

# Teatro de la Luna

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**WHAT:** Teatro de la Luna’s 31st Poetry Marathon *(in Spanish)*

**WHO:** Invited Guest Poets and All Lovers of Poetry

FEATURING THIS YEAR’S GUEST POETS

**José Enrique Delmonte & Sofía Estévez** *(República Dominicana)*

**Gabriella Gutiérrez y Muhs & Elizabeth Lara** *(Estados Unidos)*

**Dana Gelinas & Alberto Roblest** *(México)*

**Calixta Gabriel Xiquín** *(Guatemala)*

**Luz Stella Mejía** *(Colombia)*

**Elizabeth Duval** *(España)*

**WHEN &**

**WHERE:**

Friday June 14, 2024 – 1:30 pm – 3.30 pm

**Library of Congress** – Sala Hispana, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Jefferson Building

10 First St SE, Washington DC 20003

(Capitol South – ‘Orange’, ‘Blue’ & ‘Silver’ Metro Station)

Saturday June 15, 2024 – 2pm – 8pm

**Casa de la Luna** 4020 Georgia Ave. NW, Washington DC 20011

(Petworth Metro Station) Street parking.

**TICKETS:** FREE (donations welcomed)

**INFO & RESERVATIONS:** 202-882-6227 or [www.teatrodelaluna.org](http://www.teatrodelaluna.org)

***31st Poetry Marathon “The Pen and the Word”***

*[in Spanish]*

***An Invitation to Area Poets and All Lovers of Poetry***

TEATRO DE LA LUNA is proud to announce its 31st Poetry Marathon in Spanish, *La Pluma y la Palabra* (The Pen and the Word) on June 14 – 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm at the Library of Congress, Sala Hispana, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Jefferson Building and on June 15 – 2 pm to 8 pm at Casa de la Luna, The Poetry Marathon is among several events each year that support La Luna’s mission to

promote Hispanic culture and foster cross-cultural understanding between the Spanish and English-speaking communities in the national capital area.

The poetry marathon, a ground-breaking event in the United States, brings together recognized Spanish American poets –both in and outside the United States– to share their work with the Washington metropolitan area and the whole world poetry community. This year’s Marathon includes readings by our featured poets:

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**Calixta Gabriel Xiquín** (*Guatemala*), **Dana Gelinás & Alberto Roblest** (*México*)  
**Gabriella Gutiérrez y Muhs & Elizabeth Lara** (*Estados Unidos*)  
**Luz Stella Mejía** (*Colombia*)

The theater’s Literary Advisor, Poet and Professor Emeritus Rei Berroa (George Mason University) coordinates the event, which also features open-mike poetry sessions. **Those wishing to participate should submit their poems in Spanish to Teatro de la Luna by email at [info@teatrodelaluna.org](mailto:info@teatrodelaluna.org) by June 8, 2024.**

The book-anthology, edited and selected by Rei Berroa, will be available during the Marathon. The published book will contain the poetry work of each participant poet listed above.

Like in the past, this year’s Marathon is an effort to put Poetry at the center of our lives to help us cope with all the divisive language around us and with the seemingly unending wars that are ravaging the human condition around the world from Ukraine, Syria, and Gaza to Central Africa and South Asia. It is time for all of us to unite in poetic language to bring peace and beauty, hope and understanding to humanity.

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