The San Francisco Living Wage Coalition invites you to our Spring art and literature gala

Reclaiming Cinco de Mayo A Celebration of Cross-border Unity Thursday, May 5, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Redstone Labor Temple, 2940 – 16th Street, San Francisco (betw Mission and South Van Ness, half-block from 16th St. BART) \$5 – admission, complimentary food and drinks

The theme is rescuing Cinco de Mayo from its corporate commercialization as "Drinko de Mayo." On May 5, 1862, a people's militia fought invading French troops in the town of Puebla, Mexico, defeating an army twice its size. Napoleon was planning to intervene in the U.S. Civil War on the side of the slavocracy. The intervention of the French could have been a decisive factor leading to a Confederate victory in the Civil War. After the battle of Gettysburg, Union forces joined Mexicans in their efforts to drive out the French monarchy and reinstall the democratically elected President Benito Juarez. Today, more than ever, we need unity in a renewed struggle for greater democracy, especially economic democracy.

Art by Ronnie Goodman, Rene Yanez, Calixto Robles, Carina Lomeli, Doug Minkler, Art Hazelwood, Michael Roman, Romeo Osorio, Txutxo Perez, Ana Colomo, Ramon Deanda, Charles Blackwell, David Duckworth, Talleres Populares 28J, Sara Thustra, Rodger Scott, Nancy Reese, Debra Walker, Richard Bermack

Music by Francisco Herrera, Mario, Elizabeth and Nancy Esteva, Marvin Flores, Diego Sardaneta

Poetry by Tony Robles

A benefit for the San Francisco Living Wage Coalition and Las Hormigas in Ciudad Juarez

For more info, contact the San Francisco Living Wage Coalition, (415)863-1225, <u>www.livingwage-sf.org</u>