

RHINA VALENTIN:

A Creative Force in Entertainment and Community Leadership

Rhina Valentín stands as a prolific, creative force in the entertainment industry as a Host, Producer, Actor, and Community Leader. Based in New York City, she brings her talents in English and Spanish to a diverse portfolio of projects spanning television, theater, and community leadership and engagement.

With a career marked by prestigious collaborations with cultural institutions, including: Lincoln Center, El Museo Del Barrio, and The Guggenheim Museum, Rhina has established herself as a vital voice amplifying Latiné culture, and addressing social issues through media and the arts.



Television and Media Production



OPEN Friday - BronxNet TV

Host and Creative Producer since 2006, advocating for arts, culture and mental. Host and EP of Lincoln Center presents: : Latine' Luminaries.



Community Productions

Produced shows for MNN, including "Did You Know It's in The Heights?" and "East Harlem 360" Also "Meet the Merchants Monday" and the 2020 "Census be Counted " Campaign



Commercial Work

Featured in HBO's Betty la Flaca and national commercials for Bally's & 1-800-Flowers, among other Brand Ambassador & Media Production Consultant for Metro Optics (2014-2023)

One of Rhina's many media career highlights is her long-running talk show on BronxNet TV, OPEN Friday, where she's been a champion of NYC arts, culture, community, local entrepreneurs, and mental health advocacy for almost 20 successful years. Her multi-faceted, multi-disciplinary, multi-hyphenate approach to creating transcends hosting, to include: creative direction and development of community-focused content that spotlights local businesses and cultural heritage throughout NYC. Her media expertise has been sought by organizations looking to authentically connect with diverse communities, including – but also beyond – her beloved Latiné roots

Signature Series and Cultural Hosting

El Museo Del Barrio

Host for the prestigious 3 Kings Breakfast Ceremony & Post Parade Celebration (2019–2025), serving as the face of this significant cultural tradition.



Sancocho at Lincoln Center

Created and produced this cultural celebration in 2021, bringing authentic Latinx experiences to one of America's premier performing arts venues.



Latinx Luminaries

Creator, co-writer, host, and executive producer of this acclaimed Lincoln Center series featuring conversations with influential figures like Sonia Manzano and Sandra Guzman.



HEBS

Rhina led the charge moderating the first-ever panel addressing the Afro-Latina experience and identity related to beauty and expression at this event, which drew thousands of participants.



Rhina's hosting credentials demonstrate her unique ability to bridge cultural institutions with diverse audiences. Her recurring role at El Museo Del Barrio's Three Kings Celebrations and her creator-driven Lincoln Center series showcase her talent for meaningful cultural conversations and celebration. Rhina's also moderated and was a Creative Producer for the "Curls, Coils, and Kinks: The Afro-Latina Experience" inaugural panel Hair Education Beauty Summit (HEBS), now a yearly event.

Awards and Recognition

50+

Major Awards

Recognition from Government Officials, Cultural Institutions, and Community Organizations spanning over two decades

2024

Honored at the White House

Recognized at the inaugural Afro-Latino Heritage Celebration at the White House

2024

Ford Motor Company

Named "A Mujer Legendaria" (*Spanish: A Legendary Woman*) for exceptional community impact

2020

El Museo Del Barrio

Honored with the prestigious "Madrina" title for Cultural Contributions

Rhina's impact has been recognized through awards from Government Officials, Cultural Institutions, and Community Organizations. The breadth of recognition spans from the NY State Senate (2011), and NYC Mayoral Proclamations (2009), to being honored at the White House. This reflects her wide-ranging influence as a respected voice within the Latiné and urban communities, and beyond.

Her titles of "Madrina" (godmother) from several organizations speak to her role as a Cultural Guardian and Mentor. The national-level recognition from Ford Motor Company as "A Mujer Legendaria" further cements her status as a leader representing New York, and who is making groundbreaking contributions to society.

Community Engagement and Social Impact

Mental Health Advocacy

Co-Produced and Co-Starred in "Death Of A Dream," an off-Broadway success advocating for Mental Health and Domestic Violence Awareness, awarded a proclamation from then-Mayor Bloomberg (2009).

Meditation and Wellness

Created "Guided Meditations: Raising Vibrations" for the United Teachers Federation and facilitated The Peace Of Unity Project in partnership with Court Innovators.

Community Development

Created and Produced "TransFORMATION Stations" in partnership with the Mayor's neighborhood safety initiative.

Rhina's commitment to community extends beyond entertainment, to address crucial social issues. Her work consistently demonstrates a dedication to mental health awareness, wellness, and community empowerment through creative and tool-driven approaches that engage diverse, multi-generational audiences. For instance, with TransFORMATION Stations, Rhina created a platform for urban healing amongst the elements, through connection with and appreciation of green spaces, such as Marcus Garvey Park. Rhina also serves as an esteemed member of the East Harlem Community Alliance, and the East Harlem Theater and Cultural District's Steering Committee.

Cultural Arts Collaborations



Rhina has forged celebrated collaborations with some of New York's most prestigious Cultural Institutions. Her partnership with the Guggenheim Museum for "Here Comes The Sun" demonstrated her ability to bridge fine art with community engagement – all through interactive celebrations that make culture accessible to diverse audiences.

Rhina's a vanguard for culture, history, and the merging of past and present to help the generations connect and heal. Her ongoing relationship with Casita Maria for the South Bronx Culture Festival highlights her commitment to honoring the Bronx as the birthplace of Hip-Hop. Further, during the pandemic, Rhina skillfully assisted this and other organizations in digitally migrating production, ensuring cultural programming and engagement continued during challenging times.

Leadership and Professional Development



Boundless Theater

Board Member since January 2025



Bronx Council On The Arts

Board Member since February 2022



East Harlem Theater and Cultural District's Steering Committee

Member since February 2025



East Harlem Community Alliance

Member since



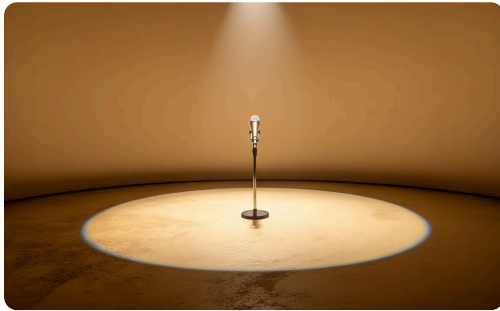
New York Women in Film & TV

Member since January 2016

Rhina's leadership extends beyond her creative work to include significant board positions with cultural organizations. As a board member for Boundless Theater and the Bronx Council On The Arts, she helps shape the future of arts programming and accessibility in New York City.

Her membership in New York Women in Film & TV since 2016 demonstrates her commitment to professional development and supporting women in the entertainment industry. This involvement showcases her dedication to mentorship and creating opportunities for other women in media.

Education and Professional Development



The William Esper Studio

Completed the prestigious 3-year Masters program in Meisner Technique, class of 2000



Manhattan Community College

Liberal Arts education providing foundation for her diverse career



HB Studio

Specialized training in Acting Technique & Improvisation



Peace Journalism

Certificate earned in 2011, enhancing her media production approach

Rhina's formal education in the performing arts has provided a solid foundation for her multifaceted career. Her training at the respected William Esper Studio, known for its rigorous Meisner Technique program, has informed her authentic approach to hosting and performing.

Her ongoing commitment to professional development is evident in her pursuit of specialized certifications like Peace Journalism, which enhances her ability to address complex community issues through media. This combination of formal education and targeted professional development has equipped her with the versatile skillset needed to succeed across multiple creative domains.

Social Media Presence

6K+

Instagram
Followers

8K~

Facebook
Followers

1.5K~

Threads
Followers

2K+

LinkedIn
Followers

10K~

Newsletter
Subscribers

Sign up for our
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Connect with Rhina across all platforms:

Her digital presence demonstrates her ability to connect with diverse audiences across multiple platforms, extending her community impact beyond traditional media.



Thank you! ¡Gracias!

Thank you for your time and interest! Rhina is always open to new opportunities for collaboration, interviews, and community partnerships. Let's connect and make an impact together.



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