

# *‘Libro a la carta’ dedicated to National Hero José Martí*

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Havana, Jan. 25 (RHC) -- The cultural program ‘Libro a la carta’ on January 27<sup>th</sup> will be dedicated to Cuban National Hero José Martí on the 169<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. Cuban researcher and essayist Marlene Vázquez Pérez will be the guest of the event, conducted by journalist and critic Fernando Rodríguez Sosa.

Those attending the event at the Fayad Jamís bookstore will be able to purchase Vázquez Pérez’s book *La vigilia perpetua: Martí en Nueva York* and other texts compiling José Martí’s works, published by the José Martí Studies Center.

A thorough researcher of José Martí’s life and work, Vázquez Pérez holds a PhD in Literary Sciences from the University of Havana. She received the 2003 Dador Award from the Cuban Book Institute and the 2014 Bolívar-Martí Journalism Award granted by the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Cuba for her valuable work in disseminating José Martí’s thought through print and digital journalism.

‘Libro a la carta’ is a monthly space created by Rodríguez Sosa in 2000 at the Fayad Jamís Bookstore –a space to promote dialogue with and the work of contemporary Cuban writers.

And, as tribute to Cuban national Hero José Martí on his 169<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary this January 28<sup>th</sup>, solidarity with Cuba organizations in Morocco and the Cuban embassy in Rabat have announced the José

Martí Cultural Award.

The Cuban diplomatic mission in Morocco called on those interested, professional or amateur artists alike to submit works: paintings, drawings, poetry and essays inspired by the Cuban national hero, his thought and vast revolutionary or literary work.

Entries will be received via e-mail at the Cuban embassy in Rabat at [culturacubamaroc22@gmail.com](mailto:culturacubamaroc22@gmail.com)

Deadline is January 28<sup>th</sup>. The winning works will be posted on the social network profiles of the Cuban Embassy in Morocco.

The José Martí Cultural Award is sponsored by the Embassy of Cuba in Morocco, the Association of Friendship and Solidarity between Morocco and Latin America, and the Association of Cubans and Moroccans in France.

A fervent revolutionary, José Martí organized the 1895 war against Spanish colonialism.

During his short, but fruitful life, Martí was also a politician, diplomat, essayist, journalist, poet, translator and professor.

He was killed in combat in Dos Rios, while fight Spanish colonialists on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1895.

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