

GARIFUNA COALITION USA, INC.

Kensy Sambola to Receive a Garifuna Heritage Award

Celebrating and Promoting the Garifuna Heritage and Culture in New York

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New York – The Board of Directors of the Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc. a, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization is pleased to announce that Kensy Sambola will be presented a Garifuna Heritage Award, during the First Annual Garifuna Heritage Awards and Cultural Night on March 13th 2010 at 7 PM at the [Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture](#), 450 Grand Concourse Bronx, NY 10451.

Kensy Sambola is President of the Nicaraguan Afro-Garifuna Association which coordinates the Garifuna community's development plan and works in the revitalization of the Garifuna Culture.

She has worked in several projects to safeguard the Garifuna language and culture in Nicaragua and has worked constantly in pursuit of the social and economic well-being of the Nicaraguan Garifuna community.

She has devoted herself to work for the recognition and respect of a people from whom little was known in her country as well as among the other Garifunas in Central America

The Garifuna Coalition is proud to recognize Mrs. Kensy Sambola for her outstanding contributions to the preservation of the Garifuna Culture in Nicaragua.

The first Garifuna Heritage Awards will honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the preservation and promotion of the Garifuna Culture. The annual event, which is a flagship event of the Garifuna Coalition, celebrates the contributions, legacies and future of those of Garifuna heritage.

A dynamic cultural stage production will feature the Garifuna Folkloric Ballet of Honduras James Lovell and the AfriGarifuna Youth Ensemble, Hamalali Wayunagu Garifuna Dance Company, Chief Joseph Chatoyer Garifuna Folkloric Ballet of NY, Paula Castillo and Hechu Garinagu and a grand finale directed by Mr. Crisanto Armando Meléndez.

The Garifuna Heritage Awards and Cultural Night is an integral part of the Garifuna Heritage Month 2010. The proclamation will be presented by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr and New York State Governor David A. Paterson's office during a press conference in the Rotunda of the Bronx Borough President's Office on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 11:00 AM. 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY.