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Mexican Centre ITI (Americas)



Activities 2015 -2016

2014

November

V International Fair of Theatre (5-7 Nov): Presentation of the best companies from the National Meeting Lovers of Theatre in several cities in the state of Chiapas.

The Mexican delegation participated in the 34th World Congress of ITI in Yerevan, Armenia, and included Master Isabel Quintanar, Sonia Enríquez, Ramón Verdugo and Raúl Quintero who contributed to different committees.

December

The General Convention of the Mexican Centre was held at the El Granero Theatre in Mexico City on 8 December, where Master José Solé was honoured with the status of Honorary Member of ITI, as bestowed by the World Congress in Yerevan.

2015

January

XXVII National Meeting Lovers of Theatre (9-26 Jan): Theatre Julio Jiménez Rueda in Mexico City hosted presentations by 38 companies from around Mexico, with an overall attendance of 18 000.

March-April

World Season for Performing Arts, Quetzalcoatl 2015, including the celebration of the International Theatre Day for Children and Young People, the International Puppets Day, the World Theatre Day and

the International Dance Day:

- 21 March: **International Theatre Day for Children and Young People**, ASSITEJ, Mexico, where a Children's Theatre Marathon took place in five scenic spaces of the Centro Cultural del Bosque del INBA, Mexico City.
- 21 March: **International Puppet Day**, with a Puppets' Parade and presentation of artworks in public spaces in the historical centre of Mexico City.
- 21-28 March: Celebrations for the **World Theatre Day** occurred in several states of the Mexican Republic.
- The **National Theatre Fair of Toluca** was organised by the Mexican Centre of ITI in the state of Mexico.
- **World Theatre Day**, Mexican Centre ITI and UNESCO, Theatre El Galeón, Mexico City: included the presentation of the work "Viejas Picardías" by Mario Ficachi, starring actress Teresa Selma; an award of the Medal "Mi Vida en el Teatro" (My life in the Theatre) to the Venezuelan and Mexican actress Teresa Selma and readings of the Messages of the International Theatre Day for Children and Young People, the International Puppets Day, the World Theatre Day and the International Dance Day.
- 29 April: **International Dance Day** was celebrated in several states and venues across the country.

August

On 22 August, the XI Taller de Dramaturgia Comunitaria Mexicana (XI Dramatic Art Workshop Mexican Community), organised by CIDC, took place

World Puppetry Day
Celebration
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and acknowledged the participation of playwrights in the workshop from 28 February to 8 August.

October to November

The 70th anniversary of UNESCO was celebrated and organised by the UNESCO representative in Mexico, placing special emphasis on the relation with the Mexican Centre of ITI. It took place in Fortress of Chapultepec Castle, Mexico City.

From 22-25 October, the XI Festival of Mexican Communal Dramatists took place on the theme "Homenaje a pueblos en extinción" (Tribute to villages toward extinction), organised by the CIDC. This took the form of the presentation of written works in the Dramatic Communal Mexican Art Workshop in Amecameca, Mexico State.

The Mexican ITI Centre visited the City of Cajeme, Sonora from 30 October to 2 November, and celebrated the 30 year anniversary of the career of Master Carlos Valenzuela in the theatre of Sonora.

2016

January

From 8-31 January, the XXVIII National Meeting of Lovers of Theatre took place in Theatre Julio Jiménez Rueda, with 54 companies from across Mexico, and an audience of 22 000.

March

World Season for Performing Arts, Quetzalcoatl 2016

- 19 March: The official celebration of **World Theatre Day** was organised by the Mexican Centre of ITI and the National School of Theatrical Art in the National Centre of Arts, presenting several works from across the country in 5 public spaces simultaneously, including the best works from the National Meeting Lovers of Theatre 2016.
- The Children and Youth Theatre Marathon marked **International Theatre Day for Children and Young People**, organised by the Mexican Centre of ITI and ASSITEJ in the Centro Cultural del Bosque.

- The CIDC Corn Day Party took place in the Community Otomí of San Juan Tlaxcala with the participation of Communal Dramatists on 20-21 March.
- From 19-21 March, celebrations for the **International Puppet Day** included a parade and presentation of puppet performances in different enclosed spaces and in the streets of Mexico City, Jalisco, Toluca and Tepozotlán.
- The **National Fair of Toluca Theatre 2016** took place in the State of Mexico with several works from all over the country including the best of the National Meeting Lovers of Theatre 2016 (20-27 March)
- On 29 March, **World Theatre Day** was marked by a major raffle (Commemorative Ticket for the National Lottery and the Mexican Centre of ITI) on the main stage of the National Lottery in Mexico City, with the distribution and sale of 3 500 000 lottery tickets across the country.
- The World Theatre Day message for 2016 was disseminated in the media, social networks, culture state institutes and dramatic art institutions throughout Mexico.

April

World Season for the Performing Arts,

Quetzalcoatl 2016

- 11 April: Gala Event, Theatre Julio Castillo from Cultural Centre del Bosque, Mexico City, including the presentation of "Rosalba y Los Llaveros" from Emilio Carballido by the Compañía Titular de la Universidad Veracruzana. This was a tribute to the 66 years of the 1st International Festival of Theatre of ITI UNESCO organised by the Mexican Centre in the Palace of Fine Arts in 1950, an event where our illustrious and great dramatist Emilio Carballido made a name for himself with this artwork.
- Awards of acknowledgement were made, including the Highest Award (Presea) "Pilar del Teatro en México" to University Veracruzana, and "Mi Vida en el Teatro" medals to distinguished persons of the different positions, guilds and associations composing the scenic arts of Mexico.

Audiences waiting in the line to take part in the National Meeting of the Theatre Lovers events 2016

Left: XXVII National Meeting Lovers of Theatre 2015
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Above left: General Assembly with Isabel Quintanar, Juan Melia, Jose Sole, etc.

Above right: Group photo of the Theatre Lovers event.

Below left: Theatre Lovers event, below right: ITI Logo on the Lottery Ticket of Dia Mundial del Teatro



- Readings of Messages marking the International Theatre Day for Children and Young People, the International Puppets Day, the World Theatre Day and the International Dance Day, took place.
- 29 April: The celebration and dissemination of the Message for **International Dance Day** occurred across Mexico.

May-June

The Mexican ITI Centre's delegation will attend the 35th World Congress of ITI in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.

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