

Cultural News Colombia

BIODIVERSITY MONTH



Embajada de Colombia
en Austria

As June is the month of biodiversity, we want to exalt the beauty of Colombia's fascinating landscapes in the pages of this edition and celebrate the fact that we are one of the most biodiverse countries in the world. In this newsletter you will find a variety of events in Austria and in our concurrences related to Colombian culture, ranging from rock art in the Serranía de la Lindosa to performances of classical music with a Colombian touch. We invite you to participate!



Caño Cristales, Meta. Photo: Mincomercio

Agenda

Plan ahead with us!

June

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🎵 **June 2:** Concert: "Music of the new world: Colombia".
Andreia and Juan. Vienna, Austria.

🎵 **June 3:** Concert: Duo Laura Aya and Jairo Morales.
Vienna, Austria.

🏪 **June 3:** Colombian market at Gauker Fest.
Frohnleiten, Austria.

🏪 **June 10:** The Food & Culture Embassy Festival.
Prague, Czech Republic.

🎵 **June 19:** Concert: Teresita Gómez. Vienna, Austria.

🌿 **June 16-26:** Festival IBÉRICA. Czech Republic.

🖼️ **June:** Exhibition: "Gehen und bleiben": María
Consuelo Vargas. Melk Abbey, Austria.



Events of the Embassy of Colombia

✦ Teresita Gómez - The Grand Dame of Piano in concert ✦



In cooperation with the association Mundo Redondo, the Embassy of Colombia in Vienna is pleased to invite you to a performance by the legendary Colombian pianist **Teresita Gómez**, considered by many to be the best pianist in Colombia. The concert will take place in **Vienna on Monday, June 19 at the ORF RadioKulturhaus** and will be a prelude to the First Festival of Classical Music of the Regions.



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June 19

18:30

Radio Kulturhaus, Großer Sendesaal, Argentinierstraße 30A, Vienna



Valle de Cocora, Quindío.

Photo: Mark Watson

Teresita Gomez's life is as extraordinary as her art and talent. Teresita discovered her passion for the piano at the early age of 4. Teresita had to learn to play this instrument in secret. Her undeniable talent and great dedication made her give her first concert as a soloist at the age of 10 years old.

Teresita Gómez has positioned herself as one of the most emblematic figures of classical music in Colombia and all Latin America.

In addition to her career as a pianist, she has left a legacy as a university professor, transmitting her passion for art and and classical piano to younger generations. We invite you not to miss the opportunity to witness the magic of one of the best pianists in the history of Colombia!



More information:



✦ Exhibition "Extinctions!?" - Rock art of the Serranía de la Lindosa ✦

On February 21, the exhibition "Extinctions!?" of the TAKING CARE Project opened at the Weltmuseum Wien. This exhibition questions the usual stories about extinction and retells them from other perspectives. Colombia participates with indigenous art from the Serranía de la Lindosa with a reproduction of a mural by Colombian artist **Juan Muñoz**. The exhibition has **free admission** and will be on display until April 2, 2024.



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Until April 2nd
2024

Weltmuseum,
Vienna

More information:



On May 23rd, the first Rock Art/Gipri workshop on the indigenous art of the Serranía de la Lindosa in Colombia was held. Surrounded by a reproduction of a mural of the Lindosa, attendees were transported to the Colombian Guaviare and were able to reflect on this impressive and mysterious archaeological monument. The event was led by Juan Muñoz (Organización Mundo Redondo), in charge of the elaboration of the replica, who provided an entertaining historical, anthropological and artistic tour of rock art in South America. The afternoon ended with a practical exercise in which the attendees were able to make their own replicas of the mural and experience the complexity of this thousands of years old art. The next workshop will be held on **September 19**.



Parque Nacional del Chiribiquete, Guaviare

Photo: APECO



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MACON

Maria Consuelo Vargas de Speiss

GEHEN UND BLEIBEN | SALIR Y QUEDARSE



From April 1 to January 6, 2024, the art exhibition "Gehen und bleiben" by Colombian artist María Consuelo Vargas (**MACON**) will be on display at **Melk Abbey (Austria)**. Macon's paintings portray people in search of a better life and a better future. **Free admission.**



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| Since April 1st | 9:00-16:00 | Melk Abbey (Austria) |

The paintings tell of sharing, leaving and emigrating. They illustrate the inner conflict with faith, dignity and identity. Her works express the many emotions associated with this battle, such as courage, fear and helplessness. Yet they also show confidence, longing and joy. All this while maintaining a primary focus on the human being as an individual (Tanja Skorepa, 2022, curator of the exhibition).



More information:



Mit freundlicher Unterstützung



Our artists share with us

✦ New World Music: Colombia ✦



Within the framework of the initiative "Dialog Der Kulturen", Josefstadt presents "Music of the New World" in support of the Austrian Latin American Institute (LAI) and the German-Spanish Cultural Review Austria. On **June 2**, the Colombian duet "**Andreia y Juan**" will perform at the Galerie Am Roten Hof. Andrea Gómez "Andreia", will delight us with her voice and folkloric instruments while Juan Pulido will be in charge of the piano. **Free admission.**



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June 2

20:00

Galerie am Roten Hof,
Piaristengasse 1, Vienna



El Cocuy

Photo: Parques Nacionales

✦ Laura Aya, live from Vienna ✦

Colombian singer and dancer **Laura Aya** is a sensation on the Latin music scene in Austria. Based in Vienna for 7 years, Laura gained fame thanks to her successful participation in The Voice 2019, where she won second place in the renowned competition. Laura represents the talent and charisma of Colombia and Latin America on every stage she performs. This month, Laura will give a series of concerts in Vienna including a duet with Jairo Morales on **June 3** at the "Music of the New World" event. Below you will find the rest of the dates.



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June 3

19:00

Studio Vida, Lange
Gasse 45, Vienna

El Cocuy

Photo: Maurice Leibovich

Colombia, present at the IBÉRICA Festival



Plaza de Bolívar, Bogotá.

Photo: Alejandra Zapata



The Festival of Ibero-American Cultures in the Czech Republic, **IBÉRICA**, celebrates its 20th edition with music, dance, gastronomy and film events. The festival will take place from **June 16-26** in six different cities (Prague, Brno, Vyškov, Čechy pod Kosířem, Zdouanky, Velké Opatovice).

Throughout these 20 years, IBÉRICA has positioned itself as the largest platform for the dissemination of Ibero-American culture, not only in the Czech Republic, but also in the Central European region. As has been the case every year, the festival will feature the participation of various Colombian artists.

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | PLACE |
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| Laura Aya's Concert | June 17 | 22:30 | Špilberk Castle, Brno (Czech Republic) |
| Dance Workshops Álvaro Vargas | June 16-19 June 24-25 | 15:30-17:00 | Iberoamerican Zone, Brno |
| "MadreMonte" Play Verónica Všianská | June 25 | 16:00 | Iberoamerican Zone, Brno |



The Colombian participation in IBÉRICA 2023 will be headed by the concert of the Colombian singer **Laura Aya** at the "After Party" celebrating the 20th Anniversary, on June 17 at the Špilberk Castle in Brno after the traditional Gala Concert.

Another Colombian representation will be the participation of the Bogotan choreographer and dancer **Álvaro Vargas**, who will give workshops on salsa, Latin rhythms and Argentine tango in the Iberoamerican Zone in Brno the weekends of 16 to 19 of June and 24 to 25 of June. Finally, "MadreMonte", the legendary play of Colombian mythology will be presented on June 24 by the actress **Veronika Všianská** and her Micro-Theater as part of the program prepared by Zona Iberoamericana for the IBÉRICA festival.

More information:



Monserate, Bogotá.

Photo: Felipe Restrepo Acosta



✦ Colombian products at Gaukler Fest ✦



On **June 3**, the Gaukler Fest will be held in Frohnleiten, a town located in the province of Styria. In addition to the main show of jugglers, the festival will feature the presence of several **Colombian entrepreneurs**. An event inspired by joy from a multicultural point of view.

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| June 3 | 10:30-20:00 | Hauptplatz, Frohnleiten (Austria) |

✦ Mundo Redondo at Südwindstrassenfest ✦

The Mundo Redondo organization will be at the Südwindstrassenfest in Vienna this June 3 and 4 with a program of presentations, talks and exhibition of platforms and projects in progress and under construction. Climate, democracy, conscious consumption, artistic expressions, culture, science, health and sustainability are some of the topics that will be discussed.



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| June 3 | 14:00-23:00 | Campus Universität Wien, Vienna |
| June 4 | 12:00-20:00 | |

✦ Polinizadorxs Mural - Soma Difusa ✦

Desierto de la Tatacoa, Huila.



Last year, as part of the Plan for Promotion Abroad, the Embassy of Colombia in Austria invited the muralist Soma Difusa to participate in the urban art festival Calle Libre (Vienna), which is the largest of its kind in Central Europe. More than 20 artists from all over the world painted their murals at the **former Nordwestbahnhof station in Vienna's 2nd district**, with the theme of "regeneration". Soma Difusa made a mural with Colombian endemic flowers with human bodies, titled Polinizadorxs. We invite you to visit all the murals, especially the one from Colombia.





✦ The Food & Culture Embassy Festival, Praga ✦

The Food & Culture Embassy Festival is an international street food event, where countries are represented by their embassies, consulates or chambers of commerce. It is a unique occasion in which many countries participate. Organized jointly by the Prague 6 City Hall and Farmers' Markets, the festival presents authentic dishes, while farmers guarantee quality ingredients and high standards. The festival is **free of charge** and will take place in Prague on **June 10**.

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| June 10 | 8:00-20:00 | Kulaťák Street Market, Prague (CZ) |



✦ The Austrian-Latin American choir presents "Cantaremos!" ✦

The Austrian-Latin American choir presents its summer concert "Cantaremos!", where they will perform Latin and Austrian compositions under the direction of Luis Carlos Muñoz Segovia. The date for this event is **Wednesday, June 14, 2023** in the festival hall of the district administration of Alsergrund (Vienna).

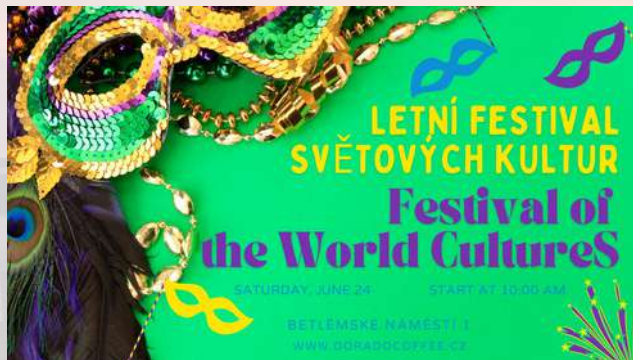
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| June 14 | 19:30 | Währingerstraße 43, 1090, Vienna |



Nuquí, Chocó.



✦ Festival of World Cultures, Prague ✦



The "Festival of World Culture" celebrates Prague's multicultural diversity by showcasing different carnivals from around the world. The event will feature various interactive activities, such as carnival mask making, dance classes and food from around the world. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the cultural significance of different carnival traditions from around the world, including Brazil, **Colombia**, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, Venice and many more. This event is a celebration of multiculturalism and a reminder of the power of diversity.



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June 24

From 10:00

Betlémské Náměstí,
Prague (CZ)

✦ Pragatá, Countries and Regions Exhibition ✦

"Pragatá" is the performance installation that will represent Colombia at the Prague 2023 Quadrennial of Scenography and Performance. More than twenty Colombian artists and collectives are part of this artistic creation, under the direction of Laura Cuervo and Susana Botero. Through four physical tours in the streets of Prague, an aural landscape of Bogota and a travel agency, the mobility of a tourist to a city never visited before will be staged: Pragatá. **Tickets available in: <https://pq.cz/>**



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June 8-18

Holešovice Market. Hall
13, Stand 16. Prague (CZ)

Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas
Photo: Óscar Garcés





Cabo de la Vela, La Guajira.

Photo: Tanenhaus

The Würth Collection, Botero in the Leopold Museum



Rauchende Frau y Mademoiselle Rivière - Fernando Botero

The Leopold Museum presents for the first time an exquisite selection of works from the Würth Collection, one of the largest private collections in Europe. Of the more than 20,000 works in the collection, several works by the renowned Colombian artist Fernando Botero have been selected.



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Hasta el 10 de septiembre



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Leopold Museum, Viena

More information:



Bioinspiration, innovation inspired by nature



The Vienna Museum of Technology (Technisches Museum) is holding an exhibition focused on how nature inspires innovation and new scientific processes. Here you can find a project made by Colombians.



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Until September 3rd



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Mariahilfer Straße 212, Vienna

More information:



Be-Connected, by Juanita's Nähbox



"Be-Connected", the initiative promoted by the Colombian-Austrian handicraft brand Juanita's Nähbox, seeks to foster community resilience through the reinvention of unused face masks. Juanita's Nähbox, together with artisans and seamstresses, joined forces to decorate and redesign 500 face masks in order to transform them into beautiful, unique pieces and prevent them from going to waste.

More information:



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