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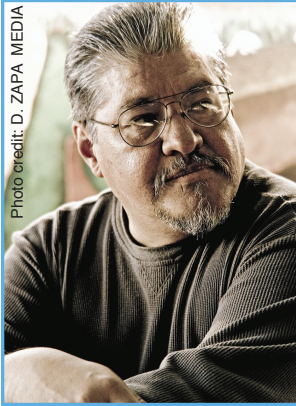


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Luis J. Rodriguez

## **HEARTS AND HANDS:** *Creating Community in Troubled Times*

### **Luis J. Rodriguez**

Award-winning poet, activist and bestselling author of *Always Running: La Vida Loca* and *Gang Days in L.A.*

**Tuesday, October 4, at 1:45 p.m.**  
**Wilkins Theatre**

Drugs and gangs don't exist in a vacuum, but a truly aware, attentive, cohesive and caring community is the best way to deal with the rise of gangs and drugs among our kids. Rodriguez will explore the issues of youth, gangs, violence, sub-standard education, poverty, housing crisis and more — but also the imaginative, healing and regenerative power that lies in whole, healthy, caring and authentic community. He will also highlight his latest book, a memoir titled *It Calls You Back: An Odyssey of Love, Addiction, Revolutions, and Healing*, being released on the day of his visit.

*“Never sentimentalizing or sensationalizing his material, Rodriguez writes honestly and incisively from experience, knowledge and compassion.”* — Publishers Weekly



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