



Cultural News



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It's carnival time, time to celebrate. Colombia has more than 25 festivals and fairs in the different regions of the country. In February, one of the most famous carnivals in the world begins, The Carnival of Barranquilla. We invite you to experience the festive atmosphere that exists in our country throughout the year. Get to know our festivities that go from January to December:

<https://www.radionacional.co/cultura/ferias-y-fiestas/programate-para-el-proximo-ano-fiestas-colombianas-mes-mes>

In this edition we take a tour of our activities during 2022, and we start the year with two very special activities.



Photo: Colombia Visible (Carnaval
de Blancos y Negros)

Agenda



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Activities

Colombia at the 'Mozartwoche' Festival


The Iberacademy Orchestra, the same that in 2022 made two tours in Europe and was participating in the Mozart+Fest in Salzburg, returns to Austria to be part of the 'Mozartwoche' Festival -Mozart Week- to be held from January 26 to February 5

The Mozarteum Foundation will be the main stage of the Iberacademy Orchestra, under the direction of maestro Alejandro Posada

 February 4th

 11:00 am

 Concert Hall of the Mozarteum Foundation, Schwarzstrasse 26 5020 Salzburg

 More information:
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Indigenous Art Serranía de la Lindosa Exhibition Extinctions!?

Colombia will participate with indigenous art inspired in the Serranía de la Lindosa with the reproduction of a mural in the WeltMuseum as part of the exhibition, and during the year we will hold workshops by Juan Muñoz (curator).

The objective of the workshops is to show the indigenous work located in Colombian territories and working with pictorial techniques; The central theme is the protection of works of archaeological value and simultaneously with the social and environmental context in which they are found.

 Inauguration February 23rd

 Welt Museum, Heldenplatz 1010 Wien

 More information:
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Photo: Mozarteum



Photo: Colprensa- Arte rupestre- Serranía de La Lindosa, Colombia

OUR EVENTS IN 2022

Conversatory Juan Gabriel Vásquez

Latin American Literature in Austria

Juan Gabriel Vásquez is one of the most important contemporary storytellers in Latin America. Vásquez achieved international success with his novel *Los Informantes* (2004).

The Colombian Embassy in Austria, Lateinamerikaforschung Austria, the Austrian PEN Club and the Weltmuseum Wien invited Juan Gabriel Vásquez to Austria to speak about his works in April 2022.



Photos by Juan Manuel Vargas / EL TIEMPO



Encanto animated film
from Disney inspired by
Colombia

CONCERT Tras las huellas de Gabo

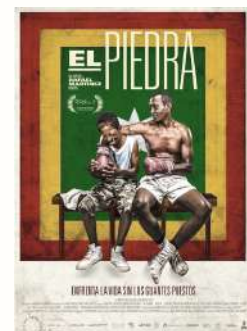
The Instituto Cervantes, from the initiative to promote culture in the Spanish language, organized the concert "Tras las Huellas de Gabo".

A musical-literary journey that is the product of an investigation carried out by the tenor Alejandro Escobar, who analyzed the geographical movements, cities and countries that influenced Gabo's work, from Aracataca to Mexico City.



Colombian Cinema

The Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the Ibero-American embassies, organized a week dedicated to dialogue between these countries, also bringing the Czech public closer to our culture. During 2022, the Instituto Cervantes in Prague hosted a selection of films from Mexico, Peru and Colombia. From our country, the film "El Piedra" by director Rafael Martínez Moreno was presented, who tells the story of the boxer from Cartagena, Reynaldo Salgado and his son. In Vienna, we participated in the Ibero-American Film Showcase at the Instituto Cervantes and we had Colombian film nights at the Embassy.



Unibirds tour in Austria and Czech Republic

DID YOU KNOW THAT COLOMBIA HAS THE GREATEST DIVERSITY OF BIRDS IN THE WORLD?

Unibirds was a visual revelation of our environment, a connection to nature through birds. Thanks to the technology of the ArtVive mobile application, Colombian artists Sergio Mantilla and Miguel Chaparro managed to make viewers experience the behavior of birds. Since 2020 the exhibition has been in different cities in Austria and Czech Republic.



Soma Difusa in Calle Libre festival 2022

The Calle Libre 2022 Festival had the motto "Regeneration", based on the importance of going beyond sustainability, towards the regeneration of people, communities and entire ecosystems.

Different murals were created to reflect these values in an area where a new housing district will be built in Vienna.

The artist Soma Difusa and all the festival artists used this space to express the vision of a green, ecological and socially sustainable future.

We invite you to take a walk down the street and see the result of the more than 20 artists, who painted their murals at the Nordwestbahnhof station in Vienna.

This was an activity of the Plan for the Promotion of Colombian Abroad.

Place: Nordwestbahnhof, 1020



The Great National Online Concert "Armonías Somos"



In July 2022 the cultural diversity of the country was celebrated.

A scenario led by the Ministry of Culture as a strategy to reference and support the talents of the national territory.

New Ibero-American Photography in Bratislava and Zagreb



The Embassy as a member of the Iberoamerican Club of Vienna presented the exhibition "New photography in Iberoamericana". The exhibition (36 photographs by 27 contemporary artists, from 17 countries) shows the reality of miscegenation and the quality enjoyed by the visual arts in IberoAmerica. Among the artists was Colombian Javier Vanegas, who exhibited his WÜIN project. The exhibition started in Vienna, visited Bratislava in April and ended in Zagreb.

COLOMBIA AT THE IBERICA FESTIVAL

The Festival of Ibero-American Culture, "Ibérica", brought us experiences of music, art and gastronomy. The closure in June 2022, was in charge of the Colombian Concha Bernal in the courtyard of the old town hall of Brno in the Czech Republic. The singer took a tour of the music of the Caribbean. This was part of the Promotion Plan of Colombia Abroad.



YOUNG PHILHARMONIC FROM COLOMBIA IN CONCERT

The Colombian Youth Philharmonic has always been characterized by innovating in staging and offering the public an experience in which different fields of art coexist. In June 2022, they did a tour through Europe. One of the performances was in the Vienna Konzerthaus, the concert featured a staging in which the musicians, in addition to playing their instrument, expressed themselves through their bodies in a performative act. Stravinsky's works were placed with symbols of Colombian culture: The Rite of Spring, with the Legend of "El Dorado", and in Petrushka, was inspired by the Carnival of Barranquilla.



II Colombian Week in Praga

In the summer of 2022, Prague dressed in the colors of Colombia during the celebration of the second Colombian week organized by AsoCol that took place from July 23 to August 6, dancing to the rhythm of cumbia and vallenato.



Long Nights of Interculturality

Since 2018, ICDO organizes the week of interculturality. In 2022, Colombia participated in:

- In the opening, that hosts a sample of more than 190 traditional costumes from more than 35 countries around the world. We participated with typical costumes from different regions of the country.

-Art exhibition "Cultural Diversity and Peace"

The art exhibition aimed to artistically explore and convey ideas about peace and diversity. Colombia participated with two exhibitions:

- **Mani-Fiesta by Pedro Ruiz**

Interactive art exhibition where the viewer was invited to take photos with the works by sending a Pro-Nature message on social networks. Mani-Fiesta aimed to raise awareness about the importance of protecting biodiversity and our planet.

- **Unibirds, the universe of birds in Colombia**

This exhibition, by MA+CH Studio, a collaboration between Sergio Mantilla and Miguel Chaparro, was the result of extensive research in association with the Alexander von Humboldt Institute. The works are a combination of analog and digital printing technologies, an interactive experience that reveals the biodiversity of Colombia through birds.

Exhibition Women in IberoAmerica, Photographic perspectives for a new century:

The Colombian artist Ruby Rumié participated with her project *Tejiendo Calle*, who hand in hand with other Ibero-American artists sought to pay tribute to the women of our region. This year the exhibition will continue its tour in Bratislava and Zagreb.



Photo: Artista Ruby Rumié y modelos, Periódico El Universal



Photo: Galería NH, Obras Tejiendo Calle, Artista Ruby Rumié



Photo: Obra, Aracuara, 2009, acrílico sobre madera, 45,5*41 cm, serie Oro, Pedro Ruiz



Piece: Currucutú manchado
Técnica: Impreso - Medios digitales mixtos + RA
Parte de la serie Disclosure RA Unibirds de Studio MA+CH

United Nations Women's Guild International Festival Charity Bazaar

On December, the "International Festival Charity Bazaar" returned, organized by UNWG.

Colombia participated in the food section and in the handicrafts section. Mochilas, Mompox filigree earrings, jewelry inspired by pre-Columbian times, and handmade products were found.



Concert Night of the Little Candles



Pablo Rojas de los Ríos, pianist

Last December, we celebrated the holidays traditions of Colombia with a concert of carols by Pablo Rojas, pianist, Julián Henao, tenor and guests. This concert allowed us to share our culture with people of different nationalities.

Julián Henao González, tenor



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