

# *The remains of Rosita Fornés are already in Cuba*

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Havana, June 15 (RHC) - The remains of renowned Cuban dancer, singer and actress Rosita Fornés arrived on the island by plane in line with her last wish.

The information was confirmed on Monday by Deputy Culture Minister, Fernando Rojas, who is also the President of the Performing Arts Council. A few hours ago, Cuban ambassador to the United States, José Ramón Cabañas, commented on his Twitter account: 'the plane carrying the remains of Rosita Fornés has departed. Our respect to her family and thanks to all who helped fulfill her last wish to rest in #Cuba.' Fornés passed away on June 10 in the US, but to fulfill the outstanding dancer's, singer's and actress' last wish, her remains will rest in Cuba, at Colón Cemetery, in Havana, in her family's pantheon.

A Culture Ministry communiqué has informed how the funeral and burial of the popular artist will take place. Since Monday morning, on the portal of Havana's Grand Theater Alicia Alonso, the stage of many of Fornés' performances, the so called 'Vedette of Cuba' has been receiving the tribute of dozens of Cubans who lay wreaths and flowers. The flow of public continues in line with the necessary discipline to protect citizens in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.

Rosita Fornés' funeral will take place on Tuesday, June 16, at the Martí Theater in Havana, an emblematic site where the Cuban star shone more than anyone else. Family members, friends, personalities from the cultural sphere and from civil society organizations will pay tribute to the renowned

artist.

The ceremony will be broadcast live on National Television and Cuban Radio. All necessary sanitary measures have been taken to guarantee the most worthy tribute to Fornés, who was also a National Theater, Music and Television Award winner.

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