What's happening at this year's annual Cinco de Mayo Festival:
Sunday, May 4, 2008
Noon until 6:00 p.m.
Sylvan Theater – National Mall
(Next to the Washington
Monument)

TALENT/PERFORMERS

Sylvan Stage

Noon to 1 p.m. Fiesta de Mariachis

<u>12:00 – 12:15</u>: Mariachi Los Amigos & Mariachi Fiesta; Singer Jose Jimenez; Maru Montero Dance Company dancers

<u>12:15 – 12:30</u>: Welcome by Maru Montero, Founder of the National Cinco de Mayo Festival and Director of the Maru Montero Dance Company

<u>12.30 – 1:00</u>: Parade of Mariachis

1:00 – 1:30: Prehispanic dances from the Aztecs and Quechuas, featuring Fraternidad Pachamama Bolivian dancers

1:30 – 2:30: Verny Varela Salsa Band

2:00 – 2:15: DC Casineros salsa/rueda dance group

2:15 – 2:30: Salsa dance contest

 $\underline{2:30-3:00}$: Prehispanic Dances from the Aztecs and Quechuas

3:00 – 3:45: Banda La Morena

<u>3:45 – 4:00</u>: Grupo Folklorico Afrocolombiano "Tangare"

<u>4:00 – 4:45</u>: Los Hermanos Lovo, music from El Salvador

<u>4:45 – 5:00</u>: Maru Montero Dance Company

5:00 – 6:00: Oro Solido, meringue music, courtesy of Univision

Global Stage

12:30 – 1:00: Bailes de Mi Tierra (children's dance group)

1:00 – 2:00: Karaoke and Singing Contest with Jose Jimenez and Maria Sanchez

2:00 – 3:00: Grupo Alafia, music and dance from Cuba

3:00 – 3:30: Cachito – El Bufon, children's songs

3:30 – 4:00: Trio Cristal, romantic music

4:00 – 5:00: Agave Norteno Band



OTHER FAMILY FUN

Charros (Latino Horses and "Cowboys")

Il Trovatore Macarronicus (a roaming Mime)

Main Tent:

Children's crafts to include Ceremonial Headdress, Dreamcatchers, Braids, Puppets, Paper flowers, Oros de Dios and Paper piñatas

Loteria ... of course!!

DC Libraries presents reading and bilingual storytime

Satellite tents:

Visual Artists' Display, featuring: Joan Belmar (Chile); Nigel Biggar (Canada); Eve Hennessa (US); Suzanne Ioannides (Brazil); Ricardo Peñuela-Pava (Colombia); Katya Romero (Ecuador); Gloria Valdes (México)

Smithsonian National Natural History Museum – experiece crafts co-sponsored by Mexico City's Museo de Arte Popular: Nochestli (Painting with Cochineal) and Ocean Animals (finger puppets). Presentations are the Journey of the Monarch Butterfly (Alfonso Alonso, biologist at the national Zoo) and The Smithsonian Latino Center.

"Mercado" Free and educational!

T-shirts, sombreros, mini versions of the MMDC crafts, sunscreen, water

Food:

Purchase authentic Latino dishes from Tacos Moya or Brazilian Aqui Coffee.