

Colombian Cultural News



Photo: Carnaval de Barranquilla canal web oficial

This Newsletter is an initiative of the Embassy to share positive news that make us proud about Colombian culture, activities organized by the Embassy and events of Colombian artists based in Austria or one of our concurrences.

Culture is a tool of resilience and union between Colombia, Austria, Croatia, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic, therefore, in this first newsletter of the year we take a look at 2021. Last year we celebrated the Bicentennial of the The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and this Embassy organized 21 activities that filled us with hope.

We count on your participation this year, if you have information to share, you can write to us at eaustria@cancilleria.gov.co

Talks "Against Oblivion"

Online (March 9/21). As part of the Plan for the Promotion of Colombia Abroad, the National Symphony Orchestra of Colombia (OSNC) participated in a series of talks on the project they developed during the pandemic: the documentary "Against Oblivion"; a co-production between RTVC, the Teatro Colón, the OSNC and the Ministry of Culture, with 42 chapters.

The discussion organized by the Embassies of Colombia in Western Europe and Israel had the participation of the manager of the OSNC, Juan Antonio Cuéllar, and the Director of the OSNC, Olivier Grangean. It was moderated by Yalilé Cardona, co-director of the Bogotá Classical Music Festival, and special guests: Avi Shoshani, general secretary of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, and Julia Salvi, president of the Salvi Foundation. During the conversation, the challenges of the pandemic for music were discussed, also creativity, achievements, and opportunities.

Learn more about the project
<https://contraelolvido.co/>



Virtual talks "Architecture in Colombia"

Online (April 26/21). As part of the Plan for the Promotion of Colombia Abroad, a cycle of five talks was held, in which the urban, environmental, and social challenges present in contemporary Colombian architecture were discussed considering the tropical climatic conditions and diverse social and economic circumstances. In addition, topics such as the effect of climate change on architecture and the correlation between economic growth and the development of cities were addressed. The talk, organized by the Colombian Embassies in Europe, featured Colombian architects Pablo Forero and Julián Restrepo from Taller Architects and was moderated by architect Peter Veernstra from LOLA Landscape and Architecture from the Netherlands.

<https://www.tallerarchitects.com/>



Hongqiao Forest and Sports Park
 Shenzhen, CN
 Park + Forest | 600 Ha
 Phase I - Built 2020
 Phase II - Under construction
 Team: Lola Landscape | L+CC
 Photo: cyan&orang





Let's sing with Kirlianit Cortés, National Day celebration

Vienna (Jul.7/21). As part of the commemoration of the bicentennial of the diplomatic history of Colombia and the celebration of the national day in July, the Embassy and Permanent Mission of Colombia in Austria invited children and young people living in Vienna to the workshop "Let's sing with Kirlianit Córtes, workshop choral initiation.



The workshop was led by Maestro Kirlianit Cortés, a tenor of Colombian origin, Kapellmeister (Chapellmaster) of the Vienna's Children Choir, the oldest and most important choral group in the world. This title was also held by masters such as Mozart and Haydn.

Colombian salsa workshop at the Olympic Festival in Slovakia



Šamorín (Jul.29/21). As part of the Plan for the Promotion of Colombia Abroad, the Colombian Embassy in Austria, in alliance with the Slovak Olympic Committee (SOŠV) and the Honorary Consulate in Bratislava, held the "Colombian Salsa Experience" Workshop attended by the Ensálsate group from Cali. The setting was the Slovak Olympic Festival within the framework of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

The event included the participation of Ambassador Miguel Camilo Ruiz Blanco at the opening of the festival, Ensálsate participated remotely from Cali and two dancers based in Slovakia were their extension in Šamorín. The participants, Slovaks and members of the diplomatic body, danced to the rhythm of songs such as "Cali pachanguero", by the emblematic Grupo Niche.

Colombian week in Prague



Prague (Aug. 7-14/21). The Embassy of Colombia in Austria and the Association of Colombians in the Czech Republic (ASOCOL), organized Colombian Week in Prague.

The agenda began on Saturday, August 7 with the screening of the film "The defense of the dragon"; followed by the presentation of the soprano Sara Bermúdez. As a closing, the attendees tasted typical Colombian snacks. The participants were able to appreciate works by Juan David Calderón, Laura Delgado, and the Canto de las Moscas Project.

In addition, the Colombian Food Fest took place on Sunday, the stage for the salsa workshop with more than 200 attendees. The workshop had the participation, by virtual means, of the Caleño salsa group "Ensálsate", while live Colombian dancers interacted with the public.



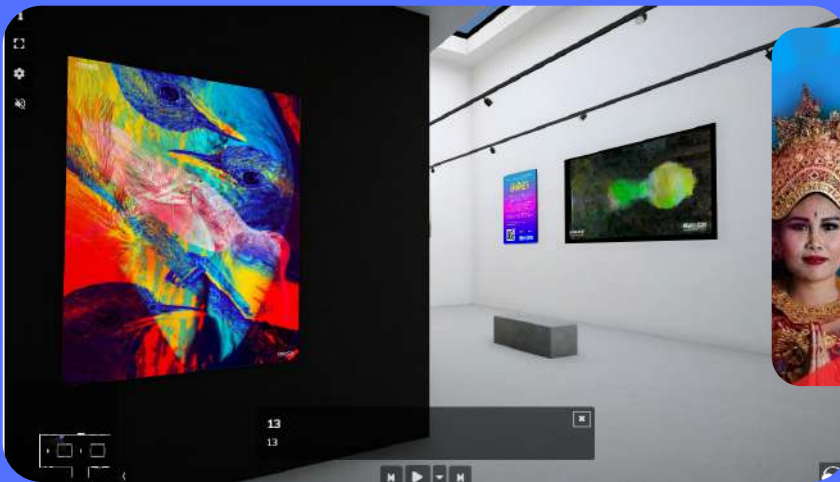
Colombia: guest country in Ibérica Festival 2021



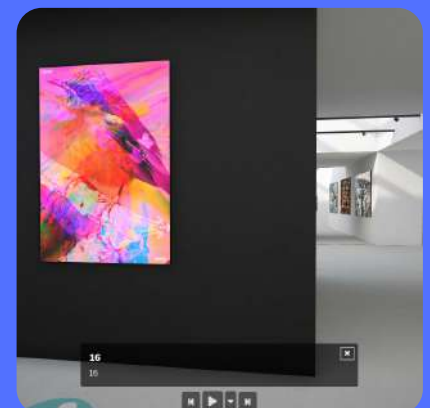
Brno (19-29, August/21). The Ibérica Festival in the Czech Republic is a gathering of Ibero-American culture, bringing together outstanding artists, film shows and gastronomy. With a history of more than 11 years, Ibérica has become one of the most important festivals in Central Europe. In 2021 we had the honor of being the guest country and we participated with a Colombian film festival in which the films *Del Amor y otros demonios*, *Keyla*, *El Piedra*, *Mateo* and *The Birders* were screened, this last one accompanied by a conversation about birds in Colombia. Also the musical duo *Das Kollektiv* presented a concert in Brno and in Prague and the UNIBIRDS art installation was in the Alfa Commercial Passage. Finally, a workshop for children on the film *El Libro de Lila* was developed. www.iberica.cz

Intercultural week

Vienna (Sept. 7-12/21). Within the framework of the Promotion Plan for Colombia Abroad, Colombia participated in the Long Nights of Interculturality, sponsored by UNESCO. This event celebrated the cultural and ethnic diversity that characterizes the Austrian city. During the week, Colombia intervened through three activities: the virtual art exhibition "Art, Peace, Sustainability", the traditional dance activity through a TikTok Challenge, and the exhibition of Colombian documentaries in "Diversity around the world".



The virtual art exhibition "Art, Peace, Sustainability", which began on September 7 with nearly 700 views, was represented by Colombia through the UNIBIRDS exhibition by artists Sergio Mantilla and Miguel Chaparro ([https:// bit.ly/3rlwZ5R](https://bit.ly/3rlwZ5R)). On the other hand, the TikTok Traditional Dance Challenge, with more than 2,000 views, had the participation of the Colombian salsa foundation Ensálsate, a project that was born with the purpose of training professionals in the field of dance. Finally, the "Diversity Around the World" activity exhibited documentaries with an emphasis on biology and that explore the diversity and traditions of different cultures. Colombia participated with two pieces: "Cita con la trocha" by Rubén Mendoza, and "Todo es un Fragmento" by Carlos Osuna and Carolina Ortiz Triana.



New Ibero-American Photography



Vienna (Sept, 30/21). the Embassy of Colombia in Austria, as a member of the Ibero-American Club of Vienna, organized the exhibition "New Ibero-American Photography". Among the artists was the Colombian Javier Vanegas who exhibited his WÜIN project. The exhibition, made up of 36 photographs by 27 contemporary artists from 17 countries, showed the reality of miscegenation and the quality enjoyed by the visual arts in Ibero-America. This year the exhibition will be in other countries, we will tell you about it soon.



Ambassadors of Costa Rica, Colombia, Spain and Paraguay



Author: Javier Vanegas
Name: Wüin No 12
Technique: Digital Photography
Dimensions: 70cm x 46.7cm
Editions: 5/7
Year: 2016 - 2017

Colombia at the International Book Fair of Vienna.



Vienna (Nov. 11/21). The Colombian Embassy in Austria, in collaboration with the Cervantes Institute in Vienna, had María Consuelo Vargas de Speiss (Macon) as a guest for a reading of her poems at the International Book Fair of Vienna. On this occasion, Macon presented her book of poems Hispana Vol. II. inspired by her own experience as a Latin American immigrant to Europe. This work is a compilation of poems in Spanish with German translation. María Consuelo is a Colombian artist living in Vienna, who has built a recognized artistic career in Europe.

<https://vargasdespeiss.art/>

UNIBIRDS tour

CZ. 08/21-22. As part of the Plan for the Promotion of Colombia Abroad, the Colombian Embassy in Austria organized, with the Ibérica Festival, a tour in the Czech Republic of the UNIBIRDS art installation. The exhibition has had several allies such as the mayors of the different cities and the cultural centers Šumperk Dům kultury, the Lužánky park, HaDivadlo Spanish Club, Europe Direct and, Infocentrum, these last three in Pardubice.



DISCLOSURE AR UNIBIRDS
ARTWORK: MONJITO RAYADO
THE UNIVERSE OF COLOMBIAN BIRDS
TECHNIQUE: PRINTED - MIXED DIGITAL MEDIA + AR
04/11 PART OF THE DISCLOSURE SERIES BY MA+CH



The tour began in August at the Alpha Trade Passage in the city of Brno, continued at the Luzanky Park and Cultural Center, and in Šumperk. Currently, it is located in Pardubice. The exhibition will be available until February 14 at the Pardubice Tourist Information Center.

This MA+CH Studio exhibition is a collaboration between Sergio Mantilla and Miguel Chaparro, it shows the result of a profound investigation in association with the Alexander von Humboldt Institute. The works are a combination of analog and digital printing technologies, an interactive experience that reveals Colombia's biodiversity through birds.

The exhibition has an augmented reality component, where through the Artivive App for smartphones, the viewer can observe the behavior of the birds and their habitat.

Soon we will be telling you about the birds' next destination.

<https://www.mantillachaparro.com/glitchingbirds>



14. 1. – 14. 2. 2022

HALA TURISTICKÉHO INFORMAČNÍHO CENTRA PARDUBICE, NÁM. REPUBLIKY 1
Otevřeno denně (mimo státní svátky): PO 9.00–18.00 | ÚT–PÁ 8.00–18.00 | SO–NE 9.00–15.00
Výstava je realizována ve spolupráci s Velvyslanectvím Kolumbijské republiky v Rakousku koordinovaným
pro Chomutov, Slaný, Šumperk a Českou republiku.

