ZAPATISTA
Our word is our weapon!
¡Nuestra palabra es nuestra arma!

A bilingual play by Teatro Milagro
“Teatro Milagro has mastered the art of bilingual theater, the flow is great, and it’s always clear what’s going on.”
- John Minervini, Willamette Week

Friday, Sept. 19 – Black Cultural Center - 7 PM

The Hispanic American Leadership Organization and the Multicultural Center of UMC is proud to present Teatro Milagro’s original bilingual play, ZAPATISTA, the story of Subcomandante Insurgente Marcos and the Zapatista National Liberation Army. This intriguing tale shares the struggles and successes of the man behind the mask who, in his fight for human rights, proves that the spoken word is a powerful implement for social change. ZAPATISTA will perform for one night only in the Black Cultural Center at 7 pm on Friday, Sept. 19. For more information contact the Multicultural Center at 573-882-7152.

From the mountains of Mexico’s southeast, a small band of Zapatistas made their first strike at the stroke of midnight on New Year’s Eve, 1994. With the help of the Internet, news media and hundreds of international NGOs, their struggle still continues for indigenous rights, territorial rights, women’s rights, everything for every oppressed group that is willing to stand up for their beliefs. “I am Mayan in San Cristobal, gay in San Francisco, black in South Africa — any human being in this world who is exploited, marginalized and oppressed, resisting and saying enough! ¡Ya basta!”

In this exciting new work, Carlos Alexis Cruz of Puerto Rico plays the role of Marcos. Omar Vargas of Ecuador and 8-year veteran of the Milagro troupe, plays the role of his principal Mayan cultural advisor, Don Antonio. Jorge Madrid, from Honduras, plays the role of the Zapatista leader Comandante Tacho. Dañel Malan, company Artistic Director, plays Comandante Ana Maria. Milagro’s signature mural is designed and painted by Jesus Kobe from Oaxaca, Mexico.

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