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Monday
September 18th
7:00 pm
Denise Chávez
Face of an Angel

Wednesday
September 21st
7:00 pm
Rubén Martínez
The Other Side



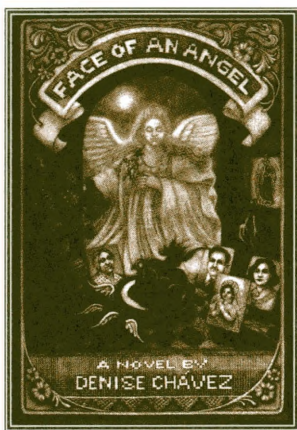
FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 30TH
7:00 PM
GIOCONDA BELLI
THE INHABITED WOMAN



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Saturday
September 24th
6:00 pm
Michelle M. Serros
Chicana Falsa



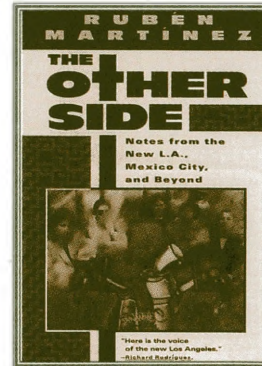


Denise Chávez is a native of Las Cruces, New Mexico. She is the author of *The Last of the Menu Girls*, and tours nationally with her own one-woman performance piece: "Women in the State of Grace". Soveida Dosamantes, the star of her new book: ***Face of an Angel***, is a twice-married, once divorced and once-widowed waitress, who is herself writing a handbook for waitressing entitled *The Book of Service*. Denise

Chávez's highly readable style effortlessly mixes Spanish & English: "May the Virgin Mary spare you a drunken man...smelling of frioles and beer, *Diós mio el gas!*". She entertains, educates and enlightens readers with her marvelous descriptions of the everyday heroes of Chicano life in family and neighborhood in Southern New Mexico. **Denise Chávez** is making only two stops in California on her national book publicity tour, be sure you don't miss this entertaining evening. There will be a booksigning after her performance. **Monday, September 12th, at 7:00 pm.**

Michelle M. Serros was born in La Colonia but moved with her family to El Rio at age 3. After Santa Clara High before she left the county and moved to Venice, Ca. to attend school and begin her career as a writer! Michelle just finished a national rock'n'roll tour for Lollapalooza '94 traveling from Las Vegas to New York City. High points of her tour: reading her poetry from the main stage to 25,000+ audiences!, playing basketball with the Beastie Boys! and reading from her book of poetry ***Chicana Falsa & Other Stories of Death, Identity and Oxnard*** in a nightclub in Ohio while Smashing Pumpkins lead singer Billy Corgan accompanied her on his guitar! Don't miss Michelle reading her poetry on **Saturday night, September 24th at 6:00 pm**

Rubén Martínez is a poet, a performer and a journalist. As bureau chief for the LA-based Pacific News Service he has his finger on the pulse of the Southland. He is also the co-host of PBS-affiliate KCET-TV's public affairs program: "Life and Times". He has written a book which is now in paperback from Vintage Books: ***The Other Side: Notes from the New LA, Mexico City and Beyond***. This new book is a collection of essays and poetry. He has lectured extensively throughout Southern California's art & cultural scene as well as in Mexico City and El Salvador. His works have appeared in every major newspaper and magazine. He has given writing workshops for kids in nearly 50 area schools. Mr. Martínez will speak and will autograph copies of his book following his presentation/lecture on **Wednesday evening, September 21st at 7:00 pm.**



Gioconda Belli is an award-winning poet born in Managua, Nicaragua. She studied in Spain and the US before returning to Nicaragua, where she became involved in the political struggle to overthrow the Somoza dictatorship. Her poetry has earned her the prestigious Casa de las Americas prize. Her new novel ***"The Inhabited Woman"*** has already sold over 500,000 copies in the Latin American world & Germany and has been translated into nine languages. Her novel deals with familiar topics: discrimination, revolution, poverty, prosperity, feminism, machismo. This is the story of Lavinia, a struggling young architect who joins a conspiracy to overthrow a dictatorship. Her story is interwoven with that of Itza, an Indian woman whose spirit inhabits her body, and together they battle for national liberation. Gioconda will read from her work and will autograph copies of her novel "The Inhabited Woman" afterwards. **Friday, September 30th, at 7:00**

