



The DGA Latino Committee Pays Tribute to Director, Luis Valdez

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On October 23, 2008, the Directors Guild of America's Latino Committee hosted a tribute for legendary director, Luis Valdez. Dubbed the father of Chicano theater, Luis Valdez (*La Bamba*, *Zoot Suit* and *The Cisco Kid*) is the recipient of an Obie, an Emmy and numerous other awards and accolades for his work.

Director, Taylor Hackford, introduced director, A.P. Gonzalez, Co-chair of the Latino Committee and co-producer/director of *El Beisbol*, who welcomed a packed house at the DGA's main theater. Gonzalez also introduced the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Edward James Olmos.

The theater was full, and there were many actors, producers and directors, some of whom shared lively anecdotes, among them: Moctesuma Esparza, Alma Martinez, Lupe Ontiveros, Taylor Hackford, Peter Burrell and Lou Diamond Phillips. After excerpts of Valdez's films were shown, DGA National Board member, Jesus Treviño, moderated a discussion which included Luis' principle of storytelling from "the heart."

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