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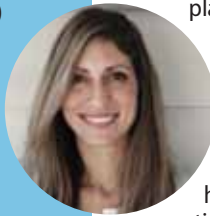


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Friends - it's hard to believe that Americas Latino Eco Festival (ALEF) is well on the way to a fifth successful year. Today minorities make up over 40% of the US population but only 13% of environmental organizations and government agencies, so ALEF's mandate to eradicate the "Environmental Inclusion Gap," is more important and urgent than ever. From September 15-17, the 5th Americas Latino Eco Festival and its host the Denver Museum of Nature & Science will welcome celebrities, artists, scientists, and community and public policy leaders of the Americas to discuss novel solutions in advancing a healthy environment through arts, advocacy, education, and engagement of culturally diverse populations. The main themes of this year's ALEF continue to be anchored on Climate Action and include: People and Waters, Restoration and Public Lands, Food Safety & Sovereignty, Clean Air, and Protecting and Honoring our Environmental Leaders. This year's regions of honor will be the Colorado River and with Cuba as the country of honor. Our gathering comes at a historic moment of unprecedented threats to our communities' rights and health and to our planet. Now, more than ever, Latinos and their extended families of color disproportionately burdened by injustice need to raise their voices for the protection of our children's future, which depends on our Madre Tierra's own health and the responsible stewardship of her natural resources. We look forward to having meaningful conversations and taking actions that will help in the conscious stewardship and conservation of our public lands and natural resources.

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ALEF GOALS

- **Leverage** Latino leadership for conservation gains and showcase contributions of the Latino community through arts, science and shared values.
- **Advocate** for an integrated and inclusive conservation agenda committed to advancing Latino's future stewardship of our natural resources.
- **Educate** community at large, media, and political influencers on conservation attitudes and values of the Latino community that prove a strong and leading disposition to protect our natural resources.
- **Mobilize** the Latino community to own their outdoor experience and advocate for increased, equitable access to green space, public lands and the enjoyment of the outdoors.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

- Latino-led conservation organizations
- America's largest conservation groups
- Environmental leaders from across the country
- Policy makers and advocates
- Community at large
- Local and national Culturas

AMERICAS LATINO Eco FESTIVAL^V

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W Workshop

PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 14 • THURSDAY

6:30pm– 10:00pm (R) **Crowne Plaza- Lockwood restaurant**

GreenLatinos Welcome Reception #ALEF2017

Our 5th ALEF welcomes our guests! Join us in this informal meet up of our presenters and our ALEF valuable partners.

7:00pm-8:00pm (N) **Crowne Plaza- Museum Conference Room**

USFS & AFC+A WOCC Partners Meet & Greet (Invitation Only)

Our non profit Americas for Conservation and the Arts (AFC+A) houses exciting programs under the US Forest Service Woodsy Owl Conservation Corps. Team members in our programs develop and lead green action projects with youth, schools and community members to reach diverse audiences. In this meet up and debrief of AFC+A WOCC core team partners and extended family partners we'll explore areas of collaboration and growth with existing USFS and USDA partners, and new partners and audiences.

SEPTEMBER 15 • FRIDAY

9:00am-5:00pm (M) **Ricketson Theater**

Colorado River Summit: A Source to See Vision

8:00am-8:45am **Registration**

8:50am-9:00am **Opening Ceremonies** Blessing by Eutimia Cruz Montoya, a healer, scholar, lector and artist. Performances by Franklin Cruz poetry and live art by Marissa Degolier

9:00am-9:15am **Welcome Remarks**

Jorge Figueroa (Senior Water Policy Analyst, Western Resources Advocates)

Opening Speeches: Jerry Tinianow (Chief Sustainability Officer, Mayors Office, City of Denver)

Jennifer Riley-Chetwynd (Co-Director, OWOW/Denver Botanic Gardens) Carlos Fernández (Director The Nature Conservancy Colorado)

9:20am-9:30am **Keynote:** Maite Arce (Director, Hispanic Acces Foundation)

9:30am-11:00am **Opening Performance:** Cocopah Performance- (MX)

A Source to Sea Vision of the Colorado River, Part 1:

Tribal Sister Nations, Past and Present

Introduction: Nita Gonzalez, Nuestro Rio/Escuela Tlatelolco Music: Pedro Buitimea Chan, Traditional Cocopah-Mexico Singer and Youth Leader Moderator: Darryl Vigil, Water Administrator at Jicarilla-Apache Nation; former chair, Ten Tribes Partnership

Panelists: Representatives of Ten Tribes Partnership

From the Upper Basin to the Delta, the Ten Tribes Partnership is forging a new and powerful story of collaboration in the management and protection of the Colorado River from source to sea. Representatives from some of the sister nations that make the Ten Tribes Partnership will share their vision of the past, present, and future of the Colorado River and its people.

11:10am-11:50am **River Stories: Art, Music and History**

Moderator: Jorge Figueroa Panelists: Alicia Hinojosa, Jaime Chavez, Federico Iglesias Serafin, Pedro Buitimea Chan The Colorado River has produced a rich and vast cultural heritage manifested in music, art, and history. This session will explore culture as an integral part of the living, natural history of the Colorado River.

12:00pm-1:00pm **Lunch & Keynote Plenary (PRIVATE)**

1:10 pm-1:50 pm **Voices of the Colorado River**

Moderator: Maite Arce **Panelists:** Nita Gonzalez, Nuestro Rio Member; Rudy Arredondo,

National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Association, Pastora Helia Martinez Por La Creacion Faith Based Alliance, San Luis, AZ, Olga Gonzalez, Farmworker - Yuma, AZ

The Colorado River is important to Latinos—it is the lifeblood that weaves, connects, and sustains our food, economies, faith, and traditions. Prominent Latino leaders share their different perspectives on the importance of protecting the Colorado River.

2:00pm-2:40pm Securing Our Legacy: Climate Change, Water, and Resilient Communities

Moderator: Michael Cohen, Pacific Institute Panelists: Michelle Gabrieloff-Parish Director, CU Boulder Energy & Climate Justice Environmental Center; Eric Balken, Executive Director, Glen Canyon Institute; Marina Barragan, Sierra Club California

Many studies indicate that the Colorado River Basin will be the ground-zero for the impacts of climate change and drought in the US. This session will cover both the significant challenges that our communities are facing from climate change, and some solutions to address these.

2:50pm-3:30pm A Source to Sea Vision of the Colorado River, Part 2:

Municipal River Sisters Initiative.

Moderator: Jennifer Riley-Chetwynd, Co-Director, OWOW/Denver Botanic Gardens.

Panelists: Nancy Saldaña, Civic Leader and Urban Planner, San Luis Rio Colorado; Paul Cawood Hellmund, Instructor (Sustainability), Colorado State University .

The restoration of the Colorado River can be vital for the economic development and quality of life of Citizens of the River on both sides of the border. The River Sisters initiative aims to reconnect urban Colorado River water users to the River by celebrating and raising awareness of their hydrological, social, and economic interdependencies.

3:40pm-5:00pm A Source to Sea Vision of the Colorado River, Part 3:

Restoring and Protecting the Ecosystems of the Colorado River

Moderator: Jennifer Pitt, Director, Colorado River Program, National Audubon Society

Panelists: Carlos Fernandez, Colorado State Director, The Nature Conservancy (TNC); Osvel Hinojosa, Director, Water and Wetlands Program, Pronatura Noroeste; Francisco Zamora, Director, Colorado River Delta Program, Sonoran Institute; Dr. Jorge Ramirez, Autonomous University of Baja California; Meg White, TNC-Colorado. The ecological restoration of Colorado River's ecosystems represents some of the most complex big river restoration projects in the world—and its Delta restoration efforts one of the most inspiring environmental stories in the past 25 years. Yet more often than not, decision-makers and Colorado River restoration advocates and practitioners don't have a deep and holistic Source to Sea perspective towards the River. This session brings together the leading figures restoring the Colorado River from its source to its delta to share their work and perspectives for the future within the context of a Source to Sea vision of the River.

4:50pm-5:00pm Closing Blessing by Water Protector Helga Garza, Albuquerque NM

@ the DMNS- Rose Garden

9:45am-10:00am (F) Mister G, Latin GRAMMY Award-winning Children's Music

Speakers: Missus G Artists: Benjamin Gunderscheimer

A Latin GRAMMY Award winner for Best Children's Album, Mister G (Ben Gunderscheimer) has been called "a bilingual rockstar" by The Washington Post and "irresistible" by People Magazine. His 2017 release, Mundo Verde/Green World, is a collection of environmental-themed songs which were debuted at his concert during the National Climate Rally in Washington, DC. www.mistersongs.com
Mundo Verde/Green World video

10:00am-2:10pm (W) #DescubreElBosque Bioblitz

400 4th Graders Come Together For a Citizen Science and Citizen Arts Day of Learning Adventure! The #Descubre El Bosque Bio Blitz at Denver City Park in partnership with the Denver Museum of Nature and Science (DMNS) on September 15 is the kick-off event for the Americas Latino Eco Festival V. This year we are hosting 400 4th grade (EKIP) students from Title 1 schools. We focus on involving students from NE Denver neighborhoods which are considered the most polluted neighborhoods of the nation

12:00pm-1:00pm (R) **Spratlen Lounge Above Theater**

Colorado River Summit Luncheon (By Invitation Only)

Moderator: Mark Magana (Director, GreenLatinos & ALEF CO Presenter)

6:30pm-11:30pm (R) **Southeast Atrium**

Ripples of Hope Fiesta & Awards:

Pianist Daniela Liebman in Concert & Baracutanga in Dance

Artists: Backbone, Baracutanga, Franklin Cruz, Stacie Gilmore, Daniela Liebman, Rafael Lopez, Elena Ospina, Elin Palmer, Matias Paradela, Don Agustin Pineda

Ripples of Hope Fiesta & Nuestra Familia Awards

Daniela Liebman, Piano Prodigy Followed by Dance Party with **Baracutanga**, Pan American 7 Piece Band Celebrate Madre Tierra and her Advocates with a Cuban Fiesta! Now in our fifth year, this fundraiser will host activist celebrities, food, music, arts, auctions, awards, and amigos. Proceeds will Benefit the Educational Programs of Americas for Conservation + the Arts. 2017

AWARDS: **Alfonso Piloto Nieves** (Nuestro Cultura) **Carlos Fernandez** (Nuestro Hermano) **Dave Archambault** (Nuestro Hermano) Congressman **Jared Polis** (Nuestro Padrino) **Wade Davis** (Nuestro Padrino) **Don Agustin Pineda** (Nuestro Padre) **Irma Munoz** (Nuestra Madre) Council Member **Stacie Gilmore** (Nuestra Madrina) **Adriana Quintero** (Nuestra Hermana)

SEPTEMBER 16 • SATURDAY

9:00am – 5:00pm **Ricketson Theater**

#GreenLatinos Learning Lab Summit in Five Parts: Priorities, Lessons, WaterIsLife, Protectors Ceremony, Raising Our Voices

Moderators: Marissa Ahern, Midy Aponte, Felipe Benitez, Mark Magana, Aura Vasquez

Speaker: Juan Parras

GreenLatinos Learning Lab Summit in Five Parts: Priorities, Lessons from the Frontline, #WaterIsLife Homage, Protectors Ceremony, Raising our Voices through Strategic Storytelling & Activism

Keynote: Juan Parras: #AJustHarveyRecovery (T.E.J.A.S) DONT MISS THE VERY SPECIAL Nuestro Hermano Award Ceremony with Chairman Dave Archambault & Nuestros Dreamers, Standing Rock and the Guardians of Life Sculptures Inauguration Ceremony of Alfonso Piloto Nieves Twelve Women Earth Protectors of the Americas

Midy Aponte, Master of Ceremony & Afternoon Part 5 Workshop Leader Aura Vasquez, Moderator Part 2 & 3 Mark Magana, Moderator Part 1 & Part 4 Marissa Ahern Chairman Archambault Award Part 4 Felipe Benitez, Nuestros Dreamers Awards Part 4

9:15am-9:30am (T) GreenLatinos Learning Lab Summit **Keynote** Juan Parras (T.E.J.A.S):

#AJustHarveyRecovery

Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services's (t.e.j.a.s.) leader Juan Parras and his resolve for equity, justice and community resilience is the driving force behind the T.E.J.A.S., with over 40 years of organizing and work from social services, to labor, to environmental justice Juan Parras can attest to the empowering force behind marrying issues of intersectionality in environmental work for marginalized communities.

9:30am-10:00am (P) **Part One: GreenLatinos Core Priorities - Moving Critical Environmental and Conservation Issues Forward**

Moderators: Midy Aponte **Speakers:** Chris Espinosa, Mark Magana, Juan Perez

This panel discussion will provide a primer on the Core Priorities for 2017-2018 that were voted upon and selected at the GreenLatinos National Summit. Participants will hear from Co-Chairs of the GreenLatinos Working Groups that are developing the strategies to address critical environmental and conservation issues and leading the actions and advocacy on these issues to move these priorities forward. The panel will discuss the coming challenges and opportunities for action on environmental justice, civil rights and public engagement; indigenous rights and sovereignty; climate and clean air; toxics and pesticides; and clean water.

9:55am–11:40am (T) Part Two: Lessons from the Frontlines: How Communities Are Protecting our Climate Through Water, Air, Public Lands, and Food

Moderators: Midy Aponte, Mark Magana, Aura Vasquez

10:00am-10:05am Artivism Performance by Olivia Blumenthal Musician

10:10am-10:25am Lessons Keynote: Devon Pena, Director Acequia Institute

Acequias: Lessons from the Frontlines of the Struggle for Food Sovereignty and Water Democracy

10:25am-11:15am Testimonios: PUBLIC LANDS: Irma Munoz, Mujeres de La Tierra **FOOD:** Tara Rodriguez Besosa, Efecto Sombrilla Puerto Rico Edgardo Gomez Pisco, Founder, VASI Vision Amazonica Para la Sostenibilidad Integral) w/ Nancy Dammann (VASI) Leticia Garcia DeCaigny **AIR:** Karin Quimby, Moms Clean Air Force National Field Director **INDIGENOUS RIGHTS & SOVEREIGNTY:** Nicole Karsin, Fillmmaker, Amazonia Lot 1-AB Trailer **Food & Farm Manifesto:** Jaime Chavez, National Latino Farmers & Ranchers Trade Association

11:15am-11:45am WATER: Call2Action on the Salton Sea

Latino Desert communities face significant air quality and natural resources threats with the shrinking of the Salton Sea. Funding for Salton Sea restoration is critical for the well being of these communities and the invaluable eco systems of the Salton Sea. Panelists: Norma Galindo (Imperial Irrigation District, Director) Marina Barragan (Sierra Club California) Kim Delfino (California Program Director, Defenders of Wildlife) Moderator: Michael Cohen, Pacific Institute

11:40am-12:25pm (P) Part Three: #WaterIsLife: Homage to Standing Rock and Our Dreamers Growing Our Shared Coalition (Special Guest: CHAIRMAN DAVE ARCHAMBAULT & Dreamers)

Moderators: Felipe Benitez, Mark Magana, Aura Vasquez

Speakers: Erika Andiola, Dave Archambault, Cinthia Cantu, Helga Garza, Tom Goldtooth, Salvador Hernandez, Belen Sisa

Artists: Doug Good Feather; Artivism Performance by Franklin Cruz Spoken Word Artist & Kino Aquino Movement Artist

EIN Director Tom Goldtooth leads a discussion between between Standing Rock Chairman Dave Archambault, Community Organizer Helga Garza, and GreenLatinos founder Mark Magana on the legacy of Standing Rock and the vision of a shared coalition of water protectors across movements and diverse peoples. Both Latino leaders Mark and Helga mobilized delegations to Standing Rock in 2016. Nuestro Hermano Award Ceremony

Mark Magana & Chairman Dave Archambault Nuestros Dreamers Award Ceremony

Felipe Benitez & Cinthya Cantu, Belen Sisa, Salvador Hernandez, Erika Andiola

CALL-TO-ACTION Awards, Protection Ceremony, Social Action

Join us in honoring four dreamers and embracing them in celebration and protection.

Performance by Light Racket

12:30pm-12:40pm (C) Nuestro Hermano Award Ceremony:

Chairman Dave Archambault, Standing Rock

Moderators: Mark Magana, Aura Vasquez **Speakers:** Marissa Ahern, Dave Archambault

Artist: Elin Palmer

Join ALEF in presenting Nuestro Hermano award to leader Chairman Dave Archambault from Standing Rock. To honor his work, the progression of the movement, the spirit of the people and the effort set forth to defend our natural resources. We are honored to have his presence and insight at the festival and will continue to support his efforts.

12:40pm-12:50pm (C) Nuestros Dreamers Awards:

Dare to be a Dreamer Protector #DefendDACA

Moderators: Marissa Ahern, Felipe Benitez, Franklin Cruz

Speakers: Erika Andiola, Cinthia Cantu, Salvador Hernandez.

ALEF will bring together the anchoring blessings of Standing Rock in our dreamers awards ceremony in a call to action to defend DACA and build on a shared coalition between our First Nations and GreenLatino leaders.

1:00pm -1:35pm (R) [Spratlen Lounge Above Theater](#)

Artivism Summit Late Luncheon (By Invitation Only)

Moderators: Mark Magana

1:45pm-2:10pm [South Atrium](#)

(C) Part Four: Guardians of Life Sculptures Ceremony of Alfonso Piloto Nieves Twelve Women Earth Protectors of the Americas

Moderator: Jorge Figueroa **Speakers:** Helga Garza, Bianca Mikahn, Alfonso Piloto Nieves, Rick Sargent, Franklin Cruz and Molina Speaks

Prayer, Music, Poetry, Dance in Honor of the Guardians of Life & Water

2:05pm-2:15pm (O) [FALCO Artivism Exhibits Walk Tour South Atrium](#)

Moderator: Aura Vasquez **Speakers:** Falco, Marissa Degolier, German Gonzalez

Join artist Alex Falco from Havana Cuba for tours of the Artivism exhibits which summons artists from all over the world to participate in this drawing contest. Falco will lead tours throughout the exhibit to highlight the crucial points that each work highlights. Attend if you are interested in a more in depth conversation about the thematic values each artist brought from around the world.

2:15pm-5:00pm (W) [Morgridge Family Exploration Center](#)

Part Five: Workshop: Raising Our Voices Through Strategic Communication and Artivism

Moderator: Midy Aponte **Speaker:** Felipe Benitez

During these uncertain times, it is critical for organizations to work together to address policy changes by influencing the right target audiences to action. This requires a strong grasp of strategic communications and understanding of how storytelling and artivism can support making your organizational objectives a reality. This presentation and afternoon workshop is designed as a communication capacity-building training and will offer a dynamic exploration of the fundamentals of strategic communications. It will explore the importance of outlining quantifiable objectives, identifying key decision makers and target audiences, building effective message frameworks and executing creative tactics such as storytelling, art activism, and social media as part of your broader communication efforts. The training will include video presentations and facilitation. But also be ready to work in small groups and share your findings in large group discussions!

5:30pm-6:00pm (C) [ALEF2017 Group Picture Boettcher Plaza](#)

Moderators: German Gonzales, Armando Rangel

6:00pm-7:30pm (R) [Studio 106](#)

Latina Environmental Giving Circle Tapas Forum

Moderators: Midy Aponte, Maria Estrada, Irene Vilar **Keynote:** Dr. Lydia Prado

Join this convening of women leaders committed to growing capacity for Latina environmental advocates! Tapas and a panel will kick off a dialogue on how best to grow the movement through philanthropy, mentorship, and civic engagement. Listen to the wise words of our keynote Dr. Lydia Prado, national leader of cultural competence practices in academia and the health arena.

Latina Environmental Giving Circle

Powering Latina Environmental Leadership



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Latina women
joining efforts
to respond to
the
environmental
challenges
facing our
planet by
powering the
next generation
of Latina eco
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8:00pm-11:00pm (S) **Phipps Auditorium**

Bodies of Water in Search for Justice Film Festival: From the Colorado River to Lake Nicaragua to our Oceans Special Guests: Wade Davis & Bianca Jagger

Moderators: Jorge Figueroa, Tariana Navas, Aura Vasquez **Speakers:** Maire Arce, Mónica López Baltodano, Pedro Buitimea, Jaime Chavez, Wade Davis, Helga Garza, Erika Guevara-Rosas, Osvel Hinojosa, Bianca Jagger, Luis Rocha, Francisco Zamora **Artists:** Yashira Jordan, Matias Paradelo, Pedro Buitimea

8:00pm-8:05pm Welcome & Remarks Tariana Navas Nieves (Director Arts & Culture, City of Denver)

8:05pm-8:15pm Screening: Amazonia Lot 1-AB Director: Nicole Karsin Short Film Special Screening: Dubicel (Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico) Director: Yashira Jordán Codirector: Igor Gopkalo Streiff 8:20pm-8:25pm Maite Arce Remarks (Hispanic Acces Foundation)

8:25pm-8:45pm Rio Colorado Shorts: "Milk & Honey" | "Renewal" | "Stand With Us" | Cocopah Song: Pedro Buitimea, Traditional Cocopah-Mexico Singer and Youth Leader 8:45pm-9:00pm Colorado River Film Discussion Panelists: Wade Davis, Betsselling Author Osvel Hinojosa, Director, Water and Wetlands Program, Pronatura Noroeste Francisco Zamora, Director, Colorado River Delta Program, Sonoran Institute Moderator: Jorge Figueroa Jaime Chavez "Acequias" Short Screening

9:00pm-9:10p.m. Nicaragua Canal Resistance Shorts: Filmmaker Carlos Fernando Chamorro

9:10-10:00pm #AguaEsVida: Rights for Sale in Nicaragua and the Impossible Canal

Moderator: Aura Vasquez Panelists: Erika Guevara-Rosas, Amnesty International, Americas Director Bianca Jagger, Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation Mónica López Baltodano, Attorney Moderator: Aura Vasquez 10:00-10:30 Chasing Coral Short and Discussion with Lead Climate Coral Reef Scientist Dr. Luis Rocha Closing Blessing by Water Protector Helga Garza



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what we do:



americasforconservation.org

Leveraging arts and culture for conservation gains through advocacy, education, and engagement of culturally diverse communities

SEPTEMBER 17 • SUNDAY

9:00am-4:00pm (E) **2nd Colorado Re-Wild Book Fair South Atrium**

Visit our thematic book fair advancing diversity and conservation in publishing! Fourteen tables of exciting selections representing subjects of ecology, outdoors, literature, travel, and our region of honor the Colorado River!

9:00am-4:00pm (E) **EnergiLAB Bicycle Boetecher Plaza** Speakers: Zuza Bolhey

9:00am-4:00pm (E) **Green Fair South Atrium**

10:30am-11:00am (W) **Healing/Sanando Our Families Ourselves: Vinyasa Yoga Flow** with Adriana Pulgar **Studio 106**

Vinyasa Yoga Flow * Vinyasa synchronizes breath with body movements. Yoga strengthens the mental, physical and spiritual health. It helps to keep a flexible body, release stress and brings relaxation to your life. Bring your yoga mat, a bottle of water and wear comfortable clothes. * Consiste en sincronizar la respiración con el movimiento del cuerpo. Yoga fortalece la salud mental, física y espiritual. Ayuda a mantener un cuerpo joven y flexible, libera el estrés y trae calma a tu vida. Trae tu colchoneta de yoga, una botella de agua y usar ropa cómoda. Adriana Pulgar (Venezuela) Artistic Creations, Reiki Practitioner

@Morgridge Family Exploration Center:

11:00am-11:15am and 3:20pm-3:35pm (F) **Martin & Gio Tropicalismo Music**

Martin Better Longo (Ecuador) & Gio Blackmon (USA) are an intergenerational blend of Tropicalismo and World Music coming to Denver from New Orleans!

11:20am-11:35am and 1:20pm-1:40pm **Mister G**, Latin GRAMMY Award-winning Children's Music A Latin GRAMMY Award winner for Best Children's Album, Mister G (Ben Gundersheimer) has been called "a bilingual rockstar" by The Washington Post and "irresistible" by People Magazine. His 2017 release, Mundo Verde/Green World, is a collection of environmental-themed songs which were debuted at his concert during the National Climate Rally in Washington, DC. www.mistersongs.com Mundo Verde/Green World video

11:40am-11:55am (S) **ALEF Animated Eco-Shorts Contest Official Selection**

Speaker: Yashira Jordan

"Teclopolis" (Argentina CanCanClub) Director: Javier Mrad Primer Premio - First Prize Best Short-Film "Collage" (México/Ecuador) Director: Eduardo Altamirano "Abuela Grillo" (Bolivia, Dinamarca) Director: Denis Chapon "Historias Contaminadas" (Bolivia, Dinamarca) Director: Denis Chapon "Inercia" (Argentina) Director: Manuel Becho Lo Bianco y Mariano Bergara "Todos los Veranos" (Argentina) Dirección: Josefina Rossi - Delfina Grennon Viel "Planeta de Queso" (Bolivia, Alemania) Dirección: Matisse Gonzalez Jordan

Mini Shorts Homage: Elementos (Argentina) Director: Juan Pablo Zaramella

Short Film World Premier: Dubicel (Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico) Directora: Yashira Jordán Codirector: Igor Gopkalo Streiff Matias Paradela (Director de Arte)

12:00pm-3:00pm (O) **Guided Tours With Artists DMNS- South Atrium**

Speakers: Marissa Degolier, Alex Falco, Alfonso Piloto Nieves, Matias Paradela

Join scheduled art walks to hear directly from ALEF eco artists about their work and its dialogue with mother earth.

PILOTO (Mexico)	2:00pm & 3:00pm	Sculptures
FALCO (Cuba)	12:00pm & 1:30pm	Graphic Arts
MATIAS PARADELA (Argentina)	12:30pm & 2:30pm	Installation

12:00pm-12:30pm (W) **Studio 102**

Therapeutic Healing Touch: Wellness for the Whole Family with Jorge Gonzalez
Therapeutic Healing Touch and Stretches for the Body Lear how to massage your family members!
Learn how stretch your body to heal chronic pains Técnicas de masaje y estiramientos del cuerpo
Aprende a masajear a tu familia! Estiramientos del cuerpo para sanar dolores crónicos.

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12:00pm-12:35pm (P) **Morgridge Family Exploration Center**

The Word May Sustain Us: Wade Davis and Homero Aridjis on Why and How Writing Matters to Environmental Justice

Moderator: Jessica Powell **Speakers:** Homero Aridjis, Wade Davis

Few issues are more important than climate change and the justice related implications to indiginous communities and those most disproportionately affected . Award-winning authors Wade Davis, Homero Aridjis and Irene Vilar discuss how writers can both raise awareness in readers and prepare themselves for the dual roles of author and activist. Moderated by translator Jessica Powell

12:00pm-3:00pm (F) **Eco-Artivist Challenge Ricketson Theater**

Speaker: Franklin Cruz

Americas Latino Eco festival invites 15 artist to compete in the very first Eco-Artivist Challenge. A competitive arts showcase highlighting climate justice and our responsibility as stewards of this planet while supporting local Colorado artists. In a world with growing concerns for climate change and the crisis we find ourselves in, art is a language of unity and progress. Colorado artists are invited to support, connect, and compete in an arts showcase highlighting nature and conservation. Art is a powerful tool to raise the volume on our planet's current challenges and moves the needle towards a deeper understanding in the public. Creating space for this conversation is crucial and gives the community a space to voice concerns from a grassroots perspective. Performers can create pieces to raise awareness, celebrate nature, and draw inspiration from our natural wonders.... there is no boundary to expression. #LatinoEcoFest #GreenLatinos #Eco-Artivists

12:35pm-12:45pm (C) **Morgridge Family Exploration Center**
Nuestro Padrino Award Ceremony: Author Wade Davis M

Moderator: Aura Vasquez **Speaker:** Wade Davis

12:45pm-1:10pm (S) **Morgridge Family Exploration Center**

ALEF Animated Eco Shorts Contest Official Selection

12:45pm-1:15pm (C) **Morgridge Family Exploration Center**

Nuestro Padrino Award Ceremony: Rep. Jared Polis

Moderators: Mark Magana, Aura Vasquez

Speakers: Zuza Bohley, Fernando Pineda, Congressman Jared Polis

Joins us as we celebrate with our 2017 Nuestro Padrino Award Congressman Jared Polis for his extraordinary environmental stewardship and advocacy for protections that safeguard the health and well being of Colorado's Latinos. The ceremony will lead into our Promotes Verdes graduation and Mr. Polis's commencement address.

1:00pm-1:30pm (W) **Studio 102**

Healing/Sanando Our Families Ourselves: Vinyasa Yoga Flow with Adriana Pulgar

1:30pm-3:00pm (W) **Studio 102**

Your Roots Are Your Wings: Upcycling Sculpture/Papier Mache Birds Workshop/PILOTO Nieves

1:45pm-2:15pm (P) **Morgridge Family Exploration Center**

Maria the Monarch Book Presentation & Signing: Homero Aridjis

Moderators: Sarah Garrett, Aura Vasquez **Speakers:** Homero Aridjis

Informs young readers about the life of monarch butterflies, their habitat, and the efforts to save them from extinction. Introduction: Sarah Garrett Butterfly Pavilion's Lepidopterist Illustrated by Juan Palomino, Translated by Eva Aridjis Each year, in the Mexican town of Contepec, migrating Monarch butterflies spend the winter in the temperate forests of Mexico. This children's book is an adventure story about two courageous cousins Eréndira and Corina. With the help of their community as well as Maria the Monarch butterfly, who speaks to them in their dreams, they save the lives of millions of Monarch butterflies threatened by illegal logging and traffickers of wild animals.

2:15pm-2:20pm and 3:15pm-3:20pm (F) **Morgridge Family Exploration Center**

Mariachi Sol de Mi Tierra Speaker: Juventino

Mariachi Sol De Mi Tierra enjoys a prestige that they have gained over the years. In the past 12 years, they have been a part of various events associated with the National Western Stock Show. For the

past 9 years, they have shared the stage with the Colorado Symphony in the festivities for Cinco de Mayo at Boettcher Concert Hall.

**2:20pm-3:15pm (P) [Morgridge Family Exploration Center](#)
"Historias Sin Huellas" Denver Latino Leaders Book Launch**

with Author German Gonzalez

Moderators: Arturo García, German Gonzalez Flores **Speakers:** Mavi Barraza, Padre Tomás Fraile, Roberto Gaytan, Manuel Gazcon, Andrés Neidig, Diana Pineda, Fernando Pineda, Julieta Quiñonez, Juventino Romero, Linda Sosa, Roberto Torres, Rosa Marie Vergil, Irene Vilar

BOOK FEATURED LEADERS: Manuel Gazcon, Andrés Neidig, Linda Sosa, Roberto Torres, Irene Vilar, Julieta Quiñonez, Roberto Gaytan, Rosa Marie Vergil, Diana Pineda, Fernando Pineda, Juventino Romero, Arturo García, Padre Tomás Fraile **AUTHORS:** Germán González-Flores Mavi Barraza

3:45pm-4:10pm (C) [Morgridge Family Exploration Center](#)

Promotores Verdes Graduation Ceremony

Moderators: Fernando Pineda

Speakers: Zuza Bolhey, Susana Flores, Lhotse Springer, Irene Vilar

Witness the graduation of the 1st Promotores Verdes class as family members celebrate the completion of the program. Promotores Verdes grows family based advocates for better health through nature experiences. This is a culturally sensitive, intergenerational, community-based educational family program that promotes the Nature RX Movement in the Latino/Hispanic community. This Summer 2017 over 100 families explored the outdoor and its benefits to health, people's health and the interconnectedness with the health of forests and ecosystems, eating/active living, and environmental leadership and advocacy.

4:15pm-4:45pm (F) [Morgridge Family Exploration Center](#)

Baracutanga Music Concert

Baracutanga is a seven-piece band – representing four different countries (Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, USA) – prides itself on arranging traditional South American rhythms, such as huayño and cumbia in new and interesting ways.

4:50pm-5:00pm (F) Mariachi Parade [Morgridge Family Exploration Center](#)

Moderator: Aura Vasquez **Speakers:** Mariachi Sol de la Tierra

5:00pm-5:30pm (S) [Gates Planetarium](#)

Planetarium Show "Belisario: The Little Big Hero of The Cosmos"

Speakers: Diego Bagu, Yashira Jordan

In celebration of our 5th anniversary ALEF will host a free screening of the amazing "Belisario, the little big hero of the cosmos" at the Planetarium Denver Museum of Nature & Science during our Family Day on 9/17! Don't miss it! Space is limited for this historic screening of the first animated series in Latin America produced in a full dome format and talk with Bolivian producer Yashira Jordán, founder of Celeste Estudio Creativo (Argentina, Bolivia, New York) who will tell us about her production with The City of La Plata's Planetarium. "Belisario" tells about the adventures of a little astronaut mouse, who travels through time to register his name in Argentina's Astronautics history. Throughout his trips, he will witness the most relevant events and face unforeseen dangers that he will need to overcome to survive. Full dome is the biggest audiovisual format in the world, which can create immersive settings being projected on a planetarium dome - a half sphere. Belisario's soundtrack has been composed by the Chilean composer Alberto Peña and recorded in Bratislava with the Bratislava Symphony Orchestra. Musical references derive from composers such as John Williams, Alan Silvestri and Danny Elfman, among others.

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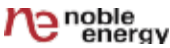


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