

## News Release

# Sixth Annual Fiesta in the Spirit of Cinco de Mayo Celebrates Music with Local Musician Tony Diaz and Singer Bryan Sanchez, and Honors Father Mario Prada on Monday, May 5, 2014, at the University of Minnesota Crookston

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As spring semester year draws to a close, it's time to celebrate the sixth annual Fiesta in the Spirit of Cinco de Mayo at the University of Minnesota Crookston. This year's event falls on Cinco de Mayo and celebrates local Crookston music artists and also pays tribute to local Hispanic community advocate Father Mario Prada. The celebration will take place on Monday, May 5, 2014, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. All are welcome and there is no admission charge.



The local artists featured at this year's event are Tony Diaz (in photo at left below) and Bryan Sanchez (in photo at right). Diaz is a native Crookston Guitar player and singer, who has opened for such acts as Ted Nugent, REO Speedwagon and Styx. He is also a recipient of the Northwest Arts Grant. Sanchez is a 2014 Crookton High School graduate and has sung at all past U of M Crookston Cinco de Mayo Festival events. He is an active choir member, Knowledge Bowl state participant, and is involved in many other school events.



This event will also honor Father Mario Prada (in photo at right below). Father Prada was the director of International and Multicultural Programs at the U of M Crookston from 1988-2005. During his time on the Crookston campus, he held annual Cinco de Mayo Celebrations. Presently, he is the Father for Diocese of Crookston and works tirelessly as an advocate for the Hispanic community.

The fiesta is sponsored in part by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Grant by the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment from the Minnesota State Legislature. Other sponsors include the U of M Crookston Career and Counseling services and the Concerts and Lectures Committee.

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