

Teatro de la Luna

—al mejor estilo latinoamericano

—with the best Latin American flavor

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Teatro de la Luna Announces its 18th season (2008–2009)

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

“Our Theatre... Our Culture...”

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Latin American Harp Festival, September 12 & 13, 2008 – 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**
—**11th International Festival of Hispanic Theater, October 7–November 15, 2008**
Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays: 8:00 p.m. Saturday matinees: 3:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$30 regular; \$25 students/seniors
—**Kick-Butt Women, Feb. 12–Mar. 7, 2009 (U.S. Première)**
—**They Don’t Wear Black Tie, May 21–June 13, 2009 (U.S. Première)**
Showtimes/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); The Adventures of Pinocchio (Las Aventuras de Pinocho)* and *ABE, a dream fulfilled (ABE, un sueño cumplido)*** in repertory as part of our Traveling Theater. Contact us for more information or to schedule a show.
- **9th Young People’s Poetry Marathon in Spanish—FREE**
—elementary schools: Wednesday, **December 10, 2008** 10 a.m. – 12 noon
—middle and high schools: Thursday, **December 11, 2008** 10 a.m. – 12 noon
at the **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library**, 901 G St., NW, Washington, D.C.
- **17th Poetry Marathon, “The Pen and the Word” (“La Pluma y la Palabra”), April 17 & 18, 2009.** 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, Eduardo Betancourt (Venezuela – www.eduardobetancourt.com.ve); Edma Castañeda (Colombia – www.edmarcastaneda.com) and Mariano González (Paraguay – www.mariano-gonzalez.com). These phenomenal artists showcase their talents in two unforgettable concerts Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13, 2008, 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.

- ***ELEVENTH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF HISPANIC THEATER***

From October 7 through November 15, 2008, the area's only international theater festival. As always, this year's festival will combine the vibrancy and sauciness of the New World with the introspection and avant-garde of the Old. Participating countries and companies will be announced shortly.

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

Mujeres al poder (Kick-Butt Women)—based on *Lady Godiva* by Jean Canolle, adapted and directed by Mario Marcel. From the first moment – as is well known – it was Eve in control. But if any doubt remained, during a most violent and war-torn époque, when all was invasion, military, knights, armor and screams, there appeared the soft, ethereal, sweet and blonde Lady Godiva. And although it wasn't admitted at the time, She knew what to do. And so history continued till today, when we must again remember and call on... KICK-BUTT WOMEN!

Ellos no usan smoking (They Don't Wear Black Tie)—by the late Italian-Brazilian star of stage and screen Gianfrancesco Guarnieri, finally comes to the Washington metropolitan area. Today - and always - it is a worker's right to strike. The word frightens, until we ourselves are the workers craving justice. 'They Don't Wear Black Tie' not only lays bare working class struggles in 1960s' Brazil, it delights in equality and liberty through a song of love and hope.

- ***EXPERIENCE THEATER PROGRAM***

Hansel and Gretel, along with *The Box of Surprises (La Caja de Sorpresas)*, *Sleeping Beauty (La Bella Durmiente)*, *The Adventures of Pinocchio (Las Aventuras de Pinocho)*, and *ABE, a dream fulfilled (ABE, un sueño cumplido)* 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.

- **9th 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: Wednesday, December 10, 2008, for elementary school students, and Thursday, December 11, 2008 for middle-school and high-school students. Students recite original poems or those of their favorite poets in Spanish. 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.
- **17th POETRY MARATHON—*The Pen and the Word***—This yearly event presents a schedule of varied and compelling poetry readings by participating poets at the **Library of Congress** on Friday, April 17, 2009 and at our own **Casa de la Luna** on Saturday, April 18, 2009 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 in recognition of the freshest in Hispanic poetry.
- **THEATER WORKSHOPS in Spanish at Casa de la Luna**
 - Acting Training Workshops** for adults and teens over 16, with or without experience, beginning August 26, on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Call for details.
 - Bilingual Theater Workshops for children** from 6 to 11, beginning October 18. Six week-sessions every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.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. The organization, through its director Mario Marcel, has 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, and once for excellence in administration and management. 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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