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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