One-Night-Only Performance by Grammy Award-Winner Lila Downs on May 6

CHICAGO — The Mariachi Heritage Foundation and the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University present Grammy and three-time Latin Grammy Award-winner Lila Downs on May 6, 2015 at 7:30pm. Known for her innovative approach to music, the New York Times raves, “Lila Downs has made it her mission to fuse deep Mexican folklore with modern, Pan-American possibilities, sleek modern Mexican pop with a thrilling, chameleonic voice at its center. Ms. Downs makes border-hopping sound easy.” During her upcoming North American tour, Downs will perform music from her highly-anticipated new album “Balas y Chocolate (Bullets and Chocolate),” a heartfelt declaration to passionately fight for the preservation of one’s land and country.

Beginning on February 27, tickets will be available online at AuditoriumTheatre.org, by calling (800) 982-ARTS (2787) or in-person at Auditorium Theatre’s Box Office (50 E. Congress Pkwy). Discounted tickets for groups of 10 or more are available at (312) 341-2357 or sales@auditoriumtheatre.org.

Pre-sale tickets are available starting February 17 through February 26 using the access code MHF2015.

About Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University

The Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, located at 50 E. Congress Pkwy, is an Illinois, not-for-profit organization committed to presenting the finest in international, cultural, community and educational programming to Chicago, and to the continued restoration and preservation of the National Historic Landmark Auditorium Theatre. In September of 2014, the Auditorium Theatre was awarded the inaugural Fifth Star Award by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events. On December 9, 2014, the Auditorium Theatre celebrated its 125th Birthday with a proclamation from the City of Chicago declaring it “Auditorium Theatre Day.”
The Auditorium Theatre is generously supported by the MacArthur Foundation, the Illinois Arts Council, the Sage Foundation, and the Palmer House Hilton. For more information about programming, volunteer and donor opportunities or theatre tours, call (312) 341-2310 or visit AuditoriumTheatre.org.

About Mariachi Heritage Foundation

The Mariachi Heritage Foundation was founded in 2013 to expand mariachi music education in underserved Chicago schools. The K-12 grade standards-based student mariachi music program is the first of its kind in Chicago, allowing students to meet general music requirements through a structured curriculum in mariachi performance taught as part of the regular school day. In addition, the Mariachi Heritage Foundation seeks to promote Mexican performing arts through authentic entertainment programming with the highest production values.

The following schools are participating in the 2014-2015 program: Joseph E. Gary Elementary, Nathan S. Davis Elementary, Edward N. Hurley Fine and Performing Arts Magnet Cluster, Richard Edwards Elementary, Calmeca Academy of Fine Arts and Dual Language and UNO Soccer Academy. For more information visit mariachiheritagefoundation.org.

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