

International Women's Day Celebration
March 22, 2007 • Storrs Gallery • UNC Charlotte



International Women's Day (8 March) is an occasion marked by women's groups around the world. This date is also commemorated at the United Nations and is designated in many countries as a national holiday. When women on all continents, often divided by national boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences, come together to celebrate their Day, they can look back to a tradition that represents at least nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and development.

Keynote Speaker: Elisa Rodriguez Gordon

Elisa moved to Charlotte from Venezuela eleven years ago and pursued a distinguished career in the financial industry, but it is her commitment to the Latin American community in Charlotte, and the broader Charlotte community that commend her as a truly remarkable woman. Elisa founded and chairs the Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte, founded and chairs Alpha (the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting, Charlotte Chapter), is involved with the Latino Pathways program supporting the workforce development of Latinos in the community, is the host of the Bilingual TV show *Caminando*, and recently won the 2005 Latina Business Woman of the Year award. She is also involved with Loaves and Fishes, Girl Scouts and the Levine Museum of the New South.

Special Performances by UNC Charlotte Women's Glee:

Director: Teresa Bledsoe

Piano: Greg Underwood

Widmung - Schumann

Criome Mi Madre, from Four Spanish Lullabies - Nunez

International Women's Day Celebration Honorees 2007

Linda Berne, Health Behavior & Administration

Michele Bissiere, Languages and Culture Studies

Fabiola Borel, Graduate Student, Sociology

Judy Case, International Programs

Cynthia Combs, Political Science

Nancy Cooke, Special Ed & Child Development

Barbara DeSanto, Communication Studies

Jackie Dienemann, School of Nursing

Kelly Finley, Women's Studies

Maja Godlewska, Art

Felecia Harris, Women's Studies

Sybil Huskey, Dance and Theatre

Theresa Nkemdilim Isibor, Graduate Student, Educational Leadership

Peta Katz, Anthropology
Lorelei Kitrick, Women's Studies
Amy Mitchell, Undergraduate Student, Anthropology
Susan Rucker, Health Behavior & Administration
Coral Wayland, Anthropology
Debbie Wilson, International Programs
Mary Zink, International Programs

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