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CONCHITA ESPINOSA ACADEMY AND CONSERVATORY OF THE ARTS, CELEBRATES DIRECTOR'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Maribel Zubieta-Diaz, Director of Conchita Espinosa Academy and Conservatory of the Arts, celebrates her 50th anniversary as an educator and leader of the school. Mrs. Diaz, as her students have known her for decades, is the daughter of school founder, Conchita Espinosa. 50 years ago, when Conchita Espinosa Academy had recently re-opened its doors in Miami, Florida, Conchita called her daughter and asked her to please move back to Miami from New York City, where she resided at the time, to assist her in running the school. Since then, Mrs. Diaz has taught every grade level in the school. She has been at the forefront of the school and Conservatory of the Arts on every level, and has been responsible for the vision, growth, and refinement of its programs. Conchita Espinosa Academy is now home to 625 students. The Conservatory of the Arts additionally serves a large majority of the students in the school as well as a significant population of students from other schools in the community who participate in the Conservatory's after-school music, dance, theatre, visual arts, and martial arts programs.

The school is accredited at the regional, state, national and international level and proudly offers its students an integrated and well-rounded education, including academic excellence, a sophisticated arts and humanities foundation, and a strong sense of self-worth and human values.

Mrs. Diaz's anniversary will be celebrated at the Conchita Espinosa Festival of the Arts on **Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm** at Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 W Flagler St, Miami, FL 33135. Mrs. Diaz's legacy resonates in the inspiration and creation of each piece presented at the Festival of the Arts, which will showcase over 450 students under the age of 18 on one stage, each one sharing his or her passion and love with each other and the audience. Tickets for the festival are on sale through ticketmaster.com.

