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CANTO POETRY PROGRAM AT LA RAZA/GALERIA POSADA

For over twenty years La Raza/Galeria Posada has presented its *CANTO SERIES*, programs featuring poetry readings, musical performances and other events. Some of the noted artists who have been featured in the *CANTO SERIES* include Ana Castillo, Jimmy Santiago Baca, Jose Montoya and Conjunto Cespedes.

On Tuesday, March 14, 1995, at 7pm, La Raza/Galeria Posada's *CANTO SERIES* will feature two exciting new voices: L.A. poet **Michele Serros**, and San Francisco poet, performer and artist **Deborah Iyall**.

Native American poet, visual and recording artist **Deborah Iyall** was formerly lead singer for the popular Bay Area rock band *Romeo Void*. A graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute, Ms. Iyall is currently teaching workshops melding images and techniques from the visual arts, poetry, and musical performance. In her own poetry, Ms. Iyall blends her "vivid imagery into a sensuous and rich and musical blend that is impossible to resist."

Joining Ms. Iyall in this *Canto* program will be award winning poet and writer **Michele Serros**. A student at UCLA, Ms. Serros performs regularly on the West Coast and was introduced at the 1993 Los Angeles Poetry Festival as a "new and important poet." Ms. Serros was selected to tour nationally as a Road Poet for Lollapalooza '94 and has read her poetry with the likes of *Smashing Pumpkins'* singer Billy Corgan. She is the author of *Chicana Falsa and other stories of death, identity and Oxnard*. Her work will be featured on L.A. Journal II (CD by New Alliance Records) and was one of eight poets featured on *United States of Poetry*, a PBS documentary.

Admission for this special *CANTO SERIES* program is \$3/general, \$2/LRGP members and students. For more information call (916) 446-5133.