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- WHAT:** *Vida, Amor y Risa (Life, Love and Laughter)*  
A comedic mime performance by acclaimed clown mime Carlos Alvarez
- WHERE:** (1) **Gunston Arts Centre Theatre II**, 2700 S. Lang Street, Arlington, VA  
(2) **Instituto de México**, 2829 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC  
(3) **Latin American Folk Institute (LAFI)**, 3800A 34th Street, Mount Rainier,  
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- WHEN:** (1) Saturday, February 4 at 3:00 pm **!!SOLD OUT ALREADY!!**  
(2) Saturday, February 11 at 11:30 am  
(3) Sunday, February 12 at 1:00 pm
- COST:** FREE for children 12 and under; \$10 for all over 12

### Comedic Mime for the Child in Everyone!

Teatro de la Luna announces performances of world acclaimed clown mime Carlos Alvarez from Colombia, as a part of its 9th International Festival of Hispanic Theater. Performances will be held at three separate locations, the **Gunston Arts Centre Theatre II**, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington, VA 22206 (*performance already sold out*), the **Instituto de México**, 2829 16th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009 (Saturday, Feb. 11 at 11:30 a.m.) and the **Latin American Folk Institute**, 3800A 34th Street, Mount Rainier, MD 20712 (Feb. 12 at 1:00 p.m.).

*Vida, Amor y Risa* combines mime's optical illusions with puppetry's charms and a clown's antics, enhanced by superb music. The result is comedy, fun and a good time for the entire family! No Spanish is required to appreciate the exquisite work of this talented artist.

Born in Medellín, Colombia, Carlos Alvarez began his theatrical career in 1984. He has been a professional clown/mime since 1991, and has played to public acclamation in Costa Rica, El Salvador, France, Italy, Korea, Spain and throughout his native Colombia. In the U.S. he has performed in Miami, Tampa and New York City. Since 1998, he has been artistic director of Medellín's International Festival of Mime, "Mímame". His teachers include Juan Carlos Agudelo Plata (who studied with Marcel Marceau), Oscar Ramírez, Jaime Rodríguez and Elkin mimo (mimes from Medellín).

Teatro de la Luna, Northern Virginia's only Spanish-language theater, is celebrating its 15th season this year. Its International Festival of Hispanic Theater, now in its 9th year, brings celebrated theatrical artists and prize-winning productions to the D.C. area from throughout the Hispanic world. The Festival runs from February 1 - March 11, 2006 this year. For more information on Teatro de la Luna and its festival, visit our website at [www.teatrodelaluna.org](http://www.teatrodelaluna.org).

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