

COLOMBIA CULTURA

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

July 11, 2017

Embassy-Sponsored Events

Saturday, July 15, 2017
Independence Day Celebration
@ Organization of American States

Don't miss an evening of food and music as the Embassy of Colombia, along with the Colombian General Consulate and the Colombian Mission to the Organization of American States (OAS), host a celebration of Colombian Independence Day (officially observed July 20).

Come enjoy a concert by Mauricio & Palo de Agua, one of the most recognized tropical music bands in Colombia. Mauricio & Palo de Agua, a Bogotá band led by singer Martin Rodriguez, has been playing since 2003. The band will perform different songs Rodriguez has composed, which have had international success, including "Niña," "Canto Caribeño" and "Esa Muchachita," among others. During this year's event, attendees will also have the opportunity participate in a vallenato concert brought to you by the Niños Colombia Vallenata, who will be at the event as part of their U.S. tour.

Ex-lead singer of well-known Colombian band Sin Animo de Lucro and Latin Grammy Nominee, SAMPER, will also participate in the event where he will sing his newest singles and most recognized songs. SAMPER is a artist from Cali, Colombia, that started his soloist career in 2011. He will be singing his most popular singles, including "Volver a Empezar" and "No Te Vuelvo a Perder."

The program begins at 5:00 pm and will be held at the OAS Hall of the Americas, one of the most emblematic event spaces in Washington.

Members of the local Colombian community are eligible to receive free tickets for this event by visiting the Colombian Consulate office in Washington, DC (1724 Massachusetts Avenue, NW).



Sunday, July 16, 2017
International Colombian Festival 2017
@ RFK Stadium



Come celebrate Colombian Independence Day during the second edition of the International Colombian Festival here in Washington, DC. The festival will honor Colombian icon and Latin Grammy Winner Totó la Momposina. Born in Bolívar, Colombia, with Afro-Colombian and indigenous roots, Totó la Momposina epitomizes Colombian culture and folklore and deserves recognition for her lifetime of achievements. Don't miss out on the chance to watch her live performance as well as Niños Colombia Vallenata, a group of young vallenato artists representing the Colombian Caribbean. Attendees will also be able to enjoy other great Colombian artists, including Tribu Baharu. The festival will be a day of music, family activities, children's games, traditional food, arts and crafts and more all at the same venue.

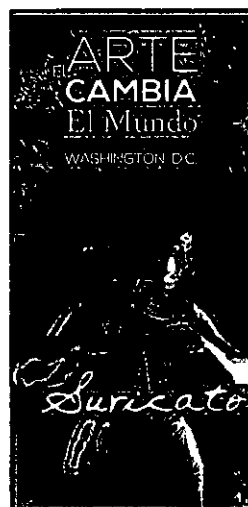
Program starts at 10:00 am.

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

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 – Monday, July 24, 2017

Fernando Montaña & Suricato
@ Annapolis, MD & Washington, DC

The Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of Colombia to the United States, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Staff Association, Marca Pais and World Artists Experiences invite you to enjoy a show by Fernando Montaña and Suricato, as part of their tour in Washington, DC, and Annapolis, MD. They will be performing for the first time together, creating an experience that will combine dance and Colombian jazz for the audience to enjoy.



On July 19, Fernando Montaña and Suricato will perform in Annapolis at the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts (801 Chase Street, Annapolis, MD), the first of the performances in the United States. They will perform at the Maryland Summer Dance Camp on July 20.

You can also enjoy a performance at the National Museum of American History (14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW) on Friday, July 21 and on Monday, July 24 at the IDB Andres Bello Auditorium (1300 New York Avenue, NW) hosted by the Embassy of Colombia and the IDB Staff Association. In addition, the IDB will host another performance on Tuesday, July 25.

Events Around Town

Friday, July 21, 2017
8:00 PM
Silvestre Dangond's "Gente Valiente
World Tour 2017"
@ Echostage



Silvestre Dangond is one of today's most important Colombian vallenato singers. He was born in Urumita, La Guajira, a little town on the Colombian Atlantic coast. Despite his young age, he has been nominated several times for the Latin Grammy Awards and is considered to be the leader of what is known as the "New Wave of Vallenato." He is promoting his new album during his "Gente Valiente World Tour 2017." As part of his U.S. tour, Dangond will perform in Washington, DC, on July 21 at Echostage (2135 Queens Chapel Road, NE).

Doors will open at 6:00 pm, and the concert will begin at 8:00 pm.

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