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 Nkemdirim Isibor, Graduate Student, Educational Leadership
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