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WHAT: “PENÉLOPE” & “*I GIFT YOU WITH A SONG*”

WHO: JUANA ESTRELLA in “PENÉLOPE” *US Première* (in Spanish only)
Sep. 21, 22, 23 at 8:00 pm
Sep. 24 at 4:00 pm

FRANCISCO PESQUEIRA and RAMIRO PETTINA in “*I GIFT YOU WITH A SONG*” *US Première* (in Spanish only)
Oct. 6 & 7 at 8:00 pm
Oct. 8 at 4:00 pm

WHERE: CASA DE LA LUNA
4020 Georgia Ave. NW. Washington, DC 20011
Georgia Ave-Petworth Metro Station (Green and Yellow Lines)
Free Street Parking

TICKETS: \$30 and \$25 Students and seniors (+60 years)
BUY ONLINE www.teatrodelaluna.org

INFORMATION: 202-882-6227 and 703-548-3092; www.teatrodelaluna.org

Teatro de la Luna presents “PENÉLOPE” & “*I GIFT YOU WITH A SONG*”

TEATRO DE LA LUNA is pleased to present two visiting companies. Juana Estrella from Ecuador in “Penélope” and Francisco Pesqueira and Ramiro Pettina from Buenos Aires, Argentina in “*I GIFT YOU WITH A SONG*.” Both shows have been award and recognized in their respective countries and they will present their shows at Casa de la Luna, 4020 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20011.

JUANA ESTRELLA in “PENÉLOPE”
Sep. 21, 22, 23 at 8:00 pm
Sep. 24 at 4:00 pm

About the play: PENÉLOPE...a wait in the Andes

Isabel “Chavela” Guevara, a middle-aged woman, visits Camino del Inca every day to wait for her husband who has migrated to the coast in search of a better economic outcome. Everyone criticizes her and is curious to know what she is doing in a place so far from home, from her neighborhood, from her loved ones. As she waits and sews, an aunt, a best friend, a cousin, an acquaintance visits her and even a handsome man.....One day, the Malign One visited her.

Penelope evokes an iconic character from The Odyssey who awaits for her husband Ulises. This Penelope is a woman close to us all, a selfless mother, a faithful wife, a tireless weaver, humorous, energetic, and full of life. This Ecuadorean, Andean, Latina Penelope comes from the '50's of the last century. The play does not scorn the presence of magical realism and alternates theatrically between drama and comedy.

About the Actress: Juana Estrella is an actress from Cuenca, with an extensive theatrical career. She has taken part in numerous productions, including: *'Fragrances from the Past'* by María Beatríz Vergara, *'Christopher Columbus'* by Michael Ghelderode with the group Trapecista, *'Delirium for two'* by Ionesco, *'The Magdalene'* by Margarit Yourcenar, *'The Vagina Monologues'* by Eve Ensler, *'The Eternal Female'* by Rosario Castellanos, *'Monologue of the Broom'* and *'Kito kon K'* by Peky Andino, and *'Going and Coming'* by Juan Andrade. She has acted under the direction of María Beatríz Vergara, Viviana Cordero, Juan Andrade, Peky Andino. She has participated in national and international festivals in Central America and Europe. She has starred in TV series and movies, including *'In the name of the daughter'* by Tania Hermida. She was highly applauded in MAGICAL ECUADOR in *'The Broom'* and in *'Mary Magdalene, the woman erased'* and in two International Festivals of Hispanic Theatre where she presented *'That Crazy Juana'* and *'Fragrances from the Past.'*

FRANCISCO PESQUEIRA and RAMIRO PETTINA in "I GIFT YOU WITH A SONG"

Oct. 6 & 7 at 8:00 pm

Oct. 8 at 4:00 pm

About the show: an enchanting gathering where Pesqueira sings and narrates at the same time...a tribute to those composers and authors such as Astor Piazzola, Peteco Carabajal, Tita Merello, Charly García, Mercedes Sosa, María Elena Walsh, Eladia Blázquez, Hamlet Lima Quintana, Atahualpa Yupanqui and many more who are always present in our life soundtrack.

About the Actor and Singer: Francisco Pesqueira is an author, actor, director, and singer. He has acted on television, film and radio. He has been nominated and awarded among others with the ACE, HUGO, THEATRE OF THE WORLD, FLORENCIO SANCHEZ and TRINIDAD GUEVARA awards, His performances include: *'In love but discreet'*, *'I am not the unloved one'*, *'Macbeth, King Lear'*, *'Welcome Home'*, *'Les Miserables'*, *'The Bourgeois Gentleman'*. He is a cast member of the theatre group Carne de Crítica. He has created the following musicals: *'I Gift You with a Song'*, *'Simple'*, *'Cinema Song'*, *'Let Nothing Bother You'*, and *'Listen'*, among others. He has produced more than 10 musical CDs. In 2016, he edited the lyrics and the CD of *'Give Me Your Hand'*. He is currently the host of the radio program Poetry Pathways. He is an Ambassador of Peace.

About the Pianist: Ramiro Pettina is a composer and pianist, a graduate of the National Conservatory of Music (Buenos Aires, Argentina) where he completed his studies in orchestral direction. As a pianist, he has presented numerous times, as a soloist, as well as in different groups and chamber ensembles. As a composer, he has written music for theatre, film and television, as well as songs and instrumental pieces. In theatre, he has participated as a pianist and done arrangements for distinguished plays, which have won prestigious awards. He has also completed an impressive career in the audiovisual world. He is currently in charge of documenting the opera productions of the Colón Theatre of Buenos Aires.

Teatro de la Luna, founded in 1991, continues producing plays and other cultural events that celebrate Latin American culture. The organization has been recognize in various occasions for its cultural contributions. Its director, Mario Marcel has received the *Elizabeth Campbell Award* for his artistic contributions, from the American Association of University Women's Arlington chapter. Teatro de la Luna received the STAR Award from Arlington County Commission for the Arts in two occasions for its administrative excellence and service to the Community. Teatro de la Luna's producer Nucky Walder received the *Latina Woman Leadership Award* in 2009.

REMINDER:

- Tickets: \$30; \$25 Students and seniors 60 and over.
 - Buy on-line www.teatrodelaluna.org

Program subject to change.

Note: Two Courtesy Tickets available for press members for each performance.

To obtain photographs of the productions please visit our website www.teatrodelaluna.org/prensa and follow the instructions under **Photographs**.

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