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**LCC Camp Will Serve Dallas Area Children this Summer
June 6 – July 1, 2011**

Dallas – May 11, 2011 – The Latino Cultural Center is partnering with Big Thought and Junior Players to offer a FREE Thriving Minds Summer Camp. Participants must be ages 11-14, reside in Dallas and must attend the entire duration of the camp. Enrollment is limited to 25 and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$20 registration fee will be charged to reserve your spot.

Led by professional artists and instructors David Lozano and Tammy McNary, campers will explore the world around them and express their imagination through visual and performing arts. This year, the LCC's camp will focus on photography and theater. The camp will take place June 6 – July 1, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will receive lunch and a daily snack.

“Research has shown that engaging young people in the arts during the summer time has a positive impact in their preparedness for the next school year,” notes Maria Munoz-Blanco, Director of Cultural Affairs and Acting General Manager of the LCC. “We are happy to partner again this year with Big Thought and Junior Players to provide young people with a summer learning opportunity centered around arts and creativity.”

For more information on how to register please visit www.dallasculture.org/latinocc or contact the Latino Cultural Center directly by calling (214) 671-0049.

About Big Thought

Founded in 1987, Dallas-based Big Thought is one of the nation's leading nonprofits devoted to closing the opportunity gap in education through creative learning. Driven by its mission to make imagination a part of everyday learning, Big Thought has evolved beyond arts to develop groundbreaking programs that address academic achievement, problem-solving and life-skills, providing children with pathways to success both in and out of school. Through its innovative partnerships, Big Thought now serves more than 300,000 Dallas children, families and teachers

each year, both in and out of the classroom. Annually, Big Thought also delivers more than one million hours of programming and individual creative instruction. A model to cities across America, Big Thought has achieved national recognition, including the Americans for the Arts “2009 Arts in Education Award” and the President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities “Coming Up Taller Award” in 2004. Learn more at bigthought.org.

About the Latino Cultural Center

The Latino Cultural Center is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. Our mission is to serve as a regional catalyst for the preservation, development, and promotion of Latino and Hispanic arts and culture. The Center's 27,000 sq. ft. facility was designed by renowned Mexican architect Ricardo Legorreta and features a 300-seat theater, two visual arts galleries, and an outdoor plaza. Its signature purple tower serves as a beacon to guide visitors to our East Dallas / Deep Ellum location.

The Latino Cultural Center is located at 2600 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas 75204. Located immediately east of downtown Dallas, the Center is less than 1 mile from the Dallas Arts District and conveniently located two blocks north of the DART Green Line Deep Ellum Station. Onsite free parking available. The Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and in the evenings when performing arts events are scheduled. For additional information, call (214) 671-0045 or visit www.dallasculture.org/latinocc.

LCC hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and evenings for performing arts events. For additional information please call 214-671-0045 or visit our website at www.dallasculture.org/latinocc.