

# *Hermanos Saiz Association is determined to 'stay young now and forever'*

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Havana, Oct. 9 (RHC)-- The Hermanos Saiz Association (AHS) celebrates its 35th anniversary this coming October 18th. In statements to the press, the association's vice president Yasel Toledo said the campaign's slogan 'Stay Young now and Forever' refers to a phrase spoken by Revolution leader Fidel Castro, during a meeting with members of the organization's National Council back in 1988.

Toledo stressed that amidst Covid-19, Cuban artists have remained active, creating, exchanging and offering their art to Cuban and foreign audiences, especially on television and digital platforms.

The vice president of the Hermanos Saiz Association further stressed that despite the necessary stop in live, in-person cultural activities due to Covid-19, new ways and means have emerged for young Cuban artists to create and promote their works, reaching out to larger audiences across the country and the world.

The program of activities to mark the organization's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary begins on October 11<sup>th</sup> and runs through the 20<sup>th</sup>, coinciding with Cuban Culture Day. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, the actual anniversary, hybrid

activities (virtual and in-person) will take place in all provinces across Cuba. The case of the face-to-face activities with reduced audience, in compliance with measures in place in each territory to stop the spread of the deadly disease.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, seven Cuban artists will be presented with the 'Maestro de Juventudes' Distinction, granted by the Hermanos Saiz Association to artists and researchers with an outstanding work, training young Cubans in the most diverse artistic disciplines.

Recipients of the distinction this time include playwright Senel Paz, theater researcher Vivian Martínez Tabares, choreographer and dancer Miguel Iglesias, critic Manuel López Oliva, the director of the Granma-based 'Guerrilla de Teatreros' theater group René Reyes Blázquez, historian Luis Figueroa Pagé and Cuban showman, jazz maestro Bobby Carcassés.

Other activities include the granting of scholarships and other prizes to young artists, a commemorative stamp issue of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hermanos Saiz Association, literary presentations, exhibitions and audiovisual premieres.

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