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## **Colombian Ambassador Pinzón Congratulates President Trump and Vice President Pence**

Washington, DC — Colombian Ambassador to the United States Juan Carlos Pinzón issued the following statement on U.S. President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence being sworn into office:

*"The Embassy of Colombia congratulates President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence on being sworn in to lead the United States of America.*

*"Colombia is proud of the close partnership we have built with the United States and its leaders. It is a strategic alliance that has benefited the United States and Colombia greatly. We have stood together over the years to promote security, peace and prosperity in our two countries and throughout the world.*

*"We look forward to working with the Trump Administration to strengthen our partnership further and achieve even more for our two nations."*

Ambassador Pinzón attended the Presidential Inauguration.

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## Colombian Ambassador Pinzón Congratulates DHS Secretary Kelly

Washington, DC — Colombian Ambassador to the United States Juan Carlos Pinzón issued the following statement on the confirmation of General John Kelly to serve as the next U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security:

*"On behalf of the Embassy of Colombia, we congratulate Secretary John Kelly as he steps in to lead the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.*

*"The close U.S.-Colombia partnership has become one of the most important strategic alliances in our region thanks to the service and commitment from leaders such as Secretary Kelly. In his previous capacity as Commander of the U.S. Southern Command, Secretary Kelly was instrumental in strengthening the bond between our two countries and advancing peace and prosperity throughout Latin America.*

*"We look forward to working with Secretary Kelly and the Trump Administration to ensure the U.S.-Colombia partnership remains strong and prosperous in the years ahead."*

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# COLOMBIA CULTURA

Updates from the Embassy of Colombia on Events in Washington, DC

January 23, 2017

## Embassy-Sponsored Events

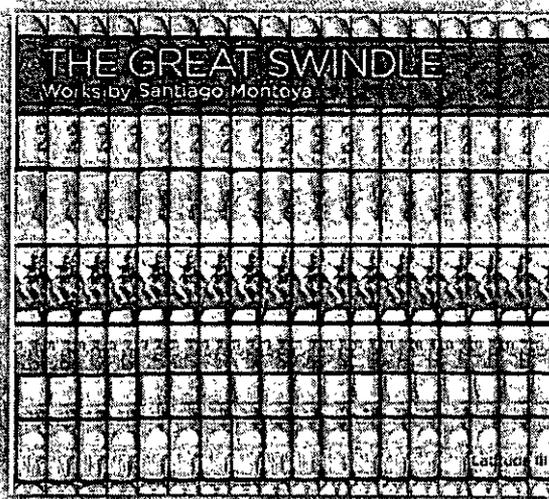
**Now – Sunday, March 26, 2017**  
**“The Great Swindle: Works by Santiago Montoya”**  
**@ Art Museum of the Americas**

The Organization of American States (OAS) AMA | Art Museum of the Americas in collaboration with the Halcyon Gallery, London present “The Great Swindle: Works by Santiago Montoya,” an exhibition curated by José Falconi as part of AMA’s temporary exhibitions program showcasing contemporary artists of OAS member countries.

Colombian artist Santiago Montoya uses paper currency as the base for his work, re-contextualizing one of our most basic and intimate relationships: the relationship with money. Comprised of works that Montoya has made over the last 10 years, “The Great Swindle” exhibition at the OAS AMA | Art Museum of the Americas represents a sustained examination of the complicated, fluid relationships we have with financial systems. “The Great Swindle” is also a journey through the artist’s forays into the materiality of paper bills – raising questions and taking positions on our places within financial systems.

This exhibition is presented in partnership with the Embassy of Colombia.

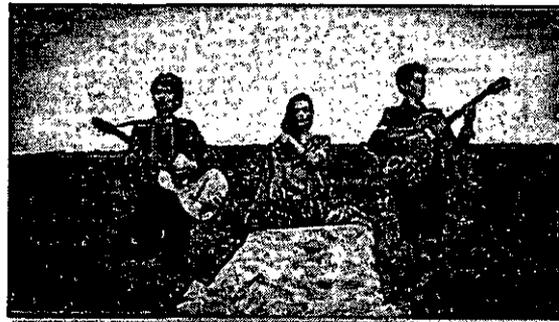
For more information, click [here](#).



## Events Around Town

**Thursday, March 23, 2017**  
**Monsieur Periné Concert**  
**@ The Howard Theatre**

One of the leading bands on Colombia’s new music scene, Monsieur Periné won the Latin Grammy Award for Best New Artist and earned a Grammy Award nomination for their most recent album, “Caja de Música.” Rooted in gypsy jazz and celebrating the tradition of Django Reinhardt,



Monsieur Periné's fresh style adds a variety of Latin elements to the mix. Incorporating genres like cumbia, son, bolero, tango and samba, the band performs on traditional South American instruments from the charango to the bandoneon and Latin percussion.

Doors will open at 6:00 pm, and the concert will start at 8:00 pm. Local Colombian group, los Gaiteros de SanGuashington, will open the concert.

For more information, click [here](#).

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