



# Preview of Cielo Latino 2009

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The Latino Commission on AIDS (LCOA) is the largest national organization dedicated to fighting HIV/AIDS in the Latino community in the United States. So it makes sense that the LCOA 14th annual national fundraiser also is the largest of its kind.

[Cielo Latino 2009](#) will take place at Cipriani Wall Street in New York City on Tuesday, May 12. Cocktail reception and silent auction start at 6 p.m. Dinner and awards presentation start at 7 p.m. and live entertainment starts at 8 p.m.

This year's distinguished attendees include: Miss Universe 2008 [Dayana Mendoza](#); actress Lupi Ontiveros; actor Wilmer Valderrama; Jaslene Gonzales from *America's Next Top Model*; and actress Rosie Perez.

This year's award honorees include: Angela Diaz, MD, the director of the Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center, for her contributions to HIV/AIDS research; [Pedro Zamora](#) from MTV's *The Real World*; and Merck.

There will be musical performances by Latin Grammy award-winning guitarist Hernan Romero; Jorge Villamar, the former lead singer of the Grammy award-winning band Bacilos; and Yerbabuena.

I'll be at the event, so look for an update next week!

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