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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 “JANUARY 2021”**

*Teatro de la Luna begins the new year with workshops focused on poetry interpretation, acting and playreading, and children’s bilingual theater.*

*The sign-up period for all workshops is now open.*

**WHAT:** **PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES**

**WHERE:** **Workshops vía ZOOM; Final presentations on YouTube & Facebook Live**

**WHEN: Poetry Workshops—Tuesdays from 7 PM to 9 PM**

**Acting Workshops—Wednesdays from 6:30 PM to 9 PM**

**Bilingual Theater Workshops for Children—Saturdays from 10 AM to Noon**

**“JANUARY 2021”** continues TEATRO DE LA LUNA’s 2020-2021 Season, A MOON FULL OF HOPE, with:

 ♦ **WINTER AND POETRY OF VENEZUELA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Participants in this eight-part workshop series study and interpret the poetic works of **Rafael Cadena** and **Cristina Galvez** (Venezuela); **Luis Palés Matos** and **Rosario Ferre** (Puerto Rico); **Mateo Morrison** and **Pedro Mir** (Dominican Republic); and **Gastón Baquero, Virgilio Piñera** and **Nicolás Guillén** (Cuba) and others.

 The sessions, held in Spanish, are provided Via Zoom every Tuesday,January 5 to February 23, from 7 PM to 9 PM, with a final presentation on **February 25 at 8 PM.**

The workshop series costs $100. (It is FREE for DC residents ages 16 and up.)

 ♦ **ACTING AND PLAYREADING**

These Spanish-language workshops focus on physical and mental training, as well as acting techniques and script interpretation. The workshops are held on Wednesdays from January 13 to March 30, from 6.30 PM to 9 PM. A final presentation takes place on **March 31 at 8 PM**.

This 11-session workshop series costs $150. (It is FREE for DC residents ages 16 and up.)

 **♦ BILINGUAL THEATER WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN**Theater, poetry, music, pantomime and clowning are covered in this five-session online workshop series held on Saturdays. The sessions run **January 9** until **February 6;** the final session is a student presentation for the families of the participants. The sessions take place from10 to 10:50 AM for children ages 6 to 8 and from 11 AM to noon for children ages 9 to 11.

This 5-session workshop series costs $100. (It is FREE for DC residents ages 6 to 11.)

Three additional children’s workshops series will be held later in the winter and spring.

The adult workshops are taught by Teatro de la Luna Director Mario Marcel and Teatro de la Luna Experience Theater coordinator, Marcela Ferlito, with technical assistance from Mariano Lucioni, Micky Thomas and Pablo Guillén. The children’s workshops are taught by Marcela Ferlito, Pablo Guillén, Gabriel Lora, Rodin Ruíz and Carlos Solís, with technical assistance from Mariano Lucioni and Bienvenido Martínez.

The workshops for adults are free to District of Columbia residents thanks to support from the DC Mayor’s Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA). The bilingual workshops for children are sponsored by EVENTS DC.

**Teatro de la Luna**, founded in 1991, produces performing arts and other events that spotlight and celebrate Latin American culture and seek to connect Spanish-speaking and English-speaking communities. The organization has been recognized for its cultural contributions on several occasions, mostly recently on WJLA Channel 7 during a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration.

Teatro de la Luna Director Mario Marcel 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 honored with the STAR prize from the Arlington County Commission for the Arts for its administrative excellence and service to the community. In 2017, Teatro de la Luna received the “Working for the Community” award from NBC4.

La Luna Producer Nucky Walder received the *Latina Woman Leadership 2009* award and the 2018  *Lifetime Achievement Award* from DC Mayor Muriel Bowser through the Office of Latino Affairs (MOLA).

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