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WHAT: Young People’s Poetry Marathon in Spanish

WHERE: Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Public Library
901 G Street, NW, Washington, DC

WHEN: Monday, December 10 (elementary schools), 10am – 12 noon, and
Tuesday, December 11 (middle & high schools), 10am – 12 noon

COST: FREE!

A Festival of the Spanish Language

Teatro de la Luna and the **Washington, D.C. Public Library System** announce the **8th Young People’s Poetry Marathon in Spanish**, an event unique in the United States. Produced through Teatro de la Luna’s **Experience Theater Program**, the marathon is dedicated to maintaining and teaching young people good use and interpretation of the Spanish language. Taking place from 10:00 a.m. until noon over two days, December 10 (elementary students) and 11 (middle and high school students), the Young People’s Marathon in Spanish will be held at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Public Library, 901 G St., NW, Washington, DC, in Auditorium A-5.

Acclaimed area Hispanic poets Luis Alberto Ambroggio and Rei Berroa will join Teatro de la Luna Artistic Director Mario Marcel and Producer Nucky Walder in hosting the marathon.

Teatro de la Luna calls young people from around the metropolitan area together to participate in this Festival of the Spanish Language, either through performing poems they have written in Spanish, or reciting selected poems by published authors. Friends and schoolmates are invited to listen while peers showcase their poetic talents.

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Elementary students participating on the 10th include children from, Bruce-Monroe, H.D. Cooke, Clark, Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Charter School, Latin American Montessori School, Thompson and Powell in D.C. From Virginia come children from Claremont Elementary School and Virginia Home Schooling. On the 11th, young people from ABC Bilingual Community Academy, Bell Multicultural High School, Lincoln and MacFarland Middle Schools, Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Charter School and Washington International School from the District and Gunston Middle School and Teen Parenting Program from Virginia.

Educators interested in their students attending this one-of-a-kind event should call Teatro de la Luna at 202-882-6227 or 703-548-3092 as soon as possible. Participation and entrance to this event is free.

Teatro de la Luna, Northern Virginia's only Spanish-language theater, is celebrating its 17th season this year. Besides its celebrated Young People's Poetry Marathon in Spanish, it also produces plays for adults and young people, conducts workshops, and hosts the Mid-Atlantic area's only International Festival of Hispanic Theater.

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