



The Barrio Project Coming Live, to Chicago, IL

Highly anticipated stage play opens August 11, 2016 at Chicago's, The Miracle Center

CHICAGO, IL, USA, August 8, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- "The Barrio Project," a play based on the memoir of Chicago civic leader and international award-winning author [Robert Renteria](#), will run August 11, 12, and 13th at 7:00 p.m., Renteria's publicist announced today. The production opens at The Miracle Center (TMC), 2311 N. Pulaski Rd. Chicago, Illinois 60639. The promotional link can be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/174063474>.

The opening night premier will feature a VIP reception at 6:00 p.m. that will be followed by the performance. VIP and general admission tickets are available. General admission tickets will be sold for \$25.00 at door. Online tickets are \$20 for general admission; \$50.00 for V.I.P. They can be purchased at <http://tmcbarrionprojectlive.eventbrite.com>.

"The Barrio Project" is presented by The Miracle Center and MTEAF. It was written by The Miracle Center Youth Theatre Ensemble in Chicago. A spokesperson from the non-profit organization says the production was inspired after reading Renteria's book, "From the Barrio to the Board Room."

Robert Renteria stated that "The Barrio Project is something that is both tangible and relevant to right now issues. This middle school and high school performers in the production transcend age race, religion, and economic background."

In his book, the author shares how he catapulted from participating in a gang-infested, East Los Angeles lifestyle, to leading one of Wall Street's most powerful firms. "I teach our kids that the ultimate weapon is not a loaded gun, but an educated mind," Renteria explained.

The [stage play](#) not only depicts Robert Renteria's story, but the stories lives of youths around the world.

"The scenes from 'The Barrio Project' are profoundly thought and action-provoking," says [Fran Briggs](#), Publicist to Robert Renteria. "He's greatly distinguished as a business man who actually connects his community. His outstanding civil and human rights work and anti-violence initiatives earned Robert two, prestigious Martin Luther King Jr., leadership awards," she concluded.

"The Miracle Center Youth Theater Ensemble did a wonderful job writing the play and portraying youth who are growing up in a culture of abuse, drugs, poverty, and violence," says Renteria. "They give hope by showing that there are barrio solutions that inspire and motivate youth to make better life choices stop this cycle," he concluded.

Violence across the globe, and in Chicago IL, in particular, has been spinning out of control for decades. Robert Renteria says that he was honored to collaborate with Content Creator and Artistic Director for The Barrio Project, Maria Torres; Mary Santana; Vanessa Torres, and the youth and staff at The Miracle Center to provide a viable solution.

ABOUT ROBERT RENTERIA:

Robert Renteria works towards ending gang and gun violence. He offers teaching tools to schools and organizations per request, for no cost. His Barrio Foundation uses the Barrio bilingual book series and school-based and faith-based curricula to inspire, motivate and teach teens and at-risk youth how to make better choices. They have impacted hundreds of thousands of youth in 24 countries. "Mi Barrio" was awarded "Best Graphic Novel" in 2012. The author's inspirational and hard-hitting comic book addresses youth issues in Latin America, Spain and the United States. He is available for national speaking engagements. For bookings or additional information about The Barrio Project, visit <http://www.fromthebarrio.com>, email [robert@fromthebarrio\(dot\)com](mailto:robert@fromthebarrio(dot)com) or call 312-933-5619. To learn more about The Miracle Center (TMC), visit <http://www.themiraclecenter.com/>

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