

PERALTA

HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK

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Latino Americans: 500 years of History

Peralta Hacienda Historical Park has been selected to receive a competitive Latino Americans: 500 Years of History grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA).

As one of 203 grant recipients selected from across the country, CAHC will receive a cash grant of \$10,000 to hold public programming — such as public film screenings, discussion groups, oral history initiatives, local history exhibitions, multi-media projects or performances — about Latino history and culture.

Peralta Hacienda will also receive the six-part, NEH-supported documentary film “Latino Americans,” created for PBS in 2013 by the WETA public television station. The award-winning series chronicles the history of Latinos in the United States from the 16th century to present day.

Peralta Hacienda will partner with StoryCorps and Radio KALW, the Oakland Heritage Alliance, the Street Level Health Collective, the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail and the African American Museum and Library of Oakland to host and publicize the Latino Americans

programs. All programs will be free and open to the public. A full schedule of events will be available in August.

“Latino Americans are the country’s largest minority group, with more than 50 million people, and still many people are unaware of their rich and varied history and culture,” said Holly Alonso, executive director of Friends of Peralta Hacienda Historical Park. “I’m thrilled that Peralta Hacienda has this opportunity



Eliseo Medina, left and Dolores Huerta at a 1971 march in Chicago.

to explore this topic in our community.”

The *Latino Americans: 500 Years of History* grantees represent 42 states and the District of Columbia, and include 78 public libraries, 68 college/university libraries and organizations, 19 community college libraries, 10 state humanities councils, 12 museums and a range of other nonprofit organizations.

Latino Americans: 500 Years of History is part of an NEH initiative, [*The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square*](#).

About Peralta Hacienda

You can also see permanent historical exhibits in the Peralta House museum that tell the story of the transformation of the East Bay during the Spanish and Mexican periods through sound, images, and touchable objects, inside the evocative architecture of the 1870 Antonio Peralta House, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and see the StoryHorse, a contemporary exhibit on Oakland’s African American history and memories. The six acre site is a CA State Landmark as well as being on the National Park Service Juan Bautista de Anza National Trail.