

DOMINICAN HERITAGE MONTH



UNDERSTANDING THE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL  
HEALTH OF OUR DIASPORA

*Celebrating Dominican Culture*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

YONKERS RIVERFRONT LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

# Keynote Speaker

## **MIGUELINA GERMÁN, PHD**

**M**iguelina Germán, PhD, is Director of Pediatric Behavioral Health Services at Montefiore Medical Group as well as Associate Professor, Pediatrics and Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Her clinical focus is on pediatric anxiety, ADHD, depression and trauma. She has special expertise in postpartum mood and anxiety disorders and providing parental mental health services. Dr. Germán also specializes in the mental health of Latino children and families.

In 2000, Dr. Germán received her Bachelor of Arts from Columbia College. She then attended Arizona State University, earning her Master of Arts in clinical psychology in 2005 and her Doctor of Philosophy in clinical psychology in 2009. She pursued her postgraduate training at Montefiore, completing a psychology internship in 2009, a postdoctoral fellowship in 2010 and a performance improvement certification in 2017.

Dr. Germán's research investigates many areas: mental health of Latino children and families; trauma-informed care approaches in primary care; and behavioral health treatment programs in pediatric primary care, including HealthySteps and child/adolescent treatment approaches. She has produced extensive work for many peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, review articles and abstracts.

Dr. Germán is board certified and is a member of several professional organizations, including the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics and the Latino Psychology Association.



# Special Guest



## **MAGISTER ELIZABETH CROOKE MOREL**

*Ballet Dancer, Professor & Choreographer*

Solo "Alegoría de Guloya"

Interpretation, Choreography and Costumes by Elizabeth Crooke Morel

Music: *Guavaberry* by Juan Luis Guerra

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# Celebrating Dominican Culture

Prelude .....	<b>Yonkers Teachers Jazz Ensemble</b> Konstantino Tsoukalas, Craig Neal, Bernadette Tornabene, Dean Vazquez, Jose Davila
<b>Celebrating Dominican Culture</b> .....	<b>Matthew Cabrera</b> , Grade 8 Enrico Fermi School
Introduction to the Theme	
<b>Flag Salute</b> .....	<b>Matthew Cabrera</b>
<b>Singing of Dominican Anthem</b> .....	<b>Evanel Hernández</b> , Grade 11 Saunders Trades and Technical High School
<b>Singing of National Anthem</b> .....	<b>Evanel Hernández</b>
<b>Welcome</b> .....	<b>Dr. Edwin M. Quezada</b> Superintendent of Schools
<b>Greetings</b> .....	<b>Rev. Steve López</b> President, Yonkers Board of Education
<b>Remarks</b> .....	<b>Mayor Mike Spano</b> City of Yonkers
<b>Introduction of Guest Speaker</b> .....	<b>Matthew Cabrera</b>
<b>Keynote Speaker</b> .....	<b>Miguelina Germán, PhD</b> Pediatric Behavioral Health Services, Director Montefiore Medical Group
<b>Introduction to Presentations</b> .....	<b>Matthew Cabrera</b>
<b>Dominicanos Hasta la Tambora Dance</b> .....	<b>Thomas Cornell Academy Students</b> <b>Madeline Quezada</b> , Teacher
<b>Raices Dance</b> .....	<b>Thomas Cornell Academy Students</b> <b>Jelanie Vega</b> , Teacher
<b>Dominican Revolution Dance</b> .....	<b>Enrico Fermi School Students</b> <b>Nurys Lopez-Ortiz</b> , Teacher
<b><i>Ojala que Llueva Café del Campo</i></b> .....	<b>Enrico Fermi School Students</b> <b>Rebecca Villacis</b> , Teacher
by Coffee Beans of Hope	
<b>Los Duenos del Swing Dance</b> .....	<b>Robert C. Dodson School Students</b> <b>Julie Loza</b> , Teacher
<b><i>Soy Dominicana</i></b> .....	<b>Robert C. Dodson School Students</b> <b>Gretchen Overman</b> , Teacher
by C. Quintana	
<b>Celebration through Dance</b> .....	<b>Paideia School 15 Students</b> <b>Danielle Yanik &amp; Sophia Gomes</b> , Teachers
<b><i>Alegoría de Guloya</i></b> .....	<b>Magister Elizabeth Crooke Morel</b> Ballet Dancer, Professor & Choreographer
Music - <i>Guavaberry</i> by Juan Luis Guerra	
<b>Mi Hermosa Isla Dance</b> .....	<b>School 16 Students</b> <b>Stephanie Caldero Garcia</b> , Teacher
<b>Un Poquito de la Republica Dominicana</b> .....	<b>Cesar E. Chavez School Students</b> <b>Estefania Hernandez</b> , Teacher
en Cesar E. Chavez Dance	
<b>Los Niños Del Campo Dance</b> .....	<b>Hostos Dance Team</b> <b>Daniel Garcia</b> , Teacher
<b><i>Stand by Me</i></b> .....	<b>Las Hermanas Mirabal Community School Students</b> <b>Wendy Zaros</b> , Teacher
by Prince Royce	
<b>Latin Dance</b> .....	<b>Roosevelt High School-Early College Studies Students</b> <b>Charyna Peña</b> , Teacher
<b>Baile Pri Pri &amp; Merengue Dance</b> .....	<b>Lincoln High School Students</b> <b>Deyanira Santana</b> , School Counselor
<b>Closing Remarks</b> .....	<b>Dr. Edwin M. Quezada</b>

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