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Luis Valdez, Father of Chicano Theater, to Speak at Cal Poly May 22

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Luis Valdez, often called the father of Chicano theater, will speak May 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Phillips Hall at the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center (Building 6, room 124). The lecture is free and open to the public.

Valdez is regarded as one of the most important and influential American playwrights living today. His internationally renowned, Obie-award-winning theater company, El Teatro Campesino (The Farm Workers' Theater) was founded by Valdez in 1965 – in the heat of the United Farm Workers (UFW) struggle and the Great Delano Grape Strike in California's Central Valley.

The lecture is sponsored by the Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association, Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, Modern Languages and Literatures Department, Ethnic Studies Department, Theatre and Dance Department, the Division of Student Affairs and the Movimiento Estudiantil Xicana/o de Aztlan (MEXA).

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