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**Loco Bloco & Brava! for Women in the Arts Present:
Night Wakes Dawn/La Noche Despierta El Amanecer**

"Connecting to ancient wisdom to guide us through our endings and beginnings in 2012"

Saturday December 22, 2012 - 7:00pm

Sunday December 23, 2012 - 2:00pm

Brava Theater Center: 2781 24th Street @ York, San Francisco

Project Description

Night Wakes Dawn is a musical, theatrical exploration of the beliefs and prophecies initiated by the Mayan culture surrounding December 21, 2012 and a questioning of the New Age controversy over its meaning. *Night Wakes Dawn* focuses on reuniting with our ancestors and reconnecting with ancient wisdom to guide us in making life decisions and affecting positive change. We do this by exploring, celebrating and blending old and new, traditional and modern, cross-cultural music & dance styles to illustrate the concepts of: Ancestors & Children; Life & Death; Night & Dawn.

An original script was written this summer by longtime Loco Bloco youth participants and Mission District natives, Alma & Martin Herrera-Pazmiño, which tells the story of a brother and sister's educational journeys how these larger spiritual beliefs and energies are reflected in the lives of families living in the Mission district today. Taking place during the night of December 21, 2012, the story represents the 3 major stages of the night (nightfall, midnight, and dawn) which are each represented by the three music/dance compositions developed for Carnaval 2012: 1. Bachata/Reggaeton 2. R&B Experimental 3. Samba-House. The *Night Wakes Dawn* theme and aesthetic was first conceived for Loco Bloco's 2012 San Francisco Carnaval contingent where the original music, choreography, visual art and costumes were developed. The December stage production allows Loco Bloco's artists and performers to expand on the work presented for Carnaval by infusing the musical pieces with narrative and theater and brings the spirit and energy of Carnaval to the stage. The production incorporates participants across Loco Bloco's programs including Theater class, the Youth Apprentice Program, Intergenerational Performance Ensemble, and our youth classes.

Written By: Alma Herrera-Pazmiño & Martin Herrera- Pazmiño

**Artistic Direction By: Edris Cooper-Anifowoshe, Pedro Gomez & Giuliana Blasi
Featuring Original Music, Choreography & Narratives Performed by Loco Bloco's
Performance Ensemble & Youth Classes**

Tickets: students \$10 regular \$15- \$20 (youth & group discounts available)

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