

International Spring Festival opens in Havana today



Havana, March 10 (RHC) -- An electroacoustic music installation dedicated to late Cuban composer, Juan Blanco, will today open the 14th International Spring Festival in Havana, which will be held until Sunday. The exhibition by visual artist Milton Raggi will be shown at the Havana based Casa de las Américas cultural institution, also the venue of the performance 'Cirkus Toccatta' (electroacoustic and percussion), by artists Juliet Abreu and Manuel Jiménez, and a concert by Electrozona, D'Joy de Cuba and Kike Wolf, according to Prensa Latina news agency.

During the music gathering's second day, the Ludwig Foundation will be hosting an electroacoustic concert, starring international performers from the Institute for Computer Music and Techno Sound from the Arts University in Zurich, Switzerland. The concert will include the performance of Eric Larrieux (United States), Ken Gubler (Switzerland), José Yépez-Pino (Ecuador), Carlos Hidalgo (Colombia), Sébastien Béranger (France), Jesús Ortega and Nicola Fumo Frattegiani (Italy) and Ricardo de Armas and Sebastian Ernesto Pafundo (Argentina). The event will bring pieces from 21 countries and days of excellent electroacoustic and electronic music dedicated to the centenary of the birth of Juan Blanco, a pioneer of electroacoustic music in Cuba.

Also on the guest list: Belgian composer Annette Vande Gorne, Spanish pianist Sonia Carrillo and Valencia Higher Music Conservatory founding professor, Gregorio Jiménez. They will be joined by US composer Mikel Kuehn and electrical engineer Marshall Wilson, as well as Peruvian percussionist

Cristóbal Hernán, and guitarists Ángel Blanco (Mexico) and Mauricio Fonseca (Costa Rica) from Latin America.

The first edition of Primavera en La Habana or Spring in Havana was held in 1981, then with the name of Primavera in Varadero or Spring in Varadero, as a result of the tenacity of Juan Blanco, who always dreamed of a space for electroacoustic musical creation.

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