

Teatro de la Luna

—al mejor estilo latinoamericano

—in the best Latin American style

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Announces its 17th season (2007–2008)

With great warmth, Teatro de la Luna offers you our best theatrical efforts during our new season *in the best Latin American style*:

“Our Friends... Old and New...”

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Latin American Harp Festival, September 14 & 15, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.**
at Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington, VA
- **Productions at Gunston Arts Center – Theatre 2 – 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington, VA**
—**10th International Festival of Hispanic Theater, October 9–November 17, 2007**
Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays: 8:00 p.m. Saturday matinees: 3:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$30 regular; \$25 students/seniors
—**Frida Kahlo, the Passion, Feb. 7–Mar. 1, 2008 (Area Première)**
Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays: 8:00 p.m. Saturday matinees: 3:00 p.m.
—**She Returned One Night, May 8-31, 2008 (Area Première)**
Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays: 8:00 p.m. Saturday matinees: 3:00 p.m.
Tickets: —Fridays and Saturdays 8:00 p.m.: \$30 regular; \$25 students/seniors
—Thursdays 8:00 p.m. and Saturday matinees 3:00 p.m.: \$25 regular; \$20 students/seniors
- ♦ **Discounts** available for groups of 10+ ♦ **Friday post-performance discussions** with special guest hosts and artists ♦ **English translation for all shows** by headphones or surtitles ♦ **Childcare** available for Saturday matinees with reservation 24 hrs ahead ♦ **Ample free parking** ♦ **Wheelchair accessible** ♦
- **Children’s Theater: Hansel and Gretel, The Box of Surprises (La Caja de Sorpresas); Sleeping Beauty (La Bella Durmiente) and The Adventures of Pinocchio (Las Aventuras de Pinocho)** in repertory as part of our Traveling Theater. Contact us for more information or to schedule a show.
- **8th Young People’s Poetry Marathon in Spanish—FREE**
—elementary schools: Friday, **December 7, 2007** 10 a.m. – 12 noon
—middle and high schools: Tuesday, **December 11, 2007** 10 a.m. – 12 noon
at the **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library**, 901 G St., NW, Washington, D.C.
- **16th Poetry Marathon, “The Pen and the Word” (“La Pluma y la Palabra”), April 11 & 12, 2008.** 2:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. at **Casa de la Luna**, 4020 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. Entrance **free**; cash bar, light refreshments, book sales.
- **Workshops for Actors** at **Casa de la Luna**, 4020 Georgia Ave., NW, Washington, DC

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- ***SPECIAL SEASON EVENT***

Latin American Harp Festival ‘Arpas de América’ – Our Countries and the Culture of the Harp: some of the most notable harpists in the world, Ismael Ledesma (Paraguay – www.ismaelledesma.com); Cristina Cabrera (Mexico – www.cristinacabrera.com) and Carlos ‘Metralleta’ Orozco (Venezuela – www.YouTube.com). These phenomenal artists showcase their talents in two unforgettable concerts Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the **Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre in Arlington VA**. All funds raised benefit Teatro de la Luna’s International Festival of Hispanic Theater. Tickets: \$30 and \$25 students/seniors.

- ***TENTH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF HISPANIC THEATER***

Venezuela, Uruguay, Argentina, Ecuador, Spain, Dominican Republic, Colombia

Our most popular annual event, from October 9 through November 17, 2007. Seven countries bring you the best of today’s Hispanic Theater!

Plays and Playwrights:

Venezuela: From Exile to Meeting with the Soul, a Pilgrimage through the World and...
Group Creation (Teatro Altosf)

Uruguay: Oh Sara! *by Ariel Mastandrea*

Argentina: Women of 50 *by Hilda Levy and Daniela Di Segni*

Ecuador: Three *by Viviana Cordero*

España: Memories Last Forever *by Laila Ripio*

Dominicana: The Streets One Can’t Forget *by Waddys Jaquez*

Colombia: Ludi-Clown, Sketches of a Comic *by Edilberto Monje Méndez*

- ***ABOUT TEATRO DE LA LUNA’S MAINSTAGE PRODUCTIONS***

Frida Kahlo, the passion (Frida Kahlo, la pasión)—by Ricardo Halac, premiered in Sao Paulo, Brazil (1996). Also mounted in Montevideo, Uruguay (1997) and Buenos Aires, Argentina (1999) and now it comes to the Washington metropolitan area. Another view of the perilous life of the great Mexican painter, one version of whose biography was captured in Julie Taymor’s 2002 film. Under the cloak of immense love professed by and for her husband, the muralist Diego Rivera, Frida seeks various forms of oblivion. Her body battered by accident, her love tattered by infidelity, her immense desire to live contrast and afford testimony to her painting, both intimate and universal; strong images enveloped in superb Mexican music.

She Returned One Night (Volvió una Noche)—by Eduardo Rovner, an award-winning playwright. This screwball comedy combines major elements of his previous works, plus the one major necessity: Laughter. A promising youth who might be a surgeon or concert violinist is living as a street vendor and a member of a tango quartet. His dead mother is determined he live up to his promises. Love and Laughter, two potent allies, hasten the inevitable!

- **EXPERIENCE THEATER PROGRAM**

Hansel and Gretel, along with *The Box of Surprises (La Caja de Sorpresas)*, *Sleeping Beauty (La Bella Durmiente)*, and *The Adventures of Pinocchio (Las Aventuras de Pinocho)* are available to be performed at schools and recreational centers throughout the entire season as part of our Experience Theater program and its Traveling Theater. For more information or to schedule a performance, please contact Teatro de la Luna's offices.

- **8th YOUNG PEOPLE'S POETRY MARATHON in Spanish** is dedicated to promoting the beauty of our language and awakening our young people's interest in poetry and literature. The Marathon is held from 10:00 a.m. to noon on two days: Friday, December 7, 2007, for elementary school students, and Tuesday, December 11, 2007 for middle-school and high-school students. Students recite original poems or those of their favorite poets in Spanish. Actress and educator Marcela Ferlito will prepare students in participating schools. Please contact Teatro de la Luna to include your students in this grand celebration of words. The Marathon will be held at the **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library** in Washington, D.C.

- **THE PEN AND THE WORD—16th Poetry Marathon**—a celebration of the written word. This yearly event presents a schedule of varied and compelling poetry readings by participating poets at the **Library of Congress** on Friday, April 11, 2008 and at our own **Casa de la Luna** on Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Other activities are also planned for the participants and the public in general in what is truly a celebration of words through the voices and presence of Spain's and our continent's most notable poets and faithful devotees of poetry, in recognition of the freshest in Hispanic poetry. This is the only Spanish-language poetry marathon in the country! There will be available light refreshments, a cash bar and book sales.

- ***THEATER WORKSHOPS in Spanish at Casa de la Luna***

Bilingual Theater Workshops for children from 6 to 11, beginning September 22. Six week-sessions every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Call for details.

Acting Training Workshops for adults and teens over 16, with or without experience, beginning August 20 through November 5. Twelve week session on Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Call for details.

Teatro de la Luna, founded in 1991, has received recognition on numerous occasions during its 16 years of theatrical endeavors and activities in support of Latin American culture. Recently, the organization, through its director Mario Marcel, received the *Elizabeth Campbell Award for the Advancement of the Arts in Arlington* from the Arlington branch of the American Association of University Women; in 1999, Mario Marcel and Nucky Walder, received the *Tony Taylor Award* from the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington for their artistic work; the Arlington Commission for the Arts granted its *Star Award* to Teatro de la Luna, once for service to the community (2002), and once for excellence in administration and management (2003). Teatro facilitates connections between the Hispanic and English-speaking communities in the Washington, D.C. area by fostering dialogue and community participation with translations of performances into English and bilingual theater activities.

Information and Reservations: 202-882-6227 / 703-548-3092

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