



Ethnic Heritage Council
30th Anniversary Celebration
May 15, 2010

EHC Honors This Year's Award Winners

*The **Gordon Ekvall Tracie Memorial Award** is given to an ethnic performing artist who has made significant contributions to the development and presentation of the traditional arts in our community.*

This year we honor **Luis Gramal**, born in 1966, in the northern region of Ecuador, high in the Andes mountains. His small village was and still is a stronghold of Indigenous culture struggling to survive intact in the face of 500 years of invasion and conquest. As a young boy he was taught by his father, uncles and grandfathers about his peoples music. When Luis was 16 tragedy struck his close knit family, and as the oldest boy, he went to work to support his family of 12. Luis lived and worked in Spain, and in 1989 came to the United States, each time beginning life from scratch. He came to Seattle in 1994, where he met his wife Iva, married and they now have two children. With all his hard work and integrity he built the reputation of Quichua Mashis internationally. It is his pride in the ancient culture that motivates Luis to share his heritage with us.

*The **Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial Award** is given annually to an individual who has contributed significantly to a Northwest ethnic community.*

This year we honor, **Kristine Leander**, the granddaughter of Swedish immigrants. Growing up on a dairy farm in the Mt. Vernon, WA area, when she became older, she was surprised to learn that there were last names other than Olsons, Carlsons, Neilsens and Johansens. She was drawn to the culture and beauty of Norway and the Norwegian views of care taking of the land—especially conserving farm lands. She moved to Norway with her three young daughters and earned a Master's Degree in Social Anthropology at the University of Trondheim. Kristine is dedicated to promoting pride of one's heritage, and has focused her life's work on Norway and Sweden – the traditions, people and culture.

*The Heritage Award, will be presented for the first time at the event, honors an organization that has contributed to the mission of the Council. In 2010 we honor and thank **The Boeing Company** for dedication to the arts and cultural organizations and specifically to their support of EHC over the past 30 years.*

For reservations, call: 206-443-1410, or email ehc@seattle.gov

Pre-paid reservations only—Seating Limited
Reservations deadline: Friday, May 7, 2010