

# Teatro de la Luna

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**Press Release – For Immediate Release**  
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**WHAT:** 21<sup>st</sup> Poetry Marathon: *The Best of Hispano-American Poetry (in Spanish)*

**WHO:** Teatro de la Luna, with Celebrated Hispanic Poets, including José Eduardo Degrazia (*Brazil*), Emilio Mozo (*Cuba*), Ángela Hernández, Marianela Medrano (*Dominican Republic*), Jorge Miguel Cocom Pech, Laura Hernández Muñoz (*Mexico*), Nicasio Urbina (*Nicaragua*) and Astrid Lander (*Venezuela*).

**WHEN/WHERE:** **Friday, June 7 (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 8 (2-8 p.m.)** CASA DE LA LUNA  
4020 Georgia Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20011  
(Georgia Ave/Petworth Metro Station - 'Green' Line)

**TICKETS:** FREE (donations accepted)

**INFO:** 202-882-6227 / 703-548-3092 or [www.teatrodelaluna.org](http://www.teatrodelaluna.org)

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

Teatro de la Luna is proud to announce its 21<sup>st</sup> Poetry Marathon in Spanish, *La Pluma y la Palabra* (The Pen and the Word) on Friday, June 7, and Saturday, June 8, 2013. 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 7 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and at **Casa de la Luna**, 4020 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC on June 8 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 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](mailto:info@teatrodelaluna.org) by May 31. 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.

### **21<sup>st</sup> POETRY MARATHON PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

#### **Friday, June 7, 2013 - 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 8, 2013 – Casa de la Luna**

2:00-2:15 p.m. Inauguration of the 21<sup>st</sup> Poetry Marathon: Rei Berroa & Mario Marcel

2:15-2:45 p.m. First round of invited poets (Group I):  
**Ángela Hernández, Emilio Mozo, Laura Hernández, José Eduardo Degrazia**

2:45-3:15 p.m. First round of invited poets (Group II):  
**Marianela Medrano, Nicasio Urbina, Astrid Lander, Jorge Miguel Cocom Pech**

3:15-4:00 p.m. Round of poets from the Metro Area (by invitation)

4:00-4:30 p.m. The People's Voice: 1<sup>st</sup> Open Mike Session (previous sign up)

4:30-5:00 p.m. Other art forms: music, performances. Poetry in native languages: Guarani, Nahuatl, Maya, Aymara

5:00-5:30 p.m. The People's Voice: 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Mike Session (previous sign up)

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

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

6:30-7:00 p.m. The People's Voice: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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