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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Nominations Open for Miami Beach 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month Awards**

*— Recipients will be recognized at an awards ceremony in October —*

**Miami Beach, FL** — The Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee is seeking nominations for the 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month Awards by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18. The committee will honor recipients at an awards ceremony in October.

The awards are intended to honor members of the Hispanic community who live or work in the City of Miami Beach and who have made a positive contribution to the community in their respective professions.

The committee will select individuals or businesses from the following categories:

**Individual** — educator, public safety personnel, social service provider, artist, youth (under 18 involved in community service), adult contributing to the success of youth and any Hispanic Miami Beach community member.

**Business** — Business, business owner, or employee of a qualified business (must have at least 51% Hispanic ownership).

Each nomination must include the nominee's full name, address, phone number and a detailed explanation of the nominee's contribution to the community. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023. The awards will be presented during the Miami Beach Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration.

Nomination forms are available by [clicking here](#). Completed forms can be submitted via email to [leonorhernandez@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:leonorhernandez@miamibeachfl.gov) or via mail to Leonor Hernandez, City of Miami Beach, Hispanic Affairs Committee Liaison, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL, 33139.

The Hispanic Affairs Committee serves as an advisory capacity to the City Commission and the administration with respect to matters pertaining to the Hispanic community of the City of Miami Beach. For more information, send an email to [leonorhernandez@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:leonorhernandez@miamibeachfl.gov).

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## Hispanic Heritage Month Award Recipients 2002-2022

### 2002

Jorge M Gonzalez  
David de la Espriella  
Victor Diaz

### 2003

Eva Barreto  
Liliam Lopez  
Tanya Ludwig

### 2004

Raymond Adrian  
Alfredo Gonzalez  
Aida Marrero  
Jorge Martinez

### 2005

Luis Alsina  
Frank Carollo  
Lupe Diaz  
Marie Towers

### 2006

Maritza Ejenbaum  
Michael Gongora  
Daniel Morgalo  
Kelly Villoch

### 2007

Kathy Abbate  
Julio Blanco  
Romero Britto  
Nathalia Ramos  
Dr. Karmenchu Santana-Vega  
Diana Susi

### 2008

Goldie James Maldonado  
Magaly Madrid  
Rafael Oviedo  
Daniel Veitia 2009  
Armando Hernandez  
Gabriel Paez  
Howard Kaufman  
Ines Flax  
Pedro Martinez

### 2010

Elsa Urquiza  
Luis Hernandez  
Maria Acosta  
Margarita Cepeda

Fernando Cid de Diego

### 2011

Ana Bolt  
Becky Cohen  
German Pena  
Magnolia Martinez  
Susan Riener

### 2012

Mark Causey  
Bryant Del Toro  
Adrian Gonzalez  
(withdrew)  
Samuel Karkassoni  
Richard Martinez

Mara Mignardi  
Bea Pernia

### 2013

Tanya Diaz  
Joe Gato  
Karpawich Family  
David King  
Jose Rafael Martinez  
Herb Sosa

### 2014

Jessica Fuentes  
Alejandro Llaneras  
Lourdes Lopez  
Willie Priegues  
Carlos Rodriguez

### 2015

Jorge Garcia  
Leonor Hernandez  
Jorge Garcia  
Leonor Hernandez  
Alexandra Oliva  
Margueritte Ramos  
Lawrence Rodriguez

### 2016

Elaine Soffer Siegel  
Matti Herrera Bower  
Gustavo Briand  
Sylvia Carro  
Zorilien Riveron  
Juan Sanchez  
Enrique Doce  
Adonis Garcia  
Unidad

The Miami Herald/El Nuevo Herald and Executive Team

### 2017

Dr. Rosa Lemus  
Chief Virgil Fernandez  
MBFD  
Kevin Cobas  
Melina Almodovar  
Sammy Gonzalez  
Lisett Fernandez-Montero  
Officer Mariana Garcia  
MBPD  
Ayuda, Inc.

### 2018

Victor Pulido  
Rudy Perez  
Michelle Viera Henson  
MBFD  
Ernesto Rodriguez MBPD  
Marisela Silva Ramirez  
Miguell del Campillo  
Arnold Paisero  
Dr. Ana Garoz – Ojunian  
Arturo Fernandez  
F1rst Surf Shop

### 2019

Reina Roffe  
Marina Font  
Havana 1957  
Café Avanti  
Felix Quesada  
Iglesia Bautista El Poder  
De Dios  
Sargent Jair Armatrading  
(MBPD)  
Joh Paul Mejia

### 2020

Jorge Mazon  
Michel Hausmann &  
Miami New Drama  
Ricardo Barboza & Snack  
Patrol  
Paola Serrano  
Alejandro “Alex”  
Fernandez  
Carolina Cuadros  
Officer Eric Dominguez  
(MBPD)

Abbott Florist  
L'Artisane Creative Bakery

**2021**

Koren E. Illa  
Ceci Velasco  
Chef Jesus Paredes

Judith M. Sanchez-  
Lamothe  
Julio Echemendia  
Dr. Raul J. Moncarz  
Alina T. Hudak  
Sgt. Eduardo "Eddie"  
Perez

Juan "JC" Pedroso  
Deputy Fire Chief Digna  
Abello  
Valerie Navarrete  
Oh Mexico Restaurant  
Moises Bakery

**2022**

Karem Canonico  
Bella Cuba  
Jamil Dib  
Boriquen "Bo" Hall  
Silvia Parra  
Alberto Ravelo  
Mark Samuelian  
Daisy Tarafa  
Alba Tarre  
Enilda Thomas  
Monica Torres

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