

Teatro de la Luna

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WHAT: 20th Poetry Marathon: *The Best of Hispano-American Poetry (in Spanish)*

WHO: Teatro de la Luna, with Celebrated Hispanic Poets, including Luis Alberto Ambroggio, Gladys Iarregui (*Argentina*), Consuelo Hernández (*Colombia*), Milena Rodríguez Gutiérrez, Orlando Rossardi (*Cuba*), José Mármol (*Dominican Republic*), Ernesto Lumbreras (*Mexico*), Naomi Ayala (*Puerto Rico*), Fernando Beltrán, Eduardo Moga, José Carlos Rosales (*Spain*) and Saúl Ibargoyen (*Uruguay*).

WHEN/WHERE: Friday, June 8 (1:30-3:30 p.m.) LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
Mary Pickford Theater - 3rd Floor, James Madison Building
Independence Ave. & 1st Street, SE, Washington, DC 20540
(Capitol South Metro Station - 'Blue & Orange' Lines)

Saturday, June 9 (2-8 p.m.) EMBASSY OF URUGUAY
1913 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20006
(Metro Stations: Farragut North - 'Red' Line and
Farragut West - 'Orange & Blue' Lines)

TICKETS: FREE (donations accepted)

INFO: 202-882-6227 / 703-548-3092 or www.teatrodelaluna.org

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

Teatro de la Luna is proud to announce its 20th Poetry Marathon in Spanish, *La Pluma y la Palabra* (The Pen and the Word) on Friday, June 8, and Saturday, June 9, 2012. This year's marathon – unique in the mid-Atlantic states, brings world-renowned Hispano-American poets – from several countries as well as several living in the United States – to read from their new works and from the works of the Spanish-speaking world's most celebrated poets.

The marathon takes place at the **Library of Congress** on the June 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. On June 9, the poetry event is hosted by the **Embassy of Uruguay** from 2 to 8 p.m. Admission to both days of the event is free of charge. Concessions are available during the marathon.

For poetry lovers wishing to read along, a published book including poems from the marathon (as well as books of works from the two previous marathons) will be available for purchase. A copy of the most recent compilation will be donated to the Library of Congress.

The poetry marathon also features open-mike sessions. Those wishing to participate should submit their poems in Spanish to Teatro de la Luna via fax (202-291-2357) or by email at info@teatrodelaluna.org by June 1. Spaces for the open-mike sessions are going quickly.

Professor Rei Berroa from George Mason University and Teatro de la Luna's Artistic Director Mario Marcel coordinate the marathon.

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.

20th POETRY MARATHON PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Friday, June 8, 2012 - Library of Congress

1:30-3:30 p.m. Presentation of Poets' Books - Dialogue on Hispanic Poetry Today.
Poems and Comments by Poets and the Public

Saturday, June 9, 2012 – Embassy of Uruguay

2:00-2:15 p.m. Inauguration of the 20th Poetry Marathon: Rei Berroa & Mario Marcel.

2:15-2:45 p.m. First round of invited poets (Group I):
Fernando Beltrán, Saúl Ibargoyen, Gladys Ilarregui, José Mármol

2:45-3:15 p.m. First round of invited poets (Group II):
Luis A. Ambroggio, Naomi Ayala, Eduardo Moga, Milena Rodríguez Gutiérrez

3:15-3:45 p.m. First round of invited poets (Group III):
Consuelo Hernández, Ernesto Lumbreras, José Carlos Rosales, Orlando Rossardi

3:45-4:15 p.m. The People's Voice: 1st Open Mike Session (previous sign up)

4:15-5:00 p.m. Other art forms: music, performances. Poetry in native languages (Guarani, Maya, Aymara)

5:00-5:30 p.m. Second round of invited poets (Group I)

5:30-6:00 p.m. Second round of invited poets (Group II)

6:00-6:30 p.m. Second round of invited poets (Group III)

6:30-7:00 p.m. The People's Voice: 2nd Open Mike Session (previous sign up)

7:00-8:00 p.m. Final Open Mike: Poetry attacks from all sides of the theater

8:00 p.m. Farewell: Poetry is a celebration that transforms us and makes the world a better place to live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 202-882-6227 / 703-548-3092

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