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THE OAK CLIFF CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS PARAGUAYAN PROGRAM *Experience Traditions of Paraguay This Holiday Season*

ONE-DAY EXHIBITION AND LECTURE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2010, 6:30 PM

DALLAS, TX – The Oak Cliff Cultural Center is hosting an evening of Paraguayan art and culture on December 29, 2010, 6:30 PM. Señora Jorgelina Groppi de Cardozo, wife of General Julio César Cardozo (Republic of Paraguay Military Forces Commander), will present an overview (in Spanish) of Paraguayan culture, beginning with a description of seasonal holiday traditions and continuing with the arts that capture the essence of her South American people. From the music of the Paraguayan harp and the slow melancholic rhythms and folk melodies of the Guarania (polka) to the craftsmanship exhibited in Filigrana (filigree jewelry) and Nanduti lace, Señora Jorgelina Groppi de Cardozo will introduce us to the little-known culture of our South American neighbors. She will highlight the history of Paraguay and the source of pride in her nation of grassy plains and wooded hills known as *Corazón de América*.

The evening will commence with a 30-minute exhibition of Paraguayan arts. Señora Jorgelina Groppi de Cardozo will make a short formal presentation on Paraguayan holiday traditions, art, history, and beauty of her country. The one-day exhibition and lecture are free and open to the general public. Seating is limited. For reservations, please contact the Oak Cliff Cultural Center at (214) 670-3777, or contact Gerardo J. Sánchez at gerardo.sanchez@dallascityhall.com.

The Oak Cliff Cultural Center is located at 223 W. Jefferson Blvd., Dallas, TX 75208. The Oak Cliff Cultural Center opened its doors in August 2010. The facility was purchased and renovated by the City of Dallas through the 2003 Bond Program to function as a permanent City-owned arts center where residents and visitors of Oak Cliff could experience a variety of arts and cultural programs. The 5,000 sq. ft. storefront features a visual arts gallery and a dance studio/rehearsal space. The Oak Cliff Cultural Center is open Tuesday – Friday, 3:00-9:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) works to enhance the vitality of the City and the quality of life for all Dallas citizens by creating an environment wherein arts and cultural organizations can thrive so that people of all ages can enjoy opportunities for creative expressions and the celebration of our community's multicultural heritage. Our mission is to establish a cultural system that ensures that ALL Dallas citizens and visitors have an opportunity to experience the finest in arts and culture. The OCA is advised by an 18-member Cultural Affairs Commission appointed by the Dallas City Council. The OCA manages the city's Cultural Contracts, Community Artists Program and Public Art Programs; oversees six cultural centers including the Bath House Cultural Center,

Latino Cultural Center, Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, Oak Cliff Cultural Center, and South Dallas Cultural Center; and operates the city's classical music radio station, WRR101.1FM. More information on the programs and services provided by the OCA can be found at www.dallasculture.org.



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