

Hispanic Active Relationships Project (H.A.R.P.) Of Cameron County Presents Original Comedy Play About Marriage Education

Harlingen, TX - July 11, 2007 - Hispanic Active Relationships Project (H.A.R.P.) of Cameron County Presents an original play "I Do... Most of the Time" to premier August 2nd, 2007, at the Harlingen Performing Arts Theatre at 8 p.m., at no charge to the public. Commissioned by H.A.R.P. of Cameron County, this new comedy about married couples and the struggles they face is written by award-winning writer Rick Najera, who will be present as the guest of honor on August 2nd for the play's premier. The keynote address will be delivered by the Honorable Chris Boswell, Mayor of Harlingen at the opening

performance. A total of eight performances in both English and Spanish will take place in Harlingen and Brownsville, TX, performed by Austin-based Teatro Vivo.

HARP Project Director, Kelly Simpson says, "HARP team members are thrilled to bring this first ever, culturally written comedy by a famous Latino Hollywood playwright, written especially for Hispanic families about becoming best friends forever. The setting on stage is a pretend marriage enrichment classroom where couples "do the funny things that couples do." We cannot wait to hear the laughter of the audiences as they realize how

normal this all is!"

Through a grant of \$2.5 million from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and the Department of Human and Health Services (DHHS), The Hispanic Active Relationship Project of Cameron County will provide social services to strengthen families and marriages over the next five-year project period in Cameron County.

This October Teatro Vivo will return to Cameron County to conduct a technical workshop on how to produce the play open and free to all interested community theater groups. A gift to Cameron County, "I Do...Most of the

Time" will then be presented each year by participating theatre groups and organizations.

The performance schedule for "I Do...Most of the Time" is as follows:

Harlingen Performing Arts Theatre

1209 Fair Park Blvd, Harlingen, TX 78550, (956) 412-3675 Sunrise Mall Sears Court 2370 North Expressway 77/83, Brownsville, TX 78521, 956-541-5302

Friday, August 10th at 8:00 p.m. (English)

Saturday, August 11th at 3:00 p.m. (Spanish) and 8:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday, August 12th at 3:00 p.m. (Spanish)