

## Minnesota celebrates Mexican independence and culture

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Minnesota will celebrate the Bicentennial of the Independence of México and the Centennial of the Mexican Revolution in festivities that include the famed Marimba Nandayapa, performing as part of the Marimba 2010 International Festival and Conference.

Marimba Nandayapa, a musical group whose origin starts from its founder and director, Maestro Zeferino Nandayapa, native of Chiapa de Corzo, Chiapas, México. performs in different venues in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The Marimba Nandayapa performances are:

**8pm Wednesday, April 28**, at Ted Mann Concert Hall, the opening concert for the Marimba 2010 International Festival and Conference

**11am Thursday, April 29**, performance by Javier Nandayapa at Weisman Art Museum

**8am-5pm Friday, April 30**, Marimba 2010 Festival

**8pm Friday April 30**, VocalEssence Concert at St. Paul Cathedral for a world premiere of "Aquí ha Nacido el Tiempo" by Mexican composer Jorge Córdoba

**8am Saturday, May 1**, Lecture/demonstration at Ted Mann Concert Hall

For additional information about the festival please visit [www.marimba2010.org](http://www.marimba2010.org)

Independence & Revolution 1810/ 1810/ 2010, a visual art exhibit by Mexican artists, opens with a reception 7pm-9pm Thursday April 29. Inspired in the Mexican Independence and Revolution, six local Mexican artists, Martha Driessen, Sandra Felemovicius, Maria Veronica Jato, Gustavo Lira, Maria Cristina Tavera, Xavier Tavera, create and exhibit a body of work encompassing art installation, sculpture, mixed media, and photography. The show reflects themes and subject matter unique to each of these two historical events whose influences transcend centuries and cross borders. Each contemporary piece evokes the social, political, and spiritual sentiments of the times reflecting them in the present.

Cinco de Mayo commemorative events include the 2nd Annual Festival and Street Party Noon-8pm at 27th Av. and E. Lake St, Minneapolis; and 4-9pm Friday, May 7th Saint Paul Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Street party and parade at Cesar Chaves St. featuring live music at two stages. From 8am- 6pm Saturday the Festival continues with a parade starting at 10am at Plato & Wabasha.