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**“POETRY and EXILE: POETS from VENEZUELA and the CARIBBEAN” VIRTUAL POETIC INTERPRETATION WORKSHOPS FINAL PRESENTATION: April 22, 2023, 6:00 pm**

**TEATRO DE LA LUNA** announces the Final Presentation of the workshop series “POETRY and EXILE: POETS from VENEZUELA and the CARIBBEAN” on April 22 at 6pm. This event concludes the Series of Poetry Interpretation Workshops which began on March 4, and take place every Saturday - 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Thanks to the support from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the Cafritz Foundation the workshops are free for DC Residents.

The workshops are taught by Teatro de la Luna director Mario Marcel, with the assistance of Marcela Ferlito, Mariano Lucioni and Pablo Guillén. In this opportunity, the distinguished poets whose works are being studied are: **Ivana Aponte, Andrés Eloy Blanco, Rafael Cadenas, Gabriel Urrutia** (VENEZUELA), **Reinaldo Arenas, Rita Martin** (CUBA), **Pedro Mir, Manuel del Cabral** (REPUBLICA DOMINICANA), **Julia de Burgos** (PUERTO RICO).

The final presentation of this series will be transmitted live for FREE on **[www.teatrodelaluna.org](http://www.teatrodelaluna.org) ; YouTube and Facebook Live.** There will be a post-performance talk-back with the virtual audience members.

**Teatro de la Luna**, founded in 1991, produces performing arts and other events that celebrate Latin American culture and seeks to connect Spanish-speaking and English-speaking communities. La Luna has been recognized for its cultural contributions on several occasions. 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, 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. In 2020, Teatro de la Luna was interviewed by Channel 7 WJLA and most recently in 2021 by Telemundo-Channel 64. The goal of bridging the Spanish-speaking and English-speaking communities is achieved by promoting dialogue and involving community members in these cultural bilingual events.

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