

Cuba to host the 36th edition of the Boleros de Oro International Festival

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Havana, June 7 (RHC)-- The 36th edition of the Boleros de Oro International Festival will take place from June 15 to 18 in Cuba, with additional presentations in several provinces.

At a press conference in the Villena Hall of the Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba (Uneac), the president of the organizing committee, José Loyola, stressed that the event will feature performances by renowned singers of the genre, in a confluence of established performers and young exponents.

Guest artists from Colombia, Mexico, Spain, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and Argentina will participate. The event is dedicated to the 140th anniversary of Tristeza, the first bolero composed by Santiago-born José "Pepe" Sánchez in 1883.

It will also commemorate the centenaries, respectively, of America's Vedette, Rosita Fornés (1923-2020), and Dominican Alberto Beltrán (1923-1997), known as "El negrito del Batey".

In addition, the festival will pay tribute to Cuban singers Elena Burke (1928-2002) and Pacho Alonso (1928-1982), on the 95th anniversary of their birth. It will also evoke the musical transcendence of singer-songwriter and renowned bolero singer Pablo Milanés, on his 80th anniversary.

This musical event, founded in 1987, is sponsored by the Uneac Musicians Association.

The theoretical event Coloquio Boleros de Oro, chaired by Alicia Valdés, author of the Diccionario de mujeres notables en la música cubana (Dictionary of Notable Women in Cuban Music), will be added to the program of galas and presentations.

Under the umbrella of this festival, composers, researchers, artists and specialists from the island and other countries will meet to discuss and analyze the evolution of the bolero.

It is one of the most popular and widespread musical genres in Latin America and the world, one of the reasons why it was declared National Cultural Heritage.

The main venue of this festival will be the Covarrubias hall of Havana's National Theater and this year the bolero event, after almost five years, resumes its international scope, after the pandemic, according to what was announced at the press conference (Source: Prensa Latina).

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