

Teatro de la Luna

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- WHAT:** 17th Poetry Marathon – *The Best of Hispano-American Poetry*
(In Spanish only)
- WHO:** Teatro de la Luna, with Celebrated Hispanic Poets, including Nono Benegas, Eduardo Mosches (*Argentina*), Sergio Badilla (*Chile*), José Acosta, Félix León Batista (*Dominican Republic*), Roberto Arizmendi, Iliana Godoy (*Mexico*), María Ángeles Pérez López (*Spain*), Enrique Hernández D’Jesús (*Venezuela*).
- WHEN/WHERE:** **Friday, April 17 (2-4pm)** LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
Mary Pickford Theater - 3rd Floor, James Madison Building
Independence Ave. & 1st Street, SE, Washington, DC
- Saturday, April 18 (2-8pm)** CASA DE LA LUNA
4020 Georgia Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20011
(Georgia Ave/Petworth Metro Station - ‘Green’ Line)
- TICKETS:** FREE (donations accepted, cash bar & concessions)
- INFO:** 202-882-6227 / 703-548-3092 or www.teatrodelaluna.org

“La Puma y la Palabra” / *The Pen and the Word* *Seventeenth Poetry Marathon*

Teatro de la Luna announces its 17th annual Poetry Marathon in Spanish, “La Pluma y la Palabra” (*The Pen and the Word*). This year’s marathon – unique in the mid-Atlantic States, will take place on **Friday, April 17** and **Saturday, April 18**. It will bring world renowned Hispano-American poets to read from their new works and celebrate the Spanish world’s greatest men and women of letters.

The marathon will take place at the **Library of Congress** on the 17th from 2:00-4:00 pm and at **Casa de la Luna**, 4020 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC on the 18th from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Entrance is free.

Spanish-language poets from many countries, including several living in the United States will be present at the event.

For poetry lovers wishing to read along, a published book including poems from the 15th, 16th and even 17th marathon will be available for purchase during the marathon. A copy of the most recent compilation will be donated to the Library of Congress.

Those wishing to participate in this one-of-a-kind occasion should submit their poems in Spanish to Teatro de la Luna via fax (202-291-2357) or email (info@teatrodelaluna.org) by April 10. There are still spaces available for our open-mike sessions, but they are going quickly.

The 17th Poetry Marathon is coordinated by Professor Rei Berroa from George Mason University, and Teatro de la Luna's Artistic Director Mario Marcel.

As always during our Marathons, concessions are available, as well as a cash bar and a book sale.

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 national capital area.

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