



Years of Community Service

Thank you for your generous contribution to support the Argentine Festival. It makes an enormous impact in our ability to sustain all levels of participation. Our identity with Arlington County helps to provide, produce, and present annual musical arts programs, to support outlets for expression by amateur or underprivileged artists in advancing their careers and offer ticket-donations at a price that enables all socio-economic groups to attend our annual events for the Benefit of Schools and the social sectors.

Your demonstrated participation and community interest generate support and your generosity over the last years has allowed the Festival Argentino to serve our community better. It is also worth mentioning that President Obama presented the Gold Presidential Volunteer Award 2012 and 2010 Call to Service Award to Daniel Manzoni, Director. These Awards are in recognition for an accumulation of 8,000 volunteer service hours in a lifetime for Festival Argentino and was selected the Best Top 5 and Top 100 in the USA of 120,000 nominees. In addition, we received the support of the Embassy of Argentina. We thank you ALL!

Over the years, we have held our celebration in a variety of locations, from the Columbia Pike Library to outdoor extravaganzas in Barcroft Park to indoor venues like the Thomas Jefferson Theater. With your ongoing help we will continue to add local performers, support young and careers artists from around the United States and from Argentina. Our community festival features classic Argentinean performances of folklore, tango, pop and rock. It also displays exhibitions and booths which feature other aspects of Argentine cultural traditions. The Festival helps Argentine-Hispanic families and their children to maintain their cultural identity, provides promotion for full and partial scholarships to Argentine students, and gives aid to schools in Argentina. The festival helps spread the national culture and promotes spectacular integral musical and dance shows in the United States through its annual festival in Arlington, Virginia. The crowd, a veritable American melting pot, is attracted by the Argentine and local artists, volunteer-hospitality, typical foods, and products offered by sponsors and exhibitors who help to spread our country's culture and to develop a "cultural industry for the arts." The Festival attracted more than 36,000 participants, 270 artists and reaches out through media collaboration scripts to more than 1 million people in the last 26 years of community service.

Many of the Argentine groups that have been at the Festival have been made up of top-class artists which show the customs and geographical diversity of our country. These groups belong to the Tango, Folklore, Rock, Pop, Melodic and we can present those artists as follows: Teresa Parodi, Manuela Bravo, Revelación Folklórica 96'de Còsquin "Las Voces Blancas", El Chango Nieto, Los Cuatro de Córdoba, Nito Mestre, Los Látigos Santiagueños, Pancho Figueroa "Un Canto Chalchalero", César Isella "Canción con Todos", Las Cinco Voces, Yamal, Facundo Saravia, Los Musiqueros Entrerrianos, Victorio Menghi, Judit Vitores, Pedro y Laura "Los Pampas"; Cristian Perez's Dale Project & 10 musicians, Miguel Dure, Pampas Cortes, Daniel Bouchet, Son Ellas y Mariana Cayón.

We normally extent invitation DIRECT and LIVE from Argentina SHOW: We have had the famous tango Singer from Argentina Roberto Leiva, Esteban Córdoba Pop, Los Ceibales Chalchalero Music, the local argentine musician Cristian Perez, the Capital Tangueros TinoBastidas & Susan Reynolds, Latin Dancer Inc., Patricio Lizárraga & Nadine Fricke, Carlos Gutierrez & Sara, and many more will be coming from US and Latin America!

PLUS we normally provide benefits when getting in advanced the Ticket-Donation which will include a Raffle and times on Airlines, including discounts handling fees if you get in advanced the annual ticket-donation at \$20 dollars. At the door it will increase to \$30 dollars. You can now become a friend by sending us an email at info@festivalargentinousa.com

It is our hope that you and our many supporters will be joining us for this Anniversary event in our final program, as well as in the future. This will help to continue to improve the cultural development of our community.

International programming of the festival is made possible through the generosity of the Embassy of Argentina, Argentine Committee-VA, Arlington County through the Cultural Affairs Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources and the Arlington Commission for the Arts www.ArlingtonArts.org; TJ Theater, sponsors, artists, exhibitors, media and volunteers. Festival Argentino is partially supported by funding from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. SAVE THE DAY! Saturday, Mid -May at The Thomas Jefferson Theatre.

Warmly,

Daniel Manzoni, Director

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