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The Latino Cultural Center 2006 Literary Series

presents

Authors/Scholars Donald Fricshmann, Carlos Montemayor & Mayan Language Writer Miguel Ángel May May

The Latino Cultural Center presents volume one of *Words of the True Peoples / Palabras de los Seres Verdaderos*. There will be a discussion on the importance of supporting and preserving literacy creations by Indigenous Mexicans in the maternal languages. They will also discuss the genesis and process behind the publication. The editors of this book **Carlos Montemayor** and **Donald Frischmann** will be reading prose selections in Spanish and English. Selections from **Miguel Ángel May May's** book entitled *The Mayan Tales* which are also included in volume one of this anthology, will be read in his native Mayan language. A dialogue with the audience will follow. Upon completion of the formal program, the authors will sign copies of their work. **Lecture reading is free and open to the public. For more information or to make reservations, please contact the Latino Cultural Center at 214-670-3320 or visit www.dallasculture.org.**

Encompassing three volumes, this critical, annotated and multi-lingual anthology contains works by fifteen representatives of a leading generation of writers in thirteen of their

Mexican indigenous languages. These writers have spearheaded a contemporary movement of re-appropriation of the written word both in Spanish and their ancestral yet living tongues which include: Maya, Nahuatl, Isthmus Zapoteco, Sierra Zapoteco, Tzotzil, Tzeltal, Tojolobal, Chontal de Tabasco, Mazateco, Totonaco, Nñáññu, Purépecha and Huichol. Each work in *Words of the True Peoples / Palabras de los Seres Verdaderos, Volume One: Prose* appears in its native indigenous language and is translated into English and Spanish.

Dr. Donald Frischmann has written about Mexican literatures and theatre since 1983. He is Associate Professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies at Texas Christian University, and Scientific Researcher at the Universidad de la Américas – Puebla. Dr. Carlos Montemayor is an award-winning Mexican creative writer, political analyst and expert on indigenous cultures. He is a member of the Mexican Academy of the Spanish Language and is based in Mexico City. Miguel Ángel May May is currently Assistant Director of Mayan Language and Culture at the Institute of the Development of Mayan Culture in Mérida, Yucatán.

The Latino Cultural Center is supported by the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. The mission of the Latino Cultural Center is to serve as a catalyst for the preservation, development and promotion of Latino and Hispanic arts and culture in Dallas. The Center is located at 2600 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas 75204 and is open Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For additional information, call 214-670-3320 or visit www.dallasculture.org.

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