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**concierto para  
 MENDEZ**

**A world premiere event.  
 A musical celebration of a legendary trumpeter.  
 A story of one man's astonishing and courageous life.**

Join us in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month with *Concierto para Mendez*, a new work commissioned by LA Opera that explores the extraordinary life of the great trumpeter **Rafael Mendez**.

Born in rural Mexico, Mendez emigrated to the U.S. and overcame tremendous odds to become a prolific recording artist and one of the greatest musicians of the 20th century. His talent and perseverance broke down racial barriers, paving the way for other Hispanic musicians.

Part concerto, part opera, part oratorio and part film score, *Concierto para Mendez* is a 50-minute multimedia experience featuring four operatic voices, a narrator, a solo trumpeter and a full 65-piece orchestra. *Sung in English with English supertitles.*

SUZANNA GUZMÁN MALCOLM McNAB DANIEL MONTENEGRO  
 JAMIE OFFENBACH AILYN PEREZ LEROY VILLANUEVA

Composer LEE HOLDRIDGE Librettist RICHARD SPARKS Conductor RICHARD KAUFMAN  
 Director DAN GUERRERO Projection design/original photography DANIEL FOSTER | EYEAWAKE STUDIO

**Saturday, October 14, 2006**  
**2 Free Performances – 1:00pm and 2:30pm**

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion – Music Center of Los Angeles County  
 135 North Grand Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Tickets required – available to the public *free of charge*, while supplies last.**

**[www.LAOpera.com/Mendez](http://www.LAOpera.com/Mendez) 213.972.8001**

In conjunction with *Concierto para Mendez*, Active Arts at the Music Center presents **A Taste of Dance**, also October 14, from 11:00–4:00pm on The Music Center Plaza. Learn Argentine Tango, Flamenco, Samba and more! (Admission is \$1 per 20 min. lesson; Free lessons at 11am and 3:30pm.) [www.musiccenter.org/activearts](http://www.musiccenter.org/activearts)