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First ALBA/Puffin Award for Human Rights Activism To Be Presented May 14th in New York

The first ALBA/Puffin Award for Human Rights Activism will be presented on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Kimmel Center at 60 Washington Square South, in New York City.

The recipient of the \$100,000 award will be Judge Baltasar Garzón, the Spanish magistrate who was catapulted to international fame after ordering the arrest of former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet and has tirelessly pursued human rights violators, wherever they may be.

Benefit Lunch – 12:00-2:00 p.m. – Kimmel Center – 60 Washington Square South-Rosenthal Pavilion – 10th floor

A pre-event benefit will feature a question-and-answer session and the opportunity to meet Judge Garzón over a light lunch. Judge Garzón will be interviewed by Jonathan Turley, Shapiro Professor of Public Interest Law at George Washington University, the on-air legal analyst for CBS-News, NBC-News, and MSNBC, as well as a frequent guest on Sunday morning news talk shows.

Special guests include Perry Rosenstein, President of the Puffin Foundation; Larry Cox, Executive Director of Amnesty International USA; and Michael Ratner, President of the Center for Constitutional Rights. The honorary committee for this benefit (now in formation) includes Harry Belafonte, Mike Farrell and Susan Sarandon.

Tickets at \$300 include the Benefit Lunch and the Annual Celebration that follows. Tickets benefit The Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (ALBA), a 501-C3 non-profit. In addition to the Archives, housed at The Tamiment Library at NYU, ALBA also presents exhibitions, publications, performances and educational programs for high school teachers to preserve the legacy of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade as an inspiration to future generations.

Award Presentation and ALBA's Annual Celebration – 2:30 p.m. – Kimmel Center – Eisner & Lubin Auditorium – 4th floor

The award presentation to Judge Garzón will take place at 2:30 pm, followed by ALBA's Annual Celebration. Featured this year will be Spanish Civil War: Songs and Images of Passion and Resistance by Bruce Barthol, with Hillary Gardner, Liberty Ellman, Dred Scott and David Finch.

General tickets are \$45 and student tickets are \$25.

All tickets may be purchased by visiting ALBA's website: www.alba-valb.org or by calling 212-674-5398 for more information.