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## **Anamer Castrello, Washington's acclaimed songstress and interpreter of Latin classics, releases her first solo CD**

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2005

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: GALA Hispanic Theatre – Tivoli, 3333 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.  
GALA is located near the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Road, NW,  
one block from the Columbia Heights metro station on the Green line.

Tickets: Free admission. CD's will be available for sale at \$15

CD Title: **Anamer Castrello – Latin American Mezzo**

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GALA Hispanic Theatre will host Anamer Castrello and the CD Release Party for “**Anamer Castrello – Latin American Mezzo.**” The release will occur on Saturday, September 10 at 6:30 pm at GALA Hispanic Theatre – Tivoli, 3333 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. GALA is located near the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Road, NW, one block from the Columbia Heights metro station on the Green line.

Praised by the *Washington Post* as “the richest and most expressive voice...Castrello has enough wattage to light a small town.” With Castrello's new CD, now all can enjoy the different rhythms and sounds of standards of Latin American repertoire. From boleros, pasajes, zarzuela to salsa, one of Washington's most talented singers brings her unique style to songs of love, life and home. CDs will be available for \$15 at the wine and cheese reception where Castrello will perform songs from her new release.

**Anamer Castrello**, a native of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, stands out as one of the most impressive and versatile artists and singers in the Washington, DC area. She began her career at a young age as a background vocalist in the pop world, collaborating with international Latin American artists and recording duets with Cheo Feliciano and Marco Antonio Muñoz. Subsequently, she studied opera. Her awards include a Wammie as Best Latino Female Vocalist from The Washington Area Music Awards, the 1997 Operatic Singing Artist of the Year Award from the Institute of Puerto Rico in New York, and an award at the Gulf Coast Regional Auditions for the Metropolitan Opera. In the Washington, DC, area, she has appeared at the In Series, GALA, the Mexican Cultural Institute, Millennium Stage of the Kennedy Center, various museums of the Smithsonian Institution, singing various roles in operas and zarzuelas and performing in cabarets and revues.

Recently, Castrello toured regionally and throughout the United States with her productions of **Soul of Latin America** and **Sabor y vida/Essence and Life** directed by Abel Lopez. She also toured from 2000-2003 with the Washington Ballet as vocal soloist in **Juanita and Alicia**, choreographed by Artistic Director Septime Webre, and with the Latin Jazz ensemble **Sin Miedo** conducted by Didier Prossaird.

Anamer holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities with a minor in Piano from the University of Puerto Rico. She also received a Masters degree in Music Education for Colleges and Universities from New York University and a Masters degree in Opera Performance from the University of Maryland at College Park. She teaches voice in Riverdale, Maryland and is part of a vocal sextet of diverse women called VENUS.

CD Songs:

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| 1. Sabor a mí – Alvaro Carrillo                   | Mexico      |
| 2. It's Impossible/Somos novios – Wayne/Manzanero | Mexico      |
| 3. Ah malhaya un trotecito – Alberto A. Torrealba | Venezuela   |
| 4. En mi viejo San Juan – Noel Estrada            | Puerto Rico |
| 5. Júrame – María Grever                          | Mexico      |
| 6. De la tierra en que nació – Zoraida Santiago   | Puerto Rico |
| 7. No te importe saber – René Touzet              | Cuba        |
| 8. Romanza de María la O – Ernesto Lecuona        | Cuba        |
| 9. Cachita – Rafael Hernández                     | Puerto Rico |
| 10. Bésame mucho – Consuelo Velázquez             | Mexico      |

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