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PRESS RELEASE

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Nominations Open for Miami Beach 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month Awards

— Recipients will be recognized at an awards ceremony in October —

Miami Beach, FL – The Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee is seeking nominations for the 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month Awards by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2. The committee will honor recipients at an awards ceremony in September.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually from September 15 to October 15. The Hispanic Heritage Month Awards are intended to honor members of the Hispanic community who live or work in the City of Miami Beach and who have made a positive contribution to the community in their respective professions.

The committee will select individuals or businesses from the following categories:

Individual — Educator, public safety personnel, social service provider, artist, youth (under 18 involved in community service), adult contributing to the success of youth and any Hispanic Miami Beach community member.

Business — Business, business owner, or employee of a qualified business (must have at least 51% Hispanic ownership).

Each nomination must include the nominee's full name, address, phone number and a detailed explanation of the nominee's contribution to the community. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2, 2024. The awards will be presented during the Miami Beach Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration in September.

Nomination forms are available by [clicking here](#). Completed forms can be submitted via email to leonorhernandez@miamibeachfl.gov or via mail to Leonor Hernandez, City of Miami Beach, Hispanic Affairs Committee Liaison, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL, 33139.

The Hispanic Affairs Committee serves as an advisory capacity to the City Commission and the Administration with respect to matters pertaining to the Hispanic community of the City of Miami Beach. For more information, send an email to leonorhernandez@miamibeachfl.gov.

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Hispanic Heritage Month Award Recipients 2002-2023

2002

Jorge M Gonzalez
David de la Espriella
Victor Diaz

2003

Eva Barreto
Lilium Lopez
Tanya Ludwig

2004

Raymond Adrian
Alfredo Gonzalez
Aida Marrero
Jorge Martinez

2005

Luis Alsina
Frank Carollo
Lupe Diaz
Marie Towers

2006

Maritza Ejenbaum
Michael Gongora
Daniel Morgalo
Kelly Villoch

2007

Kathy Abbate
Julio Blanco
Romero Britto
Nathalia Ramos
Dr. Karmencha Santana-
Vega
Diana Susi

2008

Goldie James Maldonado
Magaly Madrid
Rafael Oviedo
Daniel Veitia

2009

Armando Hernandez
Gabriel Paez
Howard Kaufman
Ines Flax
Pedro Martinez

2010

Elsa Urquiza

Luis Hernandez
Maria Acosta
Margarita Cepeda
Fernando Cid de Diego

2011

Ana Bolt
Becky Cohen
German Pena
Magnolia Martinez
Susan Riener

2012

Mark Causey
Bryant Del Toro
Adrian Gonzalez
(withdrew)
Samuel Karkassoni
Richard Martinez
Mara Mignardi
Bea Pernia

2013

Tanya Diaz
Joe Gato
Karpawich Family
David King
Jose Rafael Martinez
Herb Sosa

2014

Jessica Fuentes
Alejandro Llaneras
Lourdes Lopez
Willie Priegues
Carlos Rodriguez

2015

Jorge Garcia
Leonor Hernandez
Jorge Garcia
Leonor Hernandez
Alexandra Oliva
Margueritte Ramos
Lawrence Rodriguez

2016

Elaine Soffer Siegel
Matti Herrera Bower
Gustavo Briand
Sylvia Carro
Zorilien Riveron

Juan Sanchez
Enrique Doce
Adonis Garcia
Unidad
The Miami Herald/El
Nuevo Herald and
Executive Team

2017

Dr. Rosa Lemas
Chief Virgil Fernandez
MBFD
Kevin Cobas
Melina Almodovar
Sammy Gonzalez
Lisett Fernandez-Montero
Officer Mariana Garcia
MBPD
Ayuda, Inc.

2018

Victor Pulido
Rudy Perez
Michelle Viera Henson
MBFD
Ernesto Rodriguez MBPD
Marisela Silva Ramirez
Miguell del Campillo
Arnold Paisero
Dr. Ana Garoz – Ojunian
Arturo Fernandez
F1rst Surf Shop

2019

Reina Roffe
Marina Font
Havana 1957
Café Avanti
Felix Quesada
Iglesia Bautista El Poder
De Dios
Sargent Jair Armatrading
(MBPD)
Joh Paul Mejia

2020

Jorge Mazon
Michel Hausmann &
Miami New Drama
Ricardo Barboza & Snack
Patrol
Paola Serrano

Alejandro "Alex"
Fernandez
Carolina Cuadros
Officer Eric Dominguez
(MBPD)
Abbott Florist
L'Artisane Creative Bakery

2021
Koren E. Illa
Ceci Velasco
Chef Jesus Paredes
Judith M. Sanchez-
Lamothe
Julio Echemendia
Dr. Raul J. Moncarz
Alina T. Hudak

Sgt. Eduardo "Eddie"
Perez
Juan "JC" Pedroso
Deputy Fire Chief Digna
Abello
Valerie Navarrete
Oh Mexico Restaurant
Moises Bakery

2022

Karem Canonico
Bella Cuba
Jamil Dib
Boriquen "Bo" Hall
Silvia Parra
Alberto Ravelo
Mark Samuelian
Daisy Tarafa
Alba Tarre
Enilda Thomas
Monica Torres

2023

Louis Aguirre
Magui Benitez
Noel Castillo
Cortadito Coffee House
Kiley Hernandez
Silvia Karman Cubina
Anabela de las Nieves Bergero
Walter Javier
Alejandra Rain Jiminez
Miami Beach Life Magazine
Dan Rios
Gabriela Suarez
Enrique Villa
Monica Valera

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