

Unjustly Imprisoned for 15 Years GET THE FACTS on

MARCH 29th

FREE THE CUBAN FIVE



Where: Columbia University

Program 7:00 PM - Food & Refreshments following program

Speakers:

➔ **Martin Garbus**, Lead Attorney for the Cuban Five

➔ **Ambassador Rodolfo Reyes**, Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations

➔ **Ambassador Julio Escalona**, Venezuelan Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations

➔ **Luis Rosa**, Puerto Rican independence fighter, political prisoner for 19 years

➔ **Imani Brown**, Columbia University Caribbean Students Association

LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY *La Brigada Bolivariana*

Place:

Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall, Columbia University, 116th Street and Broadway in Manhattan.

Hosts:

Michael Warren, Civil Rights Attorney, featured in the film "The Central Park Five"

Nancy Cabrero, President of Casa de las Américas

Sponsored By: **The Columbia University Caribbean Students Association** and these organizations and individuals from the Columbia - Barnard Community: • **African Students Organization**, • **Barnard Organizations of Soul Sisters (BOSS)** • **Black Students Organization** • **Chicano Caucus** • **Haitian Student Organization** • **LUCHA** • **Students Against Mass Incarceration**

Endorsed: Casa de las Américas, Popular Educational Project to Free the Cuban Five, and the July 26th Coalition an ongoing initiative by the organizations and individuals in solidarity with the People of Cuba in the NYC/Tri-State Area.

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Who are the Cuban Five?

The case of the Cuban Five is one of the most notorious examples of legal and moral injustice in the United States in recent decades. Although largely ignored in the US media, the case of the Cuban Five has roiled the legal world here for many years and is a source of widespread international indignation and protest-- especially in Latin America -- over the clear injustice involved. Ten Nobel Prize Laureates, the United Nations Human Rights Commission, the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, Amnesty International, the National Lawyers Guild, the National Conference of Black Lawyers, and hundreds of trade unionists, student organizations, prominent artists, writers, and entertainers -- from Harry Belafonte, Jackson Browne, and Danny Glover to Alice Walker, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and Nadine Gordimer -- have spoken out over the many legal and moral violations involved the case of the Cuban Five.

Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González, René González, Gerardo Hernández, and Ramón Labañino are five Cuban patriots and revolutionaries who were arrested and framed by the Clinton Administration's Department of Justice and FBI in 1998. The Cuban Five were railroaded to prison on "espionage conspiracy" and other trumped-up charges, including "conspiracy" to commit murder. They were convicted -- without a shred of evidence of any actual act of espionage against the US government -- in an atmosphere of "anti-Castro" hysteria and bias, intimidation, and prosecutorial misconduct in a Miami, Florida Federal Court. They were given sentences of up to life in prison. (On October 7, 2011 Rene Gonzalez was released from prison, unbroken and unbowed. He is being forced to stay in Florida for 3 years "probation," with obvious personal security risks, despite his desire to return to Cuban and his family.)

The Cuban Five were on a dangerous mission of monitoring right-wing Cuban-American groups in South Florida with a long history of terrorist attacks against Cuba. Over 3000 Cubans have died in such attacks since the 1959 Cuban Revolution, with tens of billions of dollars worth of damage to the Cuban economy. These attacks were reviving in the 1990s as Cuba reeled from an economic crisis. At this time Washington tightened its decades-long economic embargo, hoping to eradicate the example and influence of the Cuban Revolution once and for all. The efforts of the Cuban Five thwarted terrorist plots and saved lives.

In a stunning August 2005 decision, the conservative 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, Georgia ruled to overturn the original trial verdict on the grounds that there could not be a fair and impartial hearing in the hostile climate of Miami, Florida. This ruling -- in a virtually unprecedented reversal -- was overturned and nullified by the full court under heavy pressure from the Bush Administration's Justice Department.

JOIN US ON MARCH 29 IN AN EVENING OF SOLIDARITY. LEARN THE FACTS ABOUT THESE FIVE COURAGEOUS FIGHTERS AND THE BLATANT INJUSTICE AGAINST THEM.

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