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| **Teatro de la Luna** | *—al mejor estilo latinoamericano* |
| *—with the best Latin American flavor* |

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**Teatro de la Luna**

**announces its 28th season 2018-2019**

 ***“LA MAGIA DE LA LUNA”***

***“The Magic of the Moon”***

***“LA MAGIA DE LA LUNA*” / “THE MAGIC OF THE MOON”** marks the28th season for Teatrode la Luna – and it is a time to celebrate. We have an ambitious and appealing new lineup of music and theater for all ages plus actor training workshops series.

* ***SEASON LINEUP***

At the **CASA DE LA LUNA –** 4020 Georgia Ave., NW, 20011

**From CUENCA - ECUADOR**

***- Friday, Saturday Nov. 2, 3, 8:00* pm & *Sunday Nov. 4, 4pm, 2018***

**“*MUJEREANDO*/WOMEN”**written, directed and performed by **Juana Estrella** from Ecuador**.**

***- Friday, Saturday 9, 10, 8:00 pm & Sunday Nov. 11, 2018, 4:00 pm***

 **“*LOCA LA JUANA*/ THAT CRAZY JOAN”** starring **Juana Estrella,** directed by **Pablo Aguirre Andrade**, both from Ecuador.

**From SANTO DOMINGO – DOMINICANA**

***- Friday, Saturday March 8, 9,* *8:00 pm & Sunday March 10, 2019, 4pm* “*BANCO DE***

***PARQUE*/PARK BENCH**, Direction and Production **TEATRO MANDRAGORA**, starring **María Castillo & Manuel Chapuseaux.**

 **Tickets: $30 regular; $25 students/seniors.**

**TEATRO DE LA LUNA’S PRODUCTION**

***- “…Y SI NOS SEGUIMOS AMANDO*? / …WHAT IF WE STAY IN LOVE?” by Cristina Merelli,** Directed by **Mario** **Marcel** with **Marcela Ferlito** and **Micky Thomas.**

***Friday, Saturday March 29, 30, 8:00 pm & Sunday March 31, 2019, 4:00 pm;***

 ***Friday, Saturday April 5, 6, 8:00 pm & Sunday April 7, 2019, 4:00 pm***

**Tickets: $25 regular; $20 students & seniors**

***10% discount*** for groups of 10 people or more ⬥ ***free parking on the street*** ⬥ ***Disability accessible***

**All performances at Casa de la Luna are in SPANISH ONLY.**

**PLAY READING SERIES IN SPANISH**

***- “DELICIOSA* / DELICIOUS” – “*ESPANTOSA* / HORRENDOUS)**

Two short plays by **Agustín Cuzzani (**Argentina**)**

**October 27 – 7:00 pm & October 28, 2018 – 4:00 pm**

**- “*ME MORIRIA SI TE FUERAS*** / **I’D DIE IF YOU LEFT ME**” by **Ricardo Prieto (**Uruguay**)**

**January 26 –** **7:00 pm & January 27, 2019 – 4:00 pm**

**- “*ROSA DE DOS AROMAS*/TWO SCENTED ROSES”** by **Emilio Carballido** (Mexico)

**February 23 – 7:00 pm & February 24, 2019 – 4:00 pm**

**- “*BAILES DE SALON*** / **BALLROOM DANCES** by **Gracia Morales (**Spain**)**

**March 16 - 7:00 pm & March 17, 2019 – 4:00 pm**

**Free Admission - Donations greatly appreciated**

At the **NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION -NRECA**

**–** 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington VA 22203

***- Saturday Feb. 16, 2019, 7:00 pm***

 **MY SWEET HEART SINGS -*Night of Ballads*” / “CANTA MI CORAZON Noche de Boleros**

Musical Direction **Jorge Anaya** Artistic Direction **Mario Marcel**

**Tickets: $35 regular; $30 students/seniors.**

***- Saturday May 4, 2019, 6:30 pm***

 **“DINNER DANCING FUNDRAISER*”*** with **JOE FALERO BAND**

**Admission $50**

* **OTHER OFFERINGS DURING THE SEASON**

**-Acting Workshops for Adults: October 31, November 5 & 7, 7:00pm** to **9:00pm** at **Casa de la Luna,** conducted by **Juana Estrella** from Ecuador**, “Teatro Desde Las Entrañas” / *Visceral Theater*.** Registrations open. Cost: **$110** for three sessions.

**-Actor’s Training Workshops for Adults: Monday & Tuesday** starting **January 14** through **March 17, 6:30pm** to **9:00pm** at **Casa de la Luna.** Registrations open. Cost: **$150** (monthly) Free for DC residents thanks to the DC Mayor’s Office on Latino Affairs.

* **POETRY MARATHON, ‘THE PEN AND THE WORD’**

This long-time event once again brings together well-known poets from the Americas and Spain for readings at the **Library of Congress** on **Friday, June 7, 2019**, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm and a poetry marathon at **Casa de la Luna** on **Saturday, June 8, 2019**, from 2 to 8 pm. The event also provides an opportunity for DC-area poets and poetry lovers to take the microphone. As in past years, a Poetry Anthology collecting the readings from this 27th Marathon will be presented to the Library of Congress; it will be a significant edition, with exceptional selections. Admission and participation are free, although donations are gratefully accepted.

* **EXPERIENCE THEATER PROGRAM**

***-* Theater Workshops for Children** at **Casa de la Luna**, for ages 6 to 11 years old at4020 Georgia Ave., Washington, DC. 20011. Seven consecutive sessions on Saturdays starting Oct. 13, 2018, from 10 a.m. to noon. Final presentations on Dec. 7 at Casa de la Luna and Dec. 14 at the Consulate of El Salvador. Cost: **$150** (per series). Free for DC students thanks to the DC Mayor’s Office on Latino Affairs.

**- Bilingual Traveling Theater in repertoire:** “***Siempre Amigos* /Buddies not Bullies”** addresses the important theme of bullying -physical and verbal. Starting January 2019 **“*La Magia del Arcoíris /* The Rainbow’s Magic** “aimed at encouraging interest in taking care of the environment and our Mother Nature, will be add to the repertoire. All of these productions are written, adapted and directed by Neher J. Briceño. In addition, Teatro de la Luna offers a special theatrical presentation for children 3 to 5, **“*Chiquititos* / Itsy Bitsy."**

All **Experience Theater Program** productions are available for presentation as repertory pieces at schools, librariesand recreational centers. For more information or to schedule a presentation, contact Teatro de la Luna at **202-882-6227** or **703-548-3092.**

**Teatro de la Luna**, founded in 1991, continues producing theater and other cultural events that spotlight and celebrate Latin American culture. The organization has been recognized for its cultural contributions on several occasions. In acknowledgement of the work of its director, Mario Marcel, it received the *Elizabeth Campbell Award* for advancement of the arts from the American Association of University Women’s Arlington chapter. On two occasions, La Luna was honor with the STAR prize from the Arlington County Commission for the Arts for administrative excellence and service to the community and in 2017 received the “Working for the Community” award from NBC4, and La Luna’s producer, Nucky Walder, was honor with the *Latina Woman Leadership 2009* award.

The goal of building connections between the Spanish-speaking and English-speaking communities is achieved by promoting dialogue and community involvement through bilingual theatrical and cultural events.

***Programming subject to change.***

**Information and Reservations:** **202-882-6227 / 703-548-3092**

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