, 2015 to celebrate Latin American dance, music and crafts. Live performances will include salsa, Mexican folk dancing, mariachis, and other dance and music. The children’s pavilion will host arts and crafts activities where young people can make piñatas, braid hair, build dancing puppets, and play lotería (Mexican bingo) to win prizes. Highlights of the daylong free festival include:

1. Dance performances including pre-Hispanic, folk, and salsa
2. Live musical performances with Mariachi los Amigos and Orquesta La Leyenda and Eileen salsa dancers.
3. Children’s traditional arts and crafts
4. Mexican market
5. Food from Latin America



Photo by Leslie Esterrich-Betancourt

**When:** Sunday, May 3, 2015 from noon to 7 p.m. RAIN OR SHINE!

**Where:** National Mall between 15th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Take METRO to Smithsonian Station.

**Who:** The free, family festival is organized by the Maru Montero Dance Company with generous support from our sponsors, DCCHH and OLA. Performers include the top names in local Latino talent, including musicians, dancers and artists. Not just a Mexican celebration, the Cinco de Mayo Festival celebrates the culture of all Latinos living in the United States.

**About MMDC:** Founded in 1992, the Maru Montero Dance Company (MMDC) is the leading Latin dance company in the nation’s capital, performing Mexican folk, cha-cha, mambo, salsa, tango, and many other dances from Latin America. The company, founded by former Ballet Folklórico de México lead dancer Maru Montero, is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation dedicated to promoting the joy and beauty of Latino culture in the United States. MMDC performs at various venues around the district and offers a wide selection of Latin American dance programs. Visit [www.marumontero.com](http://www.marumontero.com) for more information.

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