

Diálogos

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Calendar of Activities

Ends March 14: 9th Annual Political Theater Festival, Gremlin Theatre, St. Paul and Intermedia Arts, Minneapolis
www.teatrodelpueblo.org

March 10-11: Vivaldi and Piazzolla: A Celebration of Seasons. Includes selections from Argentinean composer Astor Piazzolla. Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis, \$20-\$45.
www.minnesotaorchestra.org

¡Bienvenidos!

In this issue of Diálogos, discover the centuries-old traditions of Semana Santa, whet your appetite for a visit to Barcelona, test your Spanish vocabulary with our Olympics trivia quiz and more!

Spring's Coming! Thaw Out with Warm, Friendly Spanish Classes

The Spanish Institute invites adults of all ages and all skill levels to leap into spring with a Spanish class. **New 10-week sessions begin March 15 and April 19.**

[View the full catalog of courses online:](#)

¡Hasta Pronto!

~ The Staff of the Spanish Institute ~

Win a Full Year's Tuition to the Spanish Institute

Scholarship Applications due April 26

Who do you know who would enjoy learning Spanish language and culture? The Spanish Institute is pleased to offer two full-tuition student scholarships valued at \$1,920. Each scholarship covers an entire year of Spanish courses or 120 hours or four 10-week sessions enabling recipients to make significant progress toward language fluency.

In today's global society, learning another language provides an enriching professional, personal, and cultural education, explains Jose Abascal, SI's founder. We strongly support continuing education for adults, and helping them expand their perspectives and communication abilities.

March 15: New classes for all levels begin at the Spanish Institute. Learn more at www.spanishin.us

March 22-23: Latin jazz from Arturo Sandoval, Cuban-born trumpeter, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Dakota Jazz Club, Minneapolis, \$35-\$45. www.dakotacooks.com

March 26: Reading by Cuban-born poet and novelist Pablo Medina, 7 p.m., Loft Literary Center, Minneapolis, \$5. www.loft.org

April 10: Panamanian composer Danilo Perez and Friends, 8 p.m. Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis, \$40. [See more](#)

Ends April 11: "In Pursuit of a Masterpiece," featuring Francisco de Goya's 1820 oil painting "Self Portrait with Doctor Arrieta." Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis. www.artsmia.org

April 15-29: 28th International Film Festival includes many titles presented in Spanish. Various times and locations to be announced, Minneapolis. www.mnfilmfest.org

April 17: "La Feria de Primavera," fundraiser, Zorongo Flamenco, 7:30 p.m. www.zorongo.org

April 28-May 1: Marimba 2010 International Festival. Various times and locations, Minneapolis and St. Paul. www.marimba2010.org

April 30: VocalEssence: Mallets & Melodies marimba concert. Premier of new work by Mexican composer Jorge Cordoba, 8 p.m.,

Scholarships are open to students at any level of proficiency. Applicants must demonstrate a sense of commitment to the learning process, discuss their interest in Hispanic language and culture, and describe how they plan to utilize their new skills.

All applications must be received in the SI office by April 26, 2010. Winners will be notified before the summer session begins.

To apply for an SI scholarship, e-mail dialogos@spanishin.us

Semana Santa Traditions Renewed March 27 - April 4

Mexico City and Seville Host Special Processions

In countries with strong Roman Catholic heritage, Semana Santa, the week before Easter known as Holy Week, has been celebrated since medieval times.

From Domingo de Ramos (Palm Sunday) through Sábado Santo (Holy Saturday), colorful religious processions take place in many Spanish-speaking cities. The focus is on the Passion of Christ, the grief of the Virgin Mary his mother, and penitence in preparation for Christ's resurrection on Domingo de Resurrección (Easter Sunday).

Those key elements are part of every Semana Santa, but the tradition has taken on additional local features over the centuries. Iztapalapa, Mexico and Seville, Spain are well known throughout the world for their elaborate celebrations.

In **Iztapalapa**, a district of Mexico City, Mexico, the emphasis is on Judas's betrayal of Jesus after the last supper on Holy Thursday. Effigies of Judas are exploded by fireworks or burned, and an effigy of Judas is hanged alongside the crucified Christ. On Good Friday, the Way of the Cross is reenacted. A devout man with a spotless reputation is chosen to carry a heavy wooden cross. He is accompanied by thousands of young men who

**Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul,
\$23.50-\$43.50.**
www.vocalescence.org/marimbas

Trivia

Winter Olympic Vocabulary

See if you can match these words from the 2010 Winter Olympics.

1. descenso
2. eslalon
3. patinaje
4. bronce
5. plata
6. danza en patinaje artístico
7. baches
8. telesillas
9. oro
10. puertas
11. medalla

- a. lifts
- b. skate
- c. gates
- d. silver
- e. gold
- f. moguls
- g. downhill
- h. bronze
- i. medal
- j. slalom
- k. ice dance

(Answers appear at the end of this newsletter.)

News & Notes

Argentina's 'The Secret in Their Eyes' wins Academy Award for best foreign language film

Abc news: The Argentine film "The Secret in Their Eyes," a thriller about a 25-year-long manhunt, won the Academy Award for best foreign language film. The film's director, Juan Jose Campanella, previously directed a movie that was also nominated for best foreign film: "Son

represent Nazarenes and vow to do penance for three years. Iztapalapa's Semana Santa processions are attended by millions of people, and thousands take part in the preparations.

Seville, Spain is also known for the pageantry of its Semana Santa celebrations. Dozens of ornate pasos (floats) depicting scenes from the Passion of Christ as well as the Virgin Mary's dolorosa (mourning) are transported by penitents to the cathedral. While some of the processions include la marcha processional (marching band music), some processions are conducted in silence. Marchers include Nazarenes, penitents and acolytes and their dramatic pointed hats make a memorable sight. As many as one million spectators watch the processions, which involve approximately 60,000 brothers from 57 brotherhoods.

Twin Cities Hosts International Marimba Festival

Percussion Instrument Features in Latin Music

The Twin Cities will ring with vibrant music during the **Marimba 2010 International Festival and Conference**. Sample the marimba's versatile sound—from lively to ethereal—in performances ranging from chamber ensembles and symphony orchestras, to bands and solo performances.

The marimba, which is widely used in Mexican and Central American folk music, may have originated in West Africa and been introduced in the Caribbean in the mid-1500s by African slaves. While the marimba is integral to Costa Rican, Guatemalan, Honduran and Nicaraguan music, marimbas are also included in classical musical scores, jazz and pop music.

Take advantage of the opportunity to hear the world's finest marimba artists perform. Check <http://www.marimba2010.org/> for details.

worked frequently in American TV, including the shows "House" and "30 Rock."

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Travel Spotlight: Barcelona

Visit One of Spain's Most Cosmopolitan Cities

No trip to Spain would be complete without a stay in Barcelona. Located on the sunny Mediterranean coast, Barcelona blends Roman ruins and medieval buildings with fanciful contemporary architecture and a thoroughly modern sensibility. For long time, Barcelona has been known for its art, architecture and style, and consequently, it is a favorite among tourists.

El Barrio Gótico or The Gothic Quarter is the original center of Roman and medieval Barcelona. Most of the Baroque and Renaissance buildings lining the narrow streets and squares date from the 14th and 15th century, yet this historical quarter is very much a part of the modern city.

Visitors can catch the rhythm of the city while strolling **La Rambla** in the Gothic Quarter. Street performers and human statues entertain passersby, and artists offer to draw portraits or caricatures. Enjoy the lively street atmosphere or visit the many shops, restaurants and clubs.

Architects such as architects Gaudí, Montaner and Cadafalch have created a visual feast outdoors that you can admire in the streets of Barcelona. These architects created, in the first part of the XXth century, the Catalan Modernisme, a distinctive style of Art Nouveau architecture. Antoni Gaudí is the most famous of this group of architects; he created astonishing buildings with curvilinear shapes without right angles inspired in his observation of nature.

The Picasso museum, one of Barcelona's best-known museums, has an extensive collection of Picasso masterpieces, including work from the artist's early years, his Blue Period and ceramics. **The Joan Miró Museum** houses a collection of works by this prolific and original artist. Miró was a genius of color, extraordinarily creative and always avidly seeking new techniques. In his

paintings he often gave expression to the subconscious mind.

Visitors looking for an excursion may want to visit Figueres, the birthplace of Salvador Dalí just north of Barcelona, to experience the **Dalí Theatre- Museum**, which is considered the largest surrealist object in the world.

Trivia Answers:

1-g, 2-j, 3-b, 4-h, 5-d, 6-k, 7-f, 8-a, 9-e, 10-c, 11-i

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