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## Live Lawrence celebra Canal Illuminations

### Closing its 2008 season

*Por Pedro Sabino*



Lawrence, MA. Hundreds of people attended on Sunday the third version of the festival Canal Illuminations, part of the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, marking the final event of Live Lawrence 2008 season.

Colorful was on a high tone with picturesque costumes of Mirabal Family "Diablos Cojuelos", dance with the group City Movement of Lawrence Community Works, music with Hector Cuevas and the Boston Latin Band, Veronica Robles and her band of Mariachis, the eccentric rhythmic Brazilian martial art Capoeira, Dominicans dancers, clowns and the African-Caribbean touch with Zili Misik, marked the cultural diversity that exhibits the festival.

Bathed by the smell of barbecue, adults and children sat along the North Canal Street in Lawrence Heritage State Park, between Mills and Jackson streets, with the option of enjoying a variety of Hispanic food available for sale.

Illumination of the canal was performed by lighting lanterns built with recycled materials by students from schools, youth centers, art classes and clubs in the city of Lawrence.

Live Lawrence, organizer of the event, is a partnership between the city of Lawrence and a coalition of cultural, educational and environmental organizations, dedicated to promoting and preserving diversity, cultural traditions and the rich history of Lawrence.

Live Lawrence is comprised of Cambridge College, Northern Essex Community College, Lawrence Heritage State Park, Essex Art Center, Groundwork Lawrence, Lawrence Community Works, Lawrence Cultural Alliance and the Lawrence History Center.

The conduction of the event was performed by the renowned announcer Johnnie Mackenzie and his wife Arlene García, from Power 800 AM. Among the attendees was the laureate poet César Sanchez and Patrick Costa, owner of Costa Eagle Communications.

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