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Colombia's Tall Ship "ARC GLORIA" to Dock in Boston on Friday

Local Community Invited to Board and Tour the Ship July 29 through July 31

Washington, DC – On Friday, July 28, Colombia's tall ship and the training ship of the Colombian Navy – the "ARC GLORIA" – will arrive at the Port of Boston in Boston Harbor.

When GLORIA arrives at the port on Friday at 8:00 a.m., all are welcome to come greet the ship. The three-mast sailing vessel will be in Boston until the afternoon of Monday, July 31. Beginning on Saturday, July 29 at 9:00 a.m., local residents will have the opportunity to board and tour GLORIA on the following dates. Admission is free and open to the public.

- **Saturday, July 29:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, July 30:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, July 31:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

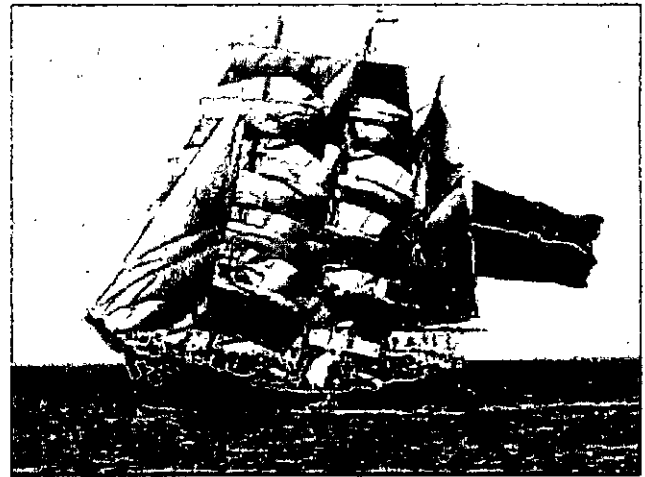


Photo: ARC GLORIA

New Colombian Ambassador to the United States Camilo Reyes, who presented his credentials to President Donald J. Trump at the White House last week, will greet the crew when the ship arrives on Friday.

Coming on the heels of Sail Boston 2017, GLORIA's visit presents an opportunity for the local community to welcome a special group of young Colombian cadets during their goodwill training cruise and to learn more about Colombian culture. On board, the visiting public will have a chance to meet the crew and learn about Colombia's naval traditions. Visitors will also have the chance to view a special exhibition of posters and photographs that display Colombian history, heritage and culture, which includes guided narration, available in English, Spanish and Portuguese. The exhibition was developed by the Colombian Navy in coordination with PROCOLOMBIA, the country's official tourism, foreign investment and export promotion agency.

GLORIA is commanded by Captain Mauricio Echandia and manned by a 154-member crew, including cadets who learn and practice coastal and celestial navigation, the operation of modern navigation and communications equipment, maneuvering with sails and ropes and general seamanship. The cadets also learn to work as a team to raise the ship's 23 sails and brave the

world's seas. Among the crew, there are five foreign official guests from Argentina, Spain, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay, as well as three officers from the Colombian Army, Air Force and National Police.

In November 2018, GLORIA will celebrate 50 years of sailing the seas and delivering the message of international goodwill and friendship to all the continents of the world. The ship's flag has proudly waved in more than 190 ports across the globe, carrying with it the pride of the Colombian people, nobility and a message of peace and progress to the world.

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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

Colombian Royal Ballet Star Fernando Montaña and Jazz Quintet Suricato to Perform at the IDB

“Art Changes the World” Show Integrates Ballet with Afro-Colombian Dance to the Sounds of Jazz

Washington, DC — Tomorrow at 6:00pm ET, the Embassy of Colombia, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Staff Association, Marca Pais and World Artists Experiences, will present “Art Changes the World” – a special performance by Fernando Montaña, Colombian star of The Royal Ballet, and Colombian jazz quintet Suricato at the IDB. Montaña and Suricato will deliver a riveting performance that integrates ballet with Afro-Colombian dance and the new and innovative jazz sounds of Suricato. Performing for the first time together as part of their Washington, DC, and Maryland tour, these renowned Colombian artists are collectively demonstrating the transformative power of the arts and integration of talents and various forms of expression.

In addition to tomorrow night’s performance at the IDB, while in the Washington, DC, area, Montaña and Suricato have performed at the Maryland Hall for the Creative, the Maryland Summer Dance Camp and the National Museum of American.

WHO:

- Fernando Montaña, Colombian star of The Royal Ballet
- Suricato, Colombian jazz quintet

WHEN:

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

6:00pm ET – Doors open

6:30pm ET – Performance begins

WHERE:

Inter-American Development Bank

Andres Bello Auditorium

1300 New York Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20577

NOTE: Please bring a valid ID. In addition, the venue for this performance is not accessible by the street, so you will enter through the main entrance of the IDB, register and go to the ninth floor.

RSVP:

Media should confirm their attendance in advance by contacting Olga Acosta at OAcosta@colombiaemb.org or 202-821-2792.

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