

Teatro de la Luna

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WHAT: **Rifar el Corazón (*Heartstrings*)**
by Dino Armas (Uruguay)

WHERE: **Gunston Arts Center, Theatre Two**
2700 S. Lang St., Arlington, VA 22206

WHEN: **May 6 – 29, 2010**
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays 8:00 pm
Saturday matinees 3:00 pm

TICKETS: Thursdays and Saturday matinees:
Regular \$25
Students/Seniors over 60 \$20
Fridays & Saturday evenings:
Regular \$30
Students/Seniors over 60 \$25
15% discount for groups of 10 or more

INFO: **703-548-3092** or www.teatrodelaluna.org

- **In Spanish with English surtitles.**
- Post-Performance Discussions every Friday Night.
- **Childcare** available during Sat. matinees - \$10 per child (24 hs. notice required)
- Ample free parking. Handicapped accessible.

Rifar el Corazón (*Heartstrings*)

[This production replaces '*Nuestro Fin de Semana-Our Weekend*']

Closing its 2009/2010 season, Teatro de la Luna presents *Rifar el Corazón (Heartstrings)* by Uruguayan playwright Dino Armas from May 6 through 29, which replaces the previously announced production *Nuestro Fin de Semana (Our Weekend)*. Performances, which will run Thursdays, Fridays and two shows on Saturdays will be at Gunston Arts Center, Theatre Two, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington, VA. Curtain is at 8:00 pm Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, with a Saturday matinee at 3:00 pm.

About the Author: One of Uruguay’s most prolific writers, Dino Armas has written over 30 plays and has won numerous awards, including the Florencio – which is equivalent to the Tony. His plays have been seen worldwide and have been staged by dozens of companies. Like many of his plays, *Heartstrings* revolves around current issues and language, and combines sharp humor with sentiment. Alvaro Luoreiro, one of Uruguay’s preeminent theatrical critics, has written about Armas: “Dino Armas can be defined as a profound theatrical connoisseur, both within and without, with a powerful intuition to capture colloquialisms and, through them, knock down the walls of custom and enter into those worlds of grotesque, absurdism and poetry.”

About the Play: Two sisters, separated for years, spend their last day together before one leaves to live with her son in New York. Also onstage is one sister’s disabled daughter, who awoke one day unable to speak or care for herself following an unwanted pregnancy. Through sharp, cutting dialogue and the daughter’s spoken inner monologues the audience is submerged in this family, where humor and tenderness alternate with cynicism and tears. Augmenting the production is the live piano music, performed by Alex Alburqueque

About the Adaptor and Director: Mario Marcel: director, actor, teacher and co-founder of Teatro de la Luna. He has directed innumerable productions, and has dedicated his life to promoting Hispanic culture. With a solid and outstanding artistic résumé in our community, he is also well-known throughout South and Central America. He has directed, adapted and acted in plays of all styles and traditions of the worldwide repertory. Marcel has received numerous awards and prizes for his works, both here and in South America.

About Teatro de la Luna: Established in 1991, Teatro de la Luna’s provides contemporary theater “*with the best Latin American flavor*”. Drawing plays from throughout the Spanish-speaking world, it performs in Spanish, providing English surtitles or live-English dubbing for its non-Spanish speaking patrons. Friday post-performance discussions are conducted by special guests and interpreted into English. Teatro de la Luna is Arlington County’s only Spanish-language theater company.

**Our *Press Night* is on Friday, May 7 at 8:00 pm
Two courtesy tickets are reserved in your name. To claim them,
please call the number below.**

**There will be a Fundraising '*Noche de Luna*' on Saturday, May 8 at 8:00 pm
Tickets are \$40**

Tickets purchased on-line through www.teatrodelaluna.org receive an additional 10% discount, provided that the transaction occurs 24 hours prior to showtime. TICKETplace.org and Goldstar.com also offer discounted tickets for this production.

INFORMATION and RESERVATIONS: 703-548-3092

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