

Teatro de la Luna *al mejor estilo latinoamericano*
with the best Latin American flavor

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TEATRO DE LA LUNA announces its
2005-2006 SEASON

"Party Time... Celebrating Theater!"

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Gunston Arts Center (2700 S. Lang St., Arlington, VA):

* **Productions:** *Justo en lo Mejor de mi Vida / Just at Life's Best Moment* (from Argentina) October 20-November 12, 2005

9th International Festival of Hispanic Theater February 1-March 11, 2006

Todo por Amor / All for Love (2 one-act plays): *Andar sin Pensamiento / Thoughtless Walking* (from Argentina)

and *Como si Fuera esta Noche / As Though It Were Tonight* (from Spain) May 25-June 17, 2006

* **Ticket Info:** Thurs. at 8 pm & Sat. matinees at 3 pm - Reg. **\$20**, Students/Seniors **\$15**
Fri. & Sat. at 8 pm - Reg. **\$25**, Students/Seniors **\$20**
"Noche de Luna"/Press Night: General Admission **\$35**

* **Friday Discussions:** A post-show discussion is held every Friday with invited moderators

* **English Surtitles** at all performances

* **Childcare:** Available Sat. matinees with 24 hour reservation

* **Ample Free Parking**

* **Handicapped Accessible**

Instituto de México (2829 16th St., NW, Washington, DC):

* **Productions:** *Playreading: El Médico a Palos / A Doctor in Spite of Himself* in collaboration with EOFULA Spanish

Senior Center - Friday, August 26, 2005, 6pm

Theater for Children: La Caja de Sorpresas / The Box of Surprises Sat. Sep. 17; *La Bella Durmiente /*

Sleeping Beauty Sat. Sep. 24 & *Las Aventuras de Pinocho / The Adventures of Pinocchio* Sat. Oct. 1 - All performances at 11:30 am

All Productions In Spanish Only

* **Ticket Info:** *Playreading: FREE Entrance*

Theater for Children: \$8 adults; 12 & Under FREE

* **Street Parking;** within walking distance of Columbia Heights Metro, Green Line

* **Handicapped Accessible**

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library (901 G St., NW, Washington, DC):

* **Production:** *6th Young People's Poetry Marathon in Spanish*

* **Ticket Info:** *FREE Participation & Entrance for Public School Students*

* **When:** Thursday, December 8, 2005, 10 am - 12 noon - Elementary Schools; and Friday, December 9, 2005, 10 am - 12 noon - Middle and High Schools.

Casa de la Luna (4020 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC):

* **Production:** *La Pluma y la Palabra / The Pen and the Word* - Poetry Marathon in Spanish

- * **Ticket Info:** **FREE Entrance**; cash concessions
- * **Showtime:** Saturday, April 1, 2005, 2:00 - 8:00 pm
- * **Book sales (previous marathons' poetry collections, plus invited poets' books)**
- * **Street Parking; within 2 blocks of Georgia Avenue/Petworth Metro, Green Line**
- * **Handicapped Accessible**

- * **Production:** **Lunes de Luna / Mondays at La Luna** Series of Playreadings
- * **Ticket Info:** Pay-What-You-Can
- * **Showtime:** 6:30 pm
- * Call or visit our website (www.teatrodelaluna.org) to get up-to-date information on these events.

2005-06 marks Teatro de la Luna's **15th anniversary**: its **QUINCEAÑERO**. An important, coming-of-age year for many South and Central Americans, we choose to celebrate our important milestone by doing what we do best: presenting cutting-edge Latino theater, reinforcing the Spanish language with Hispanic/Latino children and youth, and bringing world-renowned Hispanic troupes to our area. But above all, our 15th birthday is a time to celebrate; it's our **Tiempo de Fiesta... Celebrando el Teatro! / Party Time... Celebrating Theater!**

At GUNSTON ARTS CENTER - THEATRE 2
2700 S. Lang Street, Arlington, VA 22206

JUSTO EN LO MEJOR DE MI VIDA (Just at Life's Best Moment) by Argentinean playwright Alicia Muñoz and directed by Teatro de la Luna's Artistic Director Mario Marcel, opens October 20 and runs through November 12. It is appropriate for teens from 15 and up. Press Night is scheduled for Friday, October 21 and our traditional "*Noche de Luna*" (Night at La Luna) will be held Saturday, October 22. **About the Play:** A family outrageously in crisis, throwing accusations and confessions far and wide. But in reality it's so clear-cut, like life itself: life, both unseen and allowed to slip away; is always - **JUST AT LIFE'S BEST MOMENT**.

The **9th INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF HISPANIC THEATER**. From February 1 through March 11, 2006, the area's only international theater festival! As always, this year's festival will combine the vibrancy and sauciness of the New World with the introspection and avant-garde of the Old. Participating countries and companies will be announced by December. This year's Honorary President will be Freddy Ginebra, legendary director of the Dominican Republic's *Casa Teatro de Santo Domingo*.

Our Spring production, **TODO POR AMOR (All For Love)**, combines two one-act plays: **Andar sin Pensamiento (Thoughtless Walking)** by Jorge Huertas from Argentina, and **Como si Fuera esta Noche (As Though It Were Tonight)** by Spain's Gracia Morales. The production is recommended for teens from 15 up, and will be directed by Mario Marcel. It opens May 25 and runs through June 17, with Press Night and *Noche de Luna* on Saturday May 20. **About the Plays:** In **Andar sin Pensamiento (Thoughtless Walking)** two guys chew the fat about their favorite subject: women. But then Love steps in: that strange magic that mankind wields to conquer the unreal; Cupid's arrow that both unites and divides; the emotion that allows us to find ourselves again, walking hand-in-hand and singing once more our song of Spring. **Como si Fuera esta Noche (As Though It Were Tonight)** asks the question: What makes a mother? How do we find the words for all they do for us? In this play, all times converge through humor, and all mothers and children exist in one space: they laugh, cry, sing and love. But we must hurry, for time is short; and those that follow are already clamoring with their own urgency.

At the **INSTITUTO DE MÉXICO**
2829 16th Street, NW, Washington DC 20009

La Caja de Sorpresas / The Box of Surprises, La Bella Durmiente / Sleeping Beauty, and Las Aventuras de Pinocho / The Adventures of Pinocchio, Teatro de la Luna's well-received repertory of plays for children, as seen through Latin eyes. Performed in Spanish only during Hispanic Heritage Month, this Series of Theater for Children will take

place sequential Saturdays, September 17 and 24, and October 1 at 11:30 a.m. **FREE** for children 12 and under, adults and teens pay only \$8.00.

At CASA DE LA LUNA
4020 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington DC 20011

'LA PLUMA Y LA PALABRA' / THE PEN AND THE WORD Teatro de la Luna's 14th Poetry Marathon is a six-hour Spanish-language poetry **FESTIVAL**, with entrance **FREE FOR ALL** on Saturday, April 1, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. Poets and poetry-lovers celebrate the most current Hispanic poetry. The only Spanish-language poetry marathon in the country! And this year, we may offer poetry in other Latin American languages as well! Besides poetry, there will also be cash concessions, and a poetry booksale.

LUNES DE LUNA / MONDAYS AT LA LUNA is a playreading series in Spanish only. New voices from authors and actors participate in this continuing journey through the vast and rich treasure of Hispanic theater. Check Teatro de la Luna's website for up-to-date information on current Lunes de Luna events.

In the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
901 G Street, NW, Washington DC 20001

The **6th Young People's Poetry Marathon in Spanish**, dedicated to promoting the Spanish language and inspiring an interest in literature and poetry among students, will take place during two separate sessions. On Thursday, December 8, elementary students will participate, and on Friday, December 9, middle and high school students will present original and favorite poems in Spanish. Both sessions will take place from 10 am-12:00 noon. Parents and educators are encouraged to contact Teatro de la Luna at an early date for participation availability, since space is limited.

Teatro de la Luna's **EXPERIENCE THEATER PROGRAM** is available to tour area schools, community centers, children's centers and libraries. Plays currently in our repertory include ***La Caja de Sorpresas / The Box of Surprises***, ***La Bella Durmiente / Sleeping Beauty***, and ***Las Aventuras de Pinocho / The Adventures of Pinocchio***. Workshops and Study Guides are also available to complement performances. Call for more information or to schedule a performance.

Teatro de la Luna, founded in 1991, has been recognized throughout the national capital area for its quality and community outreach. Artistic Director Mario Marcel received the *Elizabeth Campbell Award* for advancement of the arts in December 2004 from the American Association of University Women, Arlington Branch. The theater was honored by Arlington County Commission for the Art's *STAR* awards for superior management (2003) and service to the community (2002). Teatro de la Luna's mission is to promote Hispanic culture and foster cross-cultural understanding between the Spanish- and English-speaking communities in the Washington, D.C. area through Spanish-language theater and bilingual theatrical activities.

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