



PRESS RELEASE – COLOMBIAGE 2008 PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

Following the incredible success of the first ever annual celebration of contemporary Colombian arts and culture, *Colombiage* is returning to London from the **16th to the 19th of October, 2008** across two venues presenting Colombia's newest and most exciting talent in Music, Literature and Film.

The line-up for this year includes the gala screening and UK premiere at the Odeon Covent Garden of the critically acclaimed *Satanás* (d: Andy Baiz) on Thursday, October 16th, based on the novel by the award-winning author **Mario Mendoza**. The premiere will be followed by a screen talk with Mendoza and a launch party at the legendary Soho Revue Bar, featuring an anglo-colombian DJ set.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 18th and 19th, *Colombiage* will move to the famed Riverside Studios and feature a series of concerts, film screenings, talks, Q&A's and workshops. Both nights will feature a concert by **Lucia Pulido**, one of the richest voices on the international Latin American scene, and **Bomba Estéreo**, the new sound of Colombian folk and electronica direct from Bogotá. Colombian writers include **Mendoza**, the award winning short story writer **Juan Carlos Botero** and the acclaimed novelist **Evelio Rosero**. *Colombiage* will also feature British biographer **Gerald Martin**, talking about his forthcoming publication of the authorised Gabriel Garcia Marquez biography, *A Life*.

Our impressive film line up this year includes *La Sombra del Caminante* (d: Ciro Guerra), *Bluff* (d: Felipe Matinez), *Al Final del Espectro* (d: Felipe Orozco) as well as the UK premiere of *Del Palenque de San Basilio* a documentary by leading director Erwin Goggle. We are also delighted to introduce our **Family Programme**, '*A Journey through Colombia*', for 5 to 11 year olds.

Director Landa Acevedo-Scott says: 'We've responded to the resounding success of *Colombiage* '07 by offering London audiences an additional two days of Colombian culture this year. From exploring the life of a Colombian giant like Gabriel Garcia Marquez to discovering the fresh new sound of Bomba Estéreo, *Colombiage* remains committed to celebrating Colombia through the richness and diversity of our culture.'

Colombiage is supported by the **Embassy of Colombia in the UK** and the **Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**.

For press information visit our website www.colombiage.com or call Landa Acevedo-Scott on 07951 565 218. For ticket sales visit www.riversidestudios.co.uk.

Colombiage is not-for-profit festival offering a unique cultural experience of Contemporary Colombia. *Colombiage* aims to educate, inspire and entertain London's diverse audiences through a programme of events showcasing the very best of Colombia.