



Raising the flag of the Continent through Art and Culture

International Literature Festival, Houston

10th Anniversary

Casa Cultural de Las Americas (CCA) and Rice University are pleased to present the International Literature Festival Houston 2022, to be held on November 2 and 3.

Iberoamerican Anthology “Grandes en Casa” by Elizabeth Quila

Argentina: Maria Negroni; Antigua and Barbuda: Jamaica Kincaid; Bahamas: Marion Bethel; Bolivia: Gabriel Chavez Casazola; Brazil: Floriano Martins; Canada: Anne Carson; Chile: Raul Zurita; Colombia: Piedad Bonnett; Costa Rica: Mia Gallegos Dominguez; Cuba: Reina Maria Rodriguez; Dominican Republic: Frank Baez; Ecuador: Antonio Preciado; El Salvador: Jorge Galan; Guatemala: Carmen Matute; Guyana: Rajiv Mohabir; Haiti: Gahston Saint-Fleur; Honduras: Rolando Kattan; Jamaica: Shara McCallum; Mexico: Eduardo Lizalde; Nicaragua: Yolanda Blanco; Panama: Ela Urriola; Paraguay: Lourdes Espinola; Peru: Carmen Olle; Uruguay: Urayoan Noel, Puerto Rico; Santa Lucia: Canisia Lubrin; Spain: Olvido Garcia Valdes; Trinidad and Tobago: Vahni Capildeo; United States: Yusef Komunyakaa; Uruguay: Ida Vitale, and Venezuela: Rafael Cadenas



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Special Guests 2022

Gabriel Chavez Casazola (Bolivia)

Raul Zurita (Chile)

Andrea Cote (Colombia)

Reina Maria Rodriguez (Cuba)

Nelson Cardenas (Cuba)

Siomara España (Ecuador)

Rolando Kattan (Honduras)

Carmen Matute (Guatemala)

Alessio Brandolini (Italy)

Elisa Diaz Castelo (Mexico)

Jose Angel Leyva (Mexico)

Jordi Virallonga (Spain)

Fernando Valverde (Spain)

Samantha Schnee (USA)

Adalber Salas Hernandez (Venezuela)

“Surprise participant”



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Activities

Day 1 – Wednesday, November 2

Venue: Rice University, Herring Hall

Address: Main St. headed to Rice you will enter campus at entrance four

Master of Ceremonies: Humberto Tancredi (CCA)

- 6:00 pm: Inauguration by **Elizabeth Quila**, Founder and Chairman of Casa Cultural de las Americas
- 6:05 pm: Welcome speech by **Rice University** representative
- 6:15 pm: Panel: Power of female artistic manifestation in the 21st century by **Jordi Virallonga, Elisa Diaz Castelo, Jose Angel Leyva, Reina Maria Rodriguez, Fernando Valverde** and **Siomara España**
- 6:55 pm: Panel: Interpretation as another type of art by **Adalber Salas Hernandez, Samanta Schnee, Alessio Brandolini, and Andrea Cote**
- 7:35 pm: Interview and tribute to **Raul Zurita**
- 7:50 pm: Proclamation from the City of Houston to the participating poets.
- 8:05 pm: Poetic recital as a tribute to the volunteers **Mauricio Hussmann, David Medina, Nelly Moyano Fraga, Deanea LeFlore, Homero Ponce-Lopez, Elsa Yomaira Torres** and **Kenia Mosquera** by **Fernando Valverde, Elisa Diaz Castelo, Rolando Kattan, Jose Angel Leyva, Gabriel Chavez Casazola, Adalber Salas, Alessio Brandolini, Nelson Cardenas, Siomara España, Jordi Virallonga, and Andrea Cote**
- 8:35 pm: Poetic Recital by **Carmen Matute, Reina Maria Rodriguez, and Raul Zurita**



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Activities

Day 2 – Thursday, November 3

Venue: Rice University, BioScience Research Collaborative (BRC)

Address: 6500 Main St, Houston, TX 77030

Master of Ceremonies: Mauricio Hussmann (CCA)

- 5:00 pm: Welcome event
- 5:10 pm: Speaker **H-E-B** representative (Diamond Partners)
- 5:15 pm: Presentation of the anthology “**Grandes en Casa**” by **Raul Zurita, Reina Maria Rodriguez, Carmen Matute, Rolando Kattan, Gabriel Chavez Casazola, Adalber Salas, Samanta Schnee, and Elizabeth Quila**
- 5:50 pm: Panel: Origin of memory and ethnic groups by **Rolando Kattan, Nelson Cardenas, and Gabriel Chavez Casazola**
- 6:15 pm: Interview to **Reina Maria Rodriguez and Carmen Matute**
- 6:30 pm: Presentation of the book "Cuerpo presente" from **Siomara España** by **Fernando Valverde**
- 7:00 pm: Poetic recital by **Elisa Diaz Castelo, Fernando Valverde, Rolando Kattan, Jose Angel Leyva, Gabriel Chavez Casazola, Adalber Salas, Alessio Brandolini, Nelson Cardenas, Siomara España, Jordi Virallonga, and Andrea Cote**
- 8:00 pm: Posthumous tribute to **Gloria Gervitz and Eduardo Lizalde** by **Adalber Salas, Jose Angel Leyva, Elizabeth Quila and Alessio Brandolini**
- 8:30 pm: Closing event: Music Recital