

Building cultural bridges between the United States and Cuba through exchange programs in the Arts

Together We Can Bring the Best of Cuban Culture to New York!

Dear Friend,

This year, American Friends of the Ludwig Foundation of Cuba (AFLFC) is celebrating 15 years building cultural bridges between the U.S. and Cuba through exceptional exchange programs and projects in the arts. During these years, we have witnessed amazing career growth from artists and art professionals in both countries who participated in our programs. This milestone couldn't arrive at a more hopeful and exciting time – the recent changes in diplomatic relations between both nations will advance our impactful work.

To celebrate AFLFC's 15th anniversary we are producing the **Cuban Culture Festival New York** (CCFNY), a major celebration of visual and performing arts being hosted by important institutions throughout the city beginning Feb. 24, 2015. The 16th *Havana Film Festival New York* April 9 – 19, will be part of CCFNY, bringing the most outstanding films from Cuba, Latin America and the Caribbean to an international audience here in New York, fostering appreciation of Latino culture through film.

We need your support to meet our \$250,000 goal and make these programs a reality. The next page has suggestions for giving and naming opportunities. Your donation is fully tax-deductible. Please be as generous as possible and help us realize our plans for a successful *Cuban Culture Festival New York*. Together we can create a powerful impact at this critical time in U.S. - Cuba relations.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the festival. Tickets are now available for Americas Society, The Joyce Theater, BAM, and will shortly be available for the Havana Film Festival New York and Symphony Space. We suggest you purchase tickets as soon as possible as we expect many events to be sold out.

February 24 – Willanny Darias, brilliant young Cuban pianist will open the festival with a classical concert at Americas Society, 7 pm. For information: as-coa.org/events/concert-cuban-pianist-willanny-darias

March 3–8 – Malpaso Dance Company returns to The Joyce Theater with the New York premiere of a new work by artistic director Osnel Delgado with live music composed by GRAMMY-award winning Arturo O'Farrill and his Afro Latin Jazz Ensemble. For information and schedule: joyce.org/performance/malpaso-dance-company-2

March 20–31 – Brooklyn Academy of Music's BAMcinématek, in partnership with our Havana Film Festival New York (HFFNY), will feature *Cuba: Golden 60s*, a showcase of unique post-1959 films by Cuban directors. Complementing this program, March 27 and 28 BAMcafé Live will present rapper/poet Telmary, Cuban underground music movement shining star. For information and schedule: BAM.org/CubanCulture

March 27 – The Bronx Museum of the Arts will host Havana Film Festival New York's annual free kick-off event with a film screening followed by a dance party with live music, 6 pm. For information: bronxmuseum.org/events or HFFNY.com

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April 9–19 – The Havana Film Festival New York will offer an excellent overview of Latino stories featuring the latest films, award-winners and box office hits from Cuba, Latin America and the Caribbean, unique Cuban music documentaries, films for children and a cinematic tribute to Gabriel García Marquez. Filmmakers will be invited to the festival to introduce their films and participate in special events. For information and schedule: HFFNY.com

April 27 – May 30 – Carlos Quintana, internationally acclaimed Cuban artist, will have his first New York solo exhibition at The National Arts Club. For information: nationalartsclub.org

April 29 – ArtOnCuba magazine will be launched in New York at The National Arts Club. For information: oncubamagazine.com/art-encuba-en

May 1 & 2 – Arturo O’Farrill and his Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra will present *Musica Nueva 7* at Symphony Space. They will premiere works from their latest album, *The Conversation Continued*, recently recorded in Cuba. For information: afrolatinjazz.org

May 23 through June – Yoan Capote, award-winning Cuban artist will have a solo exhibition at Jack Shainman Galleries in Chelsea. For information: jackshainman.com.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact us at 212.687.2146 or info@AFLFC.org

Sincerely,



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