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## 333-2024

Proclamation

### Proclamation in memory of Latin American artist Gerardo Calderón

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Whereas, culture, creativity, and the arts fuel our economy, nurture the spirits of our citizenry, and shape Portland's identity; and

Whereas, the City of Portland acknowledges the significant impact of Latin American arts and culture in our community, enriching our cultural landscape and fostering diversity; and

Whereas, the late Gerardo Calderón from Mexico, an Oregonian, a composer, musical director, producer, multi-instrumentalist, sound designer, music educator, teaching artist, and author made Portland, Oregon, his creative home; and

Whereas, Gerardo Calderón, who was the musical director of the group Grupo Condor; co-founder of Nuestro Canto with Nelda Reyes, a group dedicated to the preservation of Mexican and Oregonian art and culture through arts education; and a member of Cosecha Mestiza and former Andanzas Lo Nuestro and Caña Son; and

Whereas, as a teaching artist for 30 years, Gerardo Calderón has taught students in pre-K, kinder, elementary, middle, and high schools pre-Columbian music, stories, and instrument-making; and

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#### Requested Agenda Type

Regular

#### Date and Time Information

##### Requested Council Date

April 24, 2024

##### Time Requested


20 minutes


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Whereas, Gerardo Calderón serves as an example of an artist, a culture bearer, and a community builder through his creative achievements, leadership, and community engagement, and has filled the City of Portland with “orgullo”—pride.

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## Documents and Exhibits

 [Proclamation \(English\)](#) 124.44 KB  
(<https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2024/gerardo-calderon-day-proclamation-2024-en.pdf>)

 [Proclamation \(Spanish\)](#) 124.53 KB  
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## Agenda Items

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*Considerando,* que la cultura, la creatividad y las artes impulsan nuestra economía, nutren el espíritu de nuestra ciudadanía y definen la identidad de Portland; y

*Considerando,* que la Ciudad de Portland reconoce el impacto significativo de las artes y la cultura latinoamericanas en nuestra comunidad, enriqueciendo nuestro paisaje cultural y fomentando la diversidad; y

*Considerando,* que el fallecido Gerardo Calderón, de México, oregoniano, compositor, director musical, productor, multi-instrumentista, diseñador de sonido, educador musical, artista docente y autor, el cual hizo de Portland, Oregón, su hogar creativo; y

*Considerando,* que Gerardo Calderón, quien fue director musical del grupo Grupo Condor; co-fundador de Nuestro Canto con Nelda Reyes, un grupo dedicado a la preservación del arte y la cultura mexicana y oregoniana a través de la educación artística; y miembro de Cosecha Mestiza y anteriormente de Andanzas Lo Nuestro y Caña Son; y

*Considerando,* que como artista docente durante 30 años, Gerardo Calderón ha enseñado a estudiantes de pre-K, kinder, primaria, secundaria y preparatoria música precolombina, historias y fabricación de instrumentos; y

*Considerando,* que para la comunidad, Gerardo Calderón compartió su música y cultura durante 35 años con el Instituto de Cultura Oregoniana, Arts Learning, Reforma Northwest, Marylhurst Museum, Chehalem Cultural Center, Oregon Historical Society, festivales de 5 de Mayo a lo largo del estado, y en Multnomah, Tigard, Tualatin, Lake Oswego, Hillsboro, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Hood River County Libraries, y en colegios comunitarios y universidades en Portland y a lo largo del estado, incluyendo festivales a lo largo del noroeste del Pacífico, este de los Estados Unidos y México; y

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*Considerando,* que el voluntariado de Gerardo Calderón dio la bienvenida a visitantes en el Aeropuerto Internacional de Portland con su guitarra acústica sanadora y flautas de pan, y apoyó intercambios interculturales comunitarios basados en la creatividad y la recaudación de fondos para un gran número de artistas locales y regionales y organizaciones sin fines de lucro; y

*Considerando,* que Gerardo Calderón sirve de ejemplo como artista, portador de cultura y constructor de comunidad a través de sus logros creativos, liderazgo y compromiso comunitario, y que ha llenado la Ciudad de Portland de orgullo.

*Ahora, por lo tanto,* se resuelve , que la Ciudad de Portland, por la presente proclamación honra a Gerardo Calderón por sus dedicadas contribuciones como un apreciado artista latinoamericano y oregoniano en nuestra ciudad y en nuestras comunidades diversas y creativas.

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Here are pictures of Gerardo for the proclamation on Wednesday, April 24. If you have any questions, let me know.









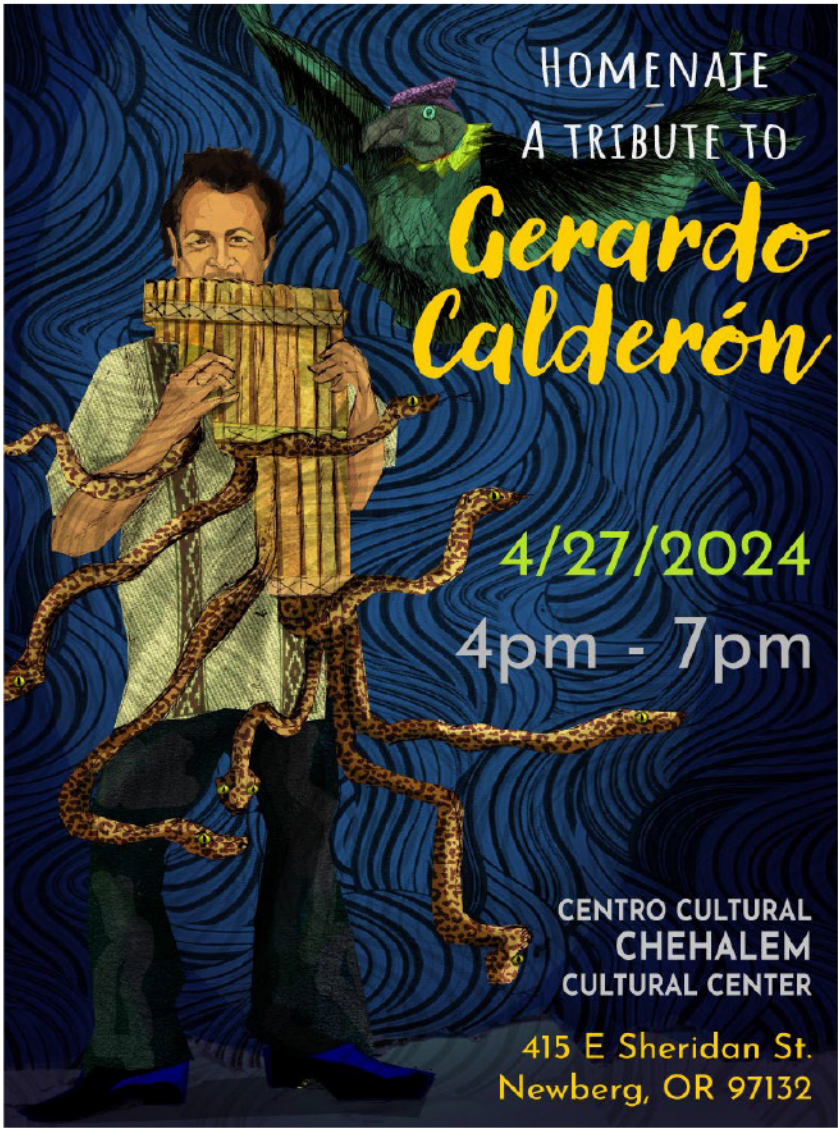












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# Gerardo Calderón

4/27/2024

4pm - 7pm

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