



For Immediate Release February 14th, 2017:

Local Organization, ÓperaMaya, Presents, ¡Viva!, A Celebration Of LIFE!

The Maya did not disappear. They are alive, and thriving! Join ÓperaMaya and Indiana University in celebration of culture and identity through the debut of "Ja' K'áak", Cantata in Yucatec Maya, by Mexican composer, Luis Ruelas, based on the poem by winner of the Mexican national prize in poetry, Wildernain Villegas Carrillo. Both poet and composer to be in attendance.

The series of events sponsored by ÓperaMaya, Indiana University, The Institute of Culture and Arts of Quintana Roo, Mexico (ICA), The Grant Street Inn, White Rabbit and the Arts Alliance of Greater Bloomington, starts Wednesday, February 21st with a dinner and opening ceremony at 7:30pm in the "La casa" Latino Cultural Center on the campus of Indiana University, and concludes with Mexican National Prize in Poetry winner, Wildernain Villegas Carrillo reading from his work on Feb 23rd at 6pm in the Thomas Gallery, located on the square next to 'Darn Good Soup'.

¡Viva! Event Calendar

Wednesday, Feb 21st

7:30PM DINNER AND OPENING CEREMONY

"La Casa" Latin American Center Indiana University*

Thursday, Feb 22nd

6:30PM MAYA CULTURE NIGHT: POETRY, MUSIC, AND ART

Hosted by The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Global and International Studies Building, SGIS Building Room 2131, Indiana University

8:00PM SALÓN LATINO CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES: "NEW MUSIC FOR LATIN AMERICAN COMPOSERS"

Featuring, Debut of ÓperaMaya 2017 Composition Competition Winner:

Ja' K'áak, Cantata en Yucatec Maya, by Luis Ruelas

Auer Hall, Indiana University

Friday, Feb 23rd

12:00PM LUNCH WITH POET WILDERNAIN VILLEGAS CARRILLO

Discussion, Maya Identity & Cultural Equity

"La Casa" Latin American Center Indiana University *

6:00PM POETRY READING WITH WILDERNAIN VILLEGAS CARRILLO

Winner of the Mexican National Prize in Poetry

Thomas Gallery, 107 N. College Avenue

8:30PM RECEPTION AND CLOSING CEREMONY

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All events are free of charge and open to the public unless notated.

*Events held at the La Casa Latin American Center Require Reservation

The ÓperaMaya foundation with dual headquarters in Valladolid, Mexico and Bloomington Indiana was founded in 2009 by soprano, Mary Grogan. It has the mission to create world-renowned artistic expressions that exemplify both the historical and modern Maya Culture.

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