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Dr.Hector García American G.I.Forum 1315 Bright Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. García:

Furthering intercultural participation in the arts in a community as rich as ours in artistic resources of all ethnic and linguistic descriptions would appear an easy task! Bilingual Theatre Americana has proven itself a strong proponent on local, state and national levels in achieving this end. We have been helped by grants from the City of Corpus Christi, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Trull, Kleberg and Moody Foundations. Their help has allowed us to take the giant step, the first one. Since our inception in 1980 we have provided the following:

- * Children's theatre classes
- * Creative Dramatics workshops for all ethnic and linguistic groups
- * A Bilingual Repertory company in Spanish and English representative of the dominant languages in the community
- * Community participation and involvement
- * Talent referrals for the business and artistic community
- * An office/studio that represents the multi-ethnic performing arts
- * Expansion of dramatic literature available in the United States to include Latin American playwrights whose works we perform in Spanish and in English
- * Sponsorship of internationally famous programs such as our presentation of Cantinflas, Ballet Folklorico de Chihuahua, Sergio Corona's Show, and many more to come

BTA is expanding its efforts to meet these needs. There is demand for programs of instruction in Children's bilingual theatre in the school systems of Corpus Christi and surrounding communities, as well as a rapidly increased demand for our performances. We need to expand our office. We need more predictable performing areas - theatre space, in plain language. We need to match existing grants. We need your help.

Enclosed are abstracts from professionals interested in BTA's goals and programs along with a self-addressed envelope to facilitate forwarding your deeply appreciated contribution. A BTA representative will contact you during this month with further information and to answer questions. Please assist us in promoting intercultural arts.

On behalf of the board of directors,

Traciela R. Rosenberg

Co-Managing Director

Treasurer, board of directors

Yolanda Ortiz

Coordinator, BTA

Member of the board

Dr. David L. Zufelt Co-Managing Director Member of the board



The following are comments from local supporters of Bilingual Theatre Americana:

The Arts Council commends the work of Bilingual Theatre Americana in making the arts accessible to a greater number of South Texas citizens. The programs...meet this need, enriching the lives of local citizens and strengthening the cultural bridge between the Hispanic and Anglo communities.

Dodie Hummel Director, Corpus Christi Arts Council

...this talented group of performers recognizes that <u>a better</u> <u>understanding</u> of our bilingual and multicultural environment <u>can be achieved through the performing arts.</u>

Mary Helen Berlanga Member, State Board of Education

Your performance...for the Cinco de mayo celebration was your group's <u>best effort yet</u>. I am <u>eager to include</u> Bilingual Theatre Americana in my list of <u>preferred entertainment</u> and <u>public service</u> events in the newly remodeled Mall.

David W. Andrus
Marketing Director, Padre-Staples Mall

I am happy to inform vou of the <u>success</u> that we are encountering (through) a series of <u>workshops</u> and <u>activities</u> for creative dramatics for preschool children and <u>staff...designed</u> to improve the children's <u>oral expression</u>, self-image and body movement.

John Rodriguez
Director, Head Start Program

We are proud to have your <u>interest</u> and <u>support</u> which helps make our museum a <u>lively</u> and <u>dynamic force</u> in the community.

Richard Strvker Director, Corpus Christi Museum