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Tower Theater is a nationally respected local treasure. Miami should let it continue to flourish

BY NICOLAS CALZADA



Like so many Miamians, Miami Dade College's (MDC) Tower Theater cast a spell on me from the first time I visited. I was lured by its unique, world-class film selection; the friendly staff who know you by name and love to chat about the films; and its magnetic pull to Little Havana, where so many restaurants and shops have opened in its wake.

Years later, I started working at the Miami Film Festival and Tower Theater. Today, I am interim executive director for both. But when news broke that the city planned to terminate MDC's operation of the Tower Theater, it hit me first and foremost as a Miamian and a patron. To so many of us — including the thousands who have protested, signed petitions, and called on the city's mayor and commissioners to change course — the Tower Theater under MDC's

management has become a second home.

Having seen past treasures like the Coconut Grove Playhouse and Olympia Theater go from thriving cultural hubs to mostly empty spaces, we can't stomach the thought of the same happening to the Tower Theater.

Since its inception in 1926, the theater has always operated as a cinema. It is Miami's most iconic cinema and is of huge cultural importance to the city's Cuban population in particular. For many, it was their gateway to American culture. Under MDC's administration since 2002, it has become one of the most beloved and respected cinemas in the nation — USA Today named it one of the 10 best places to see a movie in America. In that time, it has drawn 1.2 million visitors to Little Havana to see the best in local and international cinema, making it Miami's highest grossing arthouse by a large margin. Luminaries from Isabelle Huppert to Antonio Banderas have hosted premieres there. And MDC has respected and built on its historical importance to Spanish speakers — half the films we feature are in Spanish or are English-language

films with Spanish subtitles.

More important, the Tower Theater under MDC has long been a home base and fountain of support for local filmmakers and artists. MDC's Tower Theater has, free of charge, opened its doors to the Miami Film Lab, Oolite Arts' Commissioned Short Film Screenings and countless local premieres. Currently, visitors to the second-floor mezzanine can see an art exhibit by local Cuban-American artist Daniel Marin. It is no coincidence that the petition and protests against the city's plans have all been led by local filmmakers and artists.

In a recent press conference, the city outlined new plans for the theater, including a visitor center for tourists, occasional plays and sporadic screenings of Cuban-themed documentaries. These are all great ideas — and they don't need to displace Miami's most historic cinema or MDC's universally acclaimed administration of it.

MDC has publicly agreed to work with the city on a daytime visitor center; and during the past 20 years, our programming of Cuban films has

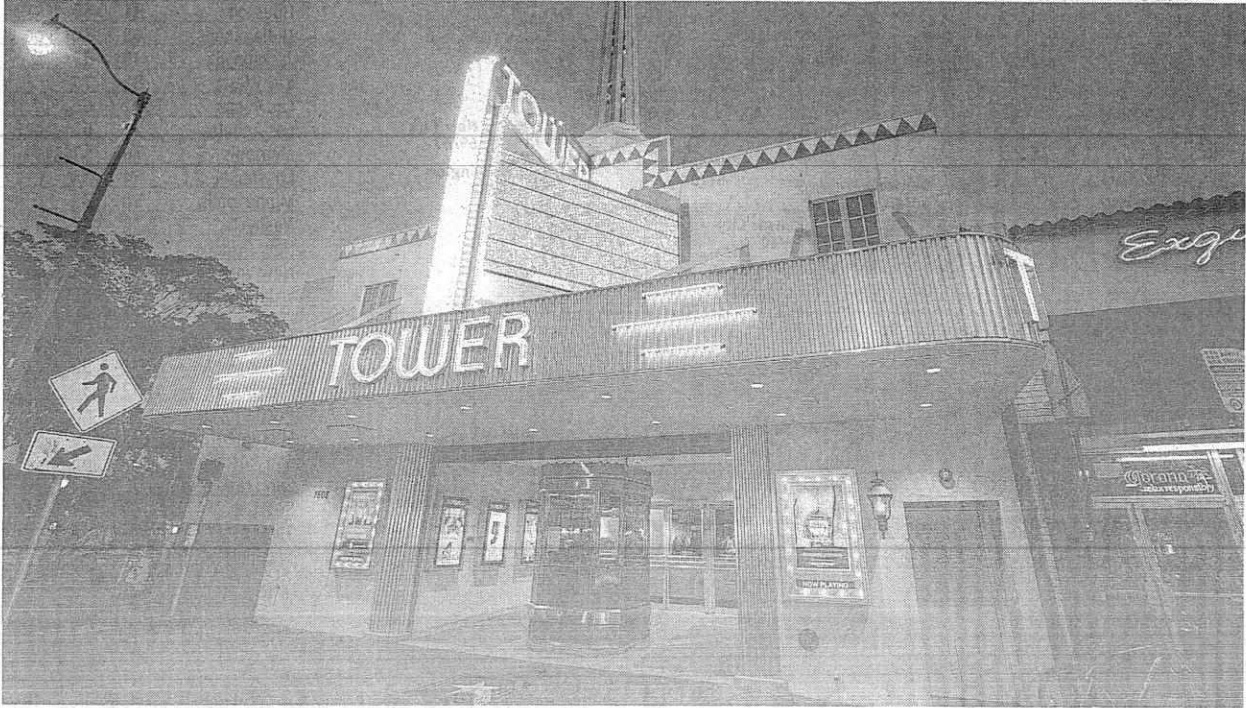
been unmatched. While live theater is superb, the neighborhood already has several venues. But for almost 100 years, it has only had one cinema: the Tower Theater.

The most troubling thing is that no segment of the community has called for this change, and there has not been a bad word spoken about MDC's impeccable administration of the theater for two decades. Why fix something that isn't broken? Since MDC has shown its willingness to incorporate the city's ideas, the mayor and commissioners should rescind the termination and allow this beloved institution to continue to flourish. It can incorporate new uses while continuing to operate as a world-class year-round cinema.

It's a truism that voters have short memories, but as the community's passionate outcry about this decision has shown, when something people love is at stake, their memories grow considerably longer. It would behoove local leaders to be remembered as saving cultural institutions, not destroying them.

Nicolas Calzada is interim executive director of the Miami Film Festival & Tower Theater.

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Miami Dade College has managed the Tower Theater in Little Havana since 2002.

Ken Griffin Makes First Donation in Miami Since Moving Citadel

(Bloomberg) — Ken Griffin is making his first donation in Miami since moving the global headquarters of his Citadel and Citadel Securities to the city from Chicago earlier this year.

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Griffin, Florida’s richest man, donated \$250,000 to the Venture Miami Scholarship Program, a new fund to provide tuition support for city residents who were accepted into science, technology, engineering and math programs at a handful of local colleges, according to a statement. He pledged to match another \$1 million through a “challenge grant.”

The program, a partnership between the city and the Miami Foundation, received \$500,000 from Miami, an amount matched by the participating schools: Miami Dade College, Florida International University, Florida Memorial University and the University of Miami. It will start during the upcoming spring semester.

“This effort will help remove financial barriers” for students and help Miami on its “path to becoming an international leader in finance and technology,” Griffin, 53, said in the statement.

The Citadel founder has said education is a top priority for his philanthropy and that he planned to listen to local leaders about areas of need before ramping up his giving. He’s speculated that his firm’s new waterfront tower, which may cost \$1 billion, could one day be home to a computer science program in partnership with a nearby university.

Griffin has an estimated fortune of \$29.2 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. He gave \$25 million to various causes across in Miami over the past few years, like broadband access, the Miami Resiliency Fund and the Underline project. He made \$130 million in donations to 40 Chicago organizations in June as he left the city — the largest number he’d given to all at once.

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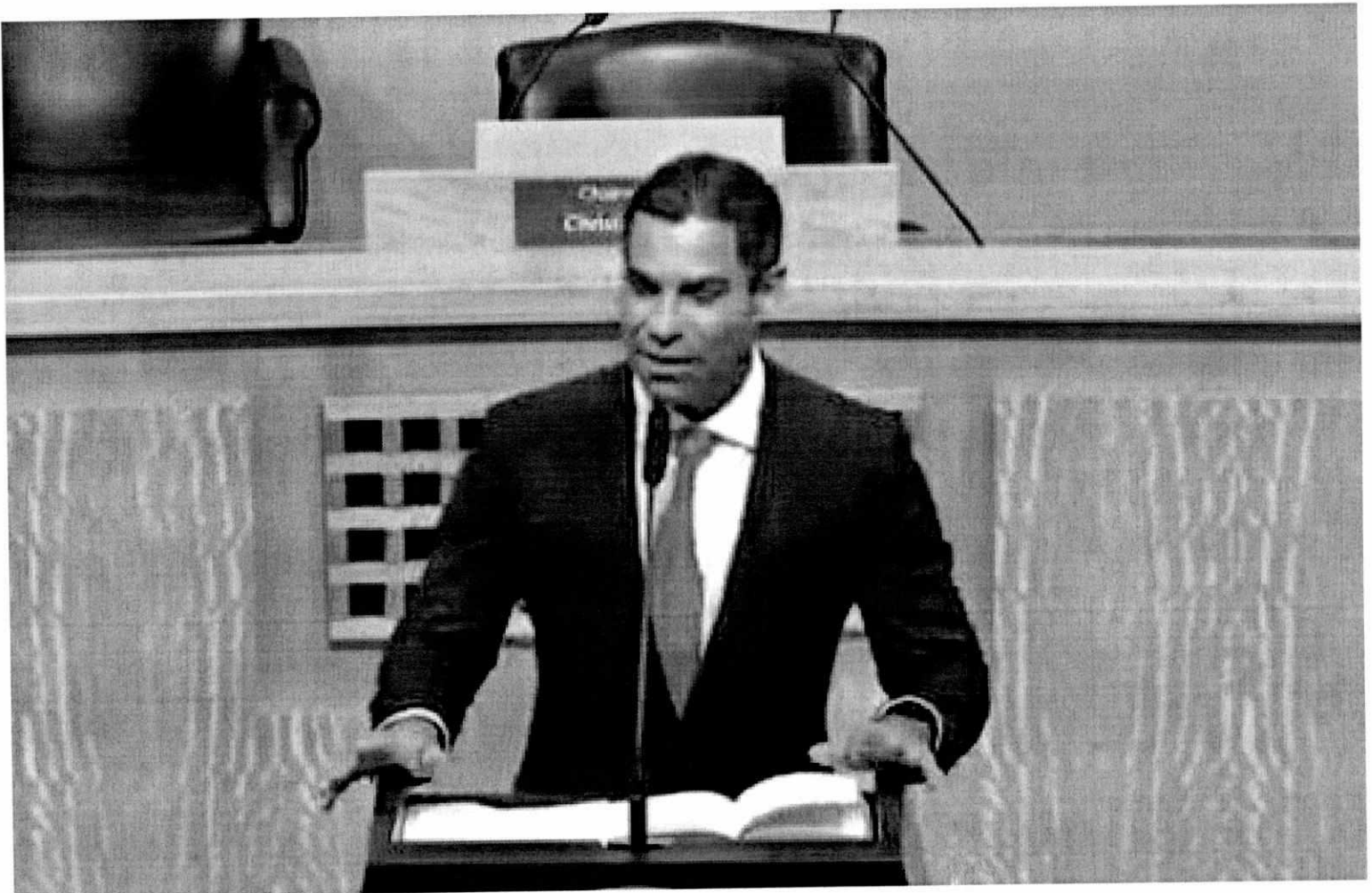


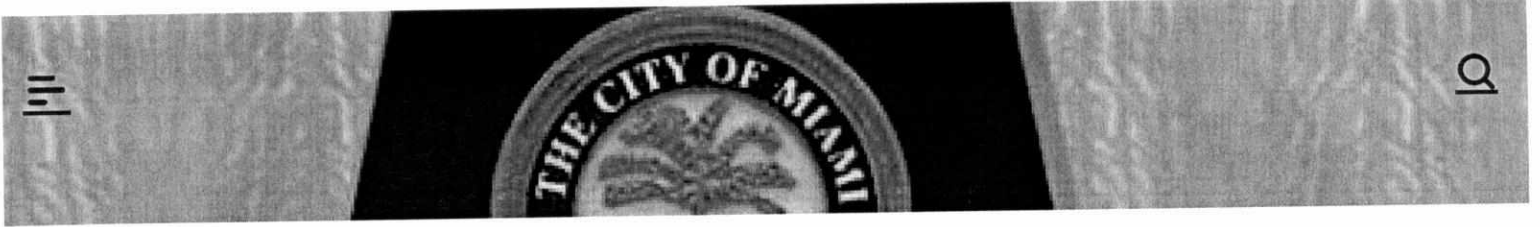
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Introducing the Venture Miami Scholarship Program: How to apply and how to donate



Nancy Dahlberg
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By Nancy Dahlberg

For students pursuing tech fields in Miami's colleges and universities, the cost of tuition shouldn't be a barrier. [Venture Miami](#), together with local partners and donors, launched today a STEM scholarship program to make sure the tuition dollars are there for students who need it the most.

Today at City Hall, Miami Mayor Francis Suarez announced a partnership between Venture Miami, which is Miami's innovation and economic development office, and The Miami Foundation to launch the [Venture Miami Scholarship Program](#).

The scholarship, which will start in the spring semester, offers tuition support to provide gap funding for in-need City of Miami residents who have been accepted into STEM programs at Florida International University, Florida Memorial University, Miami Dade College, and the University of Miami.

Philanthropist Ken Griffin of the Citadel, Yuga Labs and Bakkt were among the donors stepping up with initial funding for the scholarship program. The City of Miami and all four universities also contributed.

"Today marks a momentous milestone for the City of Miami," Mayor Suarez said in a statement. "The whole purpose behind the Miami Movement was to create a boundless stream of opportunities for our residents to jumpstart their careers in the economy of tomorrow, and the Venture Miami Scholarship does just that. I am very proud of the whole team at Venture Miami for delivering on an initiative that furthers our mission of building a Miami That Works for Everyone."

In remarks at the press conference Wednesday afternoon, he said, "We are giving every single Miamian who is a Pell grant recipient the balance of what is needed to go to college and get a STEM education for free ... The ripple effect of this is incredibly profound."

The mayor also said the scholarship program was designed to be easily copied and used by other cities and counties. "And as the president of the US Council of Mayors, I will urge every city in America to adopt a similar program.... This is what changes lives."

More details on the program

Scholarships, grants and other financial aid often don't cover the entire tuition cost, and that's where this

scholarship comes in – to be those last dollars in to fill that gap. “Basically, if you are pursuing a STEM degree on one of these four universities – FMU, MDC, FIU and UM – and you qualify, we will fund the tuition gap,” said Kevin Ruiz, Senior Advisor for Business Development and Recruitment for Venture Miami, in an interview with *Refresh Miami*.

Based on Venture Miami’s market study, about 500 current students at these schools would qualify for the new program. Because Venture Miami expects entering students to also apply, potentially Venture Miami could be dispersing up to 1,000 scholarships, Ruiz said.

“I’m super thrilled. This is about making sure that all these wonderful things that are happening in our community in terms of opportunity are available to all and we’re trying to level the access playing field,” said Ruiz, a Miami native. Perhaps the scholarship will help drive students to majors they may have been on the fence about – ones that lead to in-demand, high-wage tech jobs from software developer to cybersecurity analyst to game designer to data scientist. Bioscience fields are included too, and currently the scholarship opportunity also includes nursing because of the shortage in the market and nursing is also a high paying occupation relative to the overall market. More than 100 local degree programs are eligible. “We want to make sure we’re driving people to this opportunity to allow them to take full advantage of all that is going on here,” Ruiz said.

Many students could likely find good-paying jobs in any number of local tech companies, but Ruiz said a tuition-free experience could also give people the freedom to be more entrepreneurial. “My generation has just been crushed by student debt and what that means is, when you graduate, maybe you’re a little less entrepreneurial. This is going to allow them the freedom to take some more risks.”

The fund is intended to be evergreen and a key offering in our entrepreneurial ecosystem, he added. “We want this to be an endowment that lives on a perpetuity. The idea behind this is we create these Venture Miami scholars over time... and it could lead to a lot more opportunities down the line more substantial than just the dollar amount.”

Who’s eligible?

To be eligible, students must meet the following requirements:

- City of Miami resident for 3-consecutive years at the time of application
- Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- High school senior or recent graduate within the last 4 years at the time of application
- Pell Grant recipients determined by the Florida Student Aid FAFSA guidelines OR have a household income less than 80% of the AMI for the City of Miami if attending Miami Dade College.
- Accepted into a bachelor’s degree program in a defined science, technology, engineering, and math

("STEM") or a defined high-wage/demand occupation, currently nursing.



Donor support

The program is launching with an initial \$500,000 allocation from the City of Miami, matched by \$3.9 million from the participating universities. Citadel's founder and CEO Ken Griffin issued a bold \$1 million challenge grant for this fund's sustainability, in addition to contributing a \$250,000 initial gift. Griffin relocated his company's headquarters from Chicago to Miami this year.

"This effort will help remove financial barriers for students who are pursuing technology, engineering and science degrees, further accelerating Miami's path to becoming an international leader in finance and technology," Griffin said in a statement.

Yuga Labs is contributing \$300,000 to the effort, as part of a \$1 million philanthropic commitment to funding arts and education in Miami; Bakkt is contributing \$250,000. Additional support came from Amazon, Novo and Zilch.

Venture Miami will be making a push for additional donations now through [Give Miami Day](#) on Nov. 17.

The Venture Miami Scholarship Program will be overseen by an advisory board. Members include Jacky Wright of Microsoft (and soon McKinsey); Josh Schertzer, Managing Director & CTO of Enterprise Technology at Blackstone; Dami Osunsanya, Director of Opportunity Fund at SoftBank; Chester Ng, General Partner of Atomic; Saif Ishaof, Founder & Managing Partner of Lab22c; Miami-Dade County School Board Chief of Staff Katherine Leiva; and Jasmine Calin, Educational Consultant for Great Minds.

The Miami Foundation will manage the scholarship's funding and execution. "This is how we build the future of Miami. This is what it looks like to be the most technologically inclusive city in the nation," Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, CEO of the Miami Foundation, said during the press conference.

With this rollout, there are two calls to action:

- If you are a student and qualify, apply.
- If you can donate, please help.

To apply, make a donation or just find out more: miamifoundation.org/venturemiamifund

Save this date: Nov. 29

Also coming up from Venture Miami is the 3rd annual Venture Miami Tech Hiring Fair on Nov. 29. New this year: Leading up to the fair will be events and workshops, such as on resume building and certifications. "We're preparing the student body a bit more so when they're walking in, they feel more

prepared at the hiring fair. It's going to be more robust," Ruiz said. Stay tuned for more details.




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Projects will be judged in the categories of **Games, Animation and Mixed Reality**, and though open to all ages, minors require a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

The MAGIC Halloween Hackathon was organized by members of the M.A.G.I.C. Club (<https://sharknet.mdc.edu/organization/MagicClub>), a student organization that seeks to supplement the MAGIC curriculum by gathering current and prospective students to learn from sources outside the classroom.

Guest judges will include **Conrad Montgomery**, Vice President, Current Animation at Nickelodeon, and **Bill Buckley**, Animation Director at First Contact Entertainment. Winners will receive prizes from **Microsoft Corporation** including laptops, Wacom tablets and Nintendo, as well as airfare tickets to anywhere in the U.S. on **American Airlines**.

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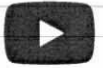
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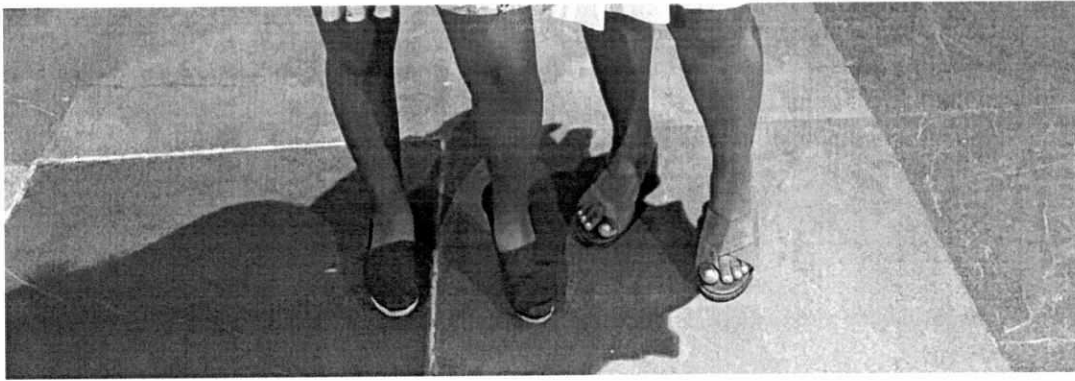
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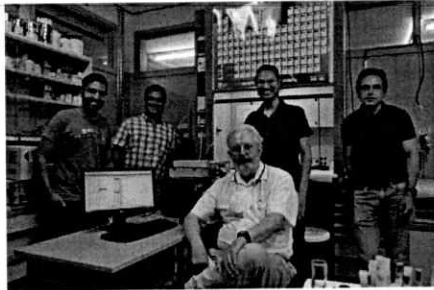
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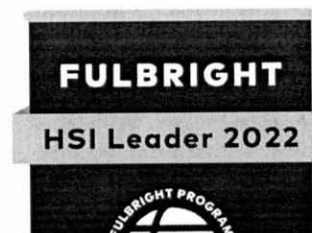
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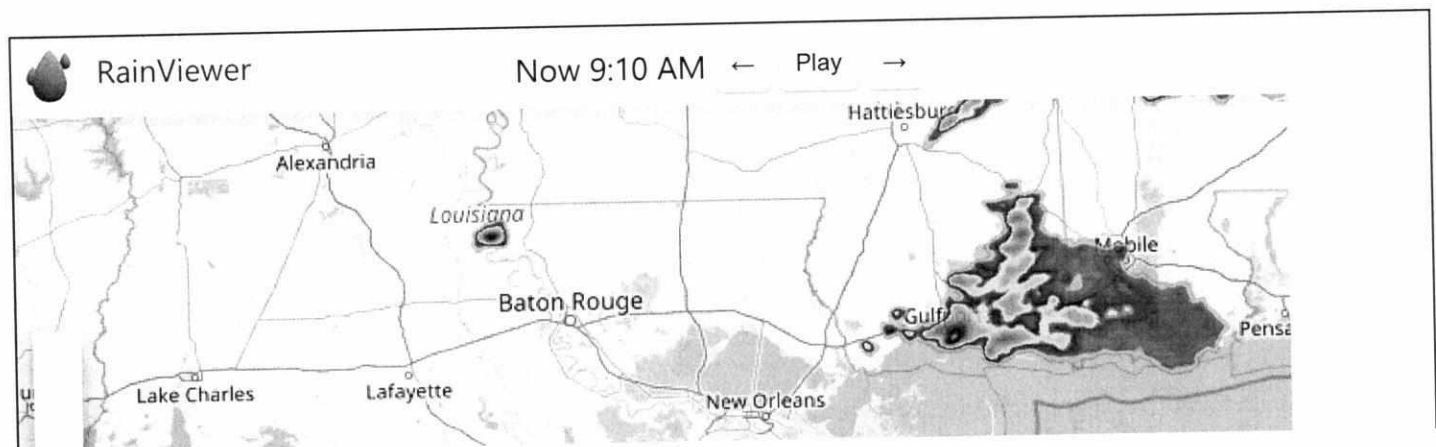
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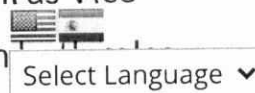


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The Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation®, the philanthropic entity of The Latin Recording Academy®, has named Raquel “Rocky” Egusquiza Executive Director of the organization, effective immediately.

“It is with great pleasure that we welcome Rocky to the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation. His dedication, energy and work ethic will undoubtedly help the Foundation continue its tremendous growth and reach a higher level of international recognition,” said Manuel Abud, CEO of The Latin Recording Academy.

Before joining the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation, Egusquiza served as Executive Director of the Miami Marlins Foundation as well as Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the Marlins. In



she was dedicated to creating and fostering a culture of diversity and inclusion, on the ball field and beyond, which had a profound impact on staff, fans, players and the community. She joined the Marlins from NBCUniversal Telemundo Enterprises, where she was Vice President of Community Affairs and led their corporate social responsibility and community engagement activities and partnerships.

Previously, he held a variety of corporate social responsibility, diversity, multicultural marketing, and government affairs positions at leading entities including AARP, Ford Motor Company, and AT&T. Her experience also includes serving as Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation, Assistant to the County Commission, and Legislative Assistant to the Florida Senate.

As part of her unfailing commitment to promoting change, she was one of the founders of the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute, the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility Corporate Executive Forum, the PRO Sports Assembly, and the Maestros Foundation, which she created as a tribute to her mother, a former teacher. of public school, in order to help Latinos complete careers in education. Additionally, her passion for Latino culture is evident in her past service as a board member of the Smithsonian Latino Center and the Kennedy Center Latino Advisory Board.

He currently serves as a member of the boards of Meals on Wheels America, the Florida Education Foundation, the South Florida for Progress Foundation, and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

Egusquiza earned a BA in Political Science from the University of Miami and a BA from Miami-Dade College. She has earned graduate certificates from Harvard Business School and the University of California, Los Angeles.

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Celebrating Latina Founders, Innovators, And Technologists

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Latinas are doing incredible things in technology. They are founding companies, creating new products, and leading innovation. They stand at the forefront of the future of tech, and they do this despite only holding 2% of technology jobs, with that representation dropping by an additional 28% just one step up the management ladder.

32% of women of Latin heritage say they feel stalled at work, and technology has the lowest rate of Latine participants out of all of STEM areas. We have an opportunity to improve Latina representation in the tech industry. The challenge is overcoming a feeling like they don't have a path to leadership or a chance to grow in their professions. This barrier leads to over half leaving their positions by mid-career. By creating a sense of belonging, helping to map their career path, and ultimately retaining these talented individuals in the industry their lifetime earning average increases by \$1.7 million.

We need to celebrate the incredible Latina women already changing the world and shine a spotlight on their work so that we can show others that they have a path to success. We need to inspire both this and the next generation and transform the oft-perceived face of tech to be more inclusive of the many that contribute to it.

Founder, Innovator, and Technologist

María Teresa Arnal

Maria is an industry leader with broad recognition for her efforts to develop digital business in Mexico. She's the Founder of the Interactive Advertising Bureau (IAB) in Mexico, the Co-Founder and a member of the Academic Council of the Higher Institute for Internet Development (ISDI) in Mexico, and the President of the board of the Mexican chapter of the World Internet Project.

Maria is also a board member for several other organizations, including Sigma, Salud Digna, and Mexichem. She is an esteemed speaker, a mentor at Endeavor, and a member of the International Women's Forum. Currently, she is the Business lead for Stripe LATAM, and she has worked previously as a Managing Director at Google and Twitter LATAM.

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As the Global Head of Partnerships at Netflix, Maria has broad experience in content and deals negotiation for all media and platforms. Before this, she spent ten years as the Vice President of Business Development for Google in Southern Europe and emerging markets. With more than 20 years of experience in the Internet and Audiovisual industry, Maria has played a pivotal role in shaping content distribution across multiple digital channels and geographic locations.

Mentor and Leader



Luz Aracely de León Front End Engineer at Accenture LUZ ARACELY DE LEON

Luz de León

Luz de León has a dedication to educating others and sharing knowledge with her community. In addition to being a Front End Team Lead at Accenture, she is a professor of Computer Science at the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León and a mentor to girls in tech. She is also a Leadership Fellow for the Women Who Code Front End Track, where she develops and leads regular technology education events and programming for a digital community of technologists.

Educator, Leader, Scientist

Cecilia Aragon

Cecilia is the first Latina full professor for the College of Engineering at the University of Washington in its 100-year history. She works in the Department of Human-Centered Design & Engineering, where she pursues research and teaching efforts in human-centered data science, aviation, visual analytics, and social computing to develop methods for gaining better insights from vast data sets.

She was also the first Latina pilot on the United States Aerobatic Team. Cecilia was a winner of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE), has authored three books and over 200 articles, and was previously a computer scientist at NASA.

Overcoming Hardship to Touch the Stars

Diana Trujillo (NASA)





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At seventeen, Diana moved to the United States from Colombia with just \$300 to escape economic difficulties back home. She took on several jobs while taking English lessons at Miami Dade College. After being inspired by an article featuring women working in the aerospace field, Diana enrolled at the University of Florida, applied to NASA Academy, and became the first Hispanic immigrant woman admitted into the program. She was one of two participants to be offered a job at NASA. Today, Diana is an Aerospace Engineer at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, leading the engineering team responsible for the Perseverance rover's robotic arm. On February 18th, 2021, Trujillo hosted the first ever Spanish-language NASA transmission of a planetary landing for the Perseverance rover landing on Mars.

Founder and Venture Capitalist

Miriam Rivera

Miriam is the CEO, Co-Founder, and Managing Director of Ulu Ventures, a seed-stage venture firm that has negotiated over \$10 billion in commercial partnerships. She is also a Member of the Board of Trustees for the Sesame Workshop and a Trustee/Chair

for the Kauffman Foundation. Her previous experience includes being an ASX public company board member and an assistant secretary to the US public company board with \$10 billion in revenue. She has also worked as the Vice President of Google, where she re-engineered their sales closing process to allow 50% of transactions to close in one day.

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Grecia Castaldi



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In her role as Program Manager and formerly Women Who Code Monterey Director, Grecia has become recognized as an advocate

for inclusion and diversity in technology and a community builder who has successfully developed and guided local and global digital groups of women technologists. She is a respected public speaker and has been vital in developing WWCode CONNECT LATAM, a Spanish-only developer conference designed to empower diverse women across Latin America with inspiration and education to excel in technology careers.

Latinas are doing amazing things in technology despite only making up 2% of the industry. Celebrating their accomplishments creates role models demonstrating that there is a path to success for them in tech. It's a way to inspire those who are just starting their careers, or who feel isolated. Through their accomplishment the next leader is encouraged to dream, and demonstrate how much there is to gain through greater inclusion, equity, diversity, and belonging.

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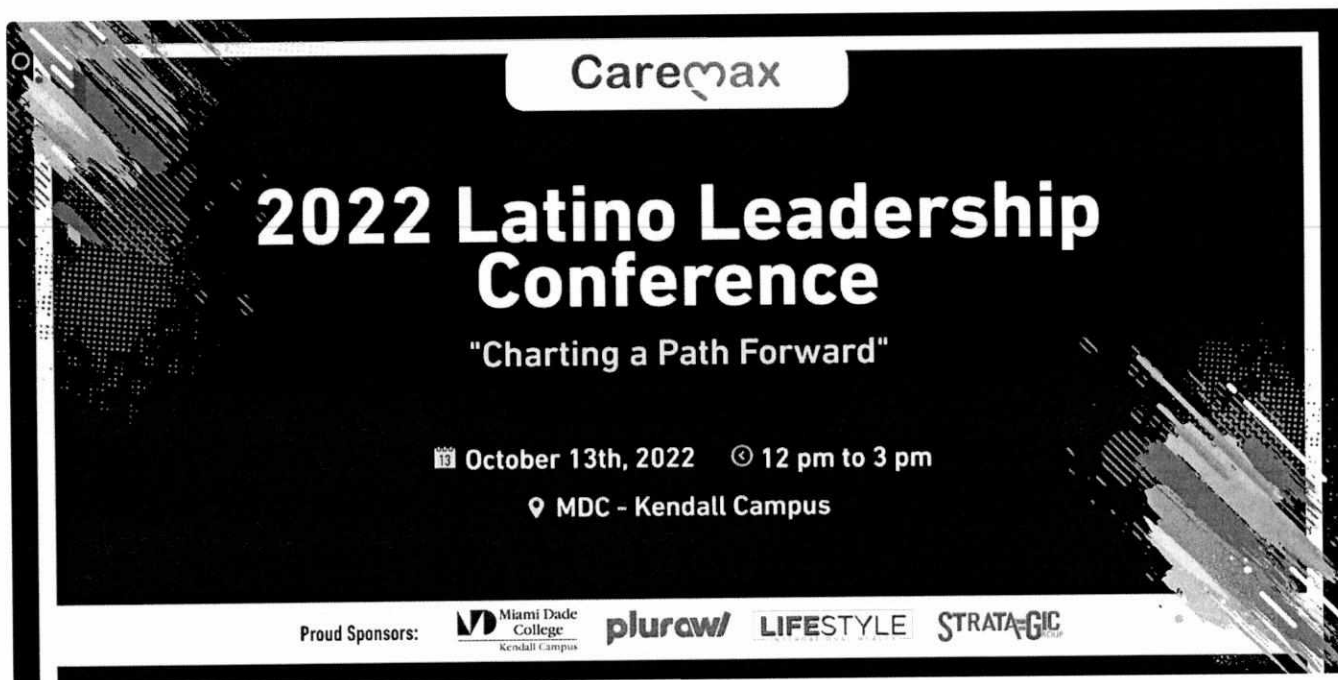
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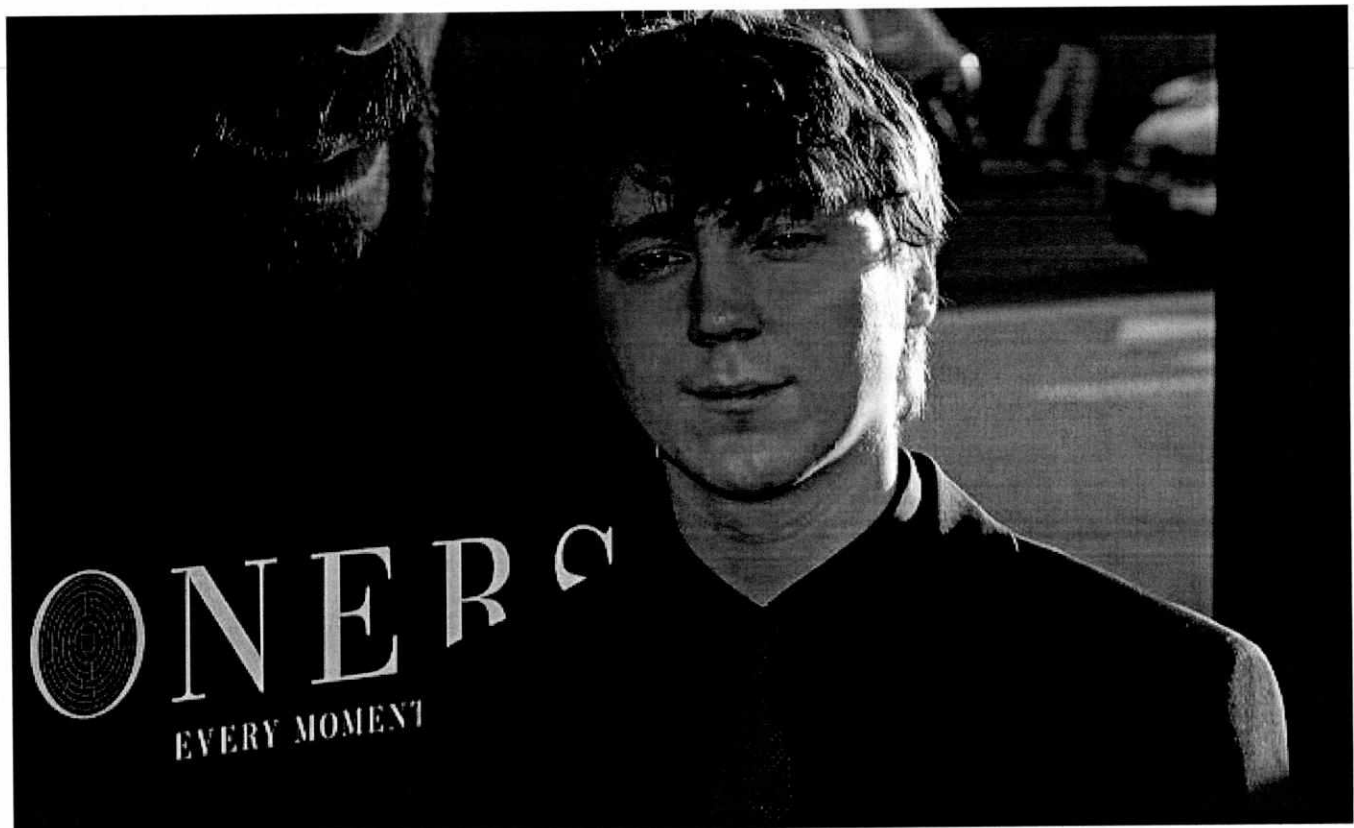
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Miami, 8 oct (EFE).- El noveno festival cinematográfico GEMS de Miami presentará del 3 al 10 de noviembre películas de 13 países y premiará a los actores estadounidenses Paul Dano y Raúl Castillo y al elenco completo de "Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery".

Este filme de suspense de Rian Johnson, que Netflix estrenará en Navidad, abrirá el festival en el emblemático Tower Theatre, un cine inaugurado de 1926 que aun sigue operativo en Miami, mientras que "The Fabelmans", de Steven Spielberg, lo cerrará.

GEMS constituye un adelanto del próximo Festival Internacional de Cine de Miami (Miami Film Fest), que tendrá lugar en marzo próximo. Ambos certámenes competitivos están organizados por la universidad Miami Dade College (MDC), una promotora cultural destacada en esta ciudad.

Seis de las películas que se proyectarán como presentaciones especiales durante GEMS 2022 representarán a sus países en la carrera por la nominación al premio a largometraje internacional en los Oscar de 2023.

Se trata de "Alcarràs" (España), de Carla Simón; "Close" (Bélgica), de Lukas Dhont; "Corsage" (Austria), de Marie Kreutzer; "Decision to Leave" (Corea del Sur), de "Park Chan-wook; "Holy Spider" (Dinamarca), de Ali Abbasi; "The Quiet Girl" (Irlanda), de Colm Bairéad, y "Saint Omer" (Francia), de Alice Diop.

El drama "Women Talking", de la directora Sarah Polley, y el premiado "The Whale", de Darren Aronofsky y con Brendan Fraser como protagonista, son dos filmes destacados en un programa más nutrido que en anteriores GEMS y con abundancia de filmes dirigidos por mujeres.

Entre las proyecciones especiales están también "White Noise", escrita, dirigida y producida por Noah Baumbach, y "She Said", de la directora Maria Schrader, acerca de cómo surgió el movimiento #Metoo.

En cuanto a los premios del certamen, el elenco de "Glas Onion", compuesto por Daniel Craig, Edward Norton, Janelle Monáe, Kathryn Hahn, Leslie Odom, Jr., Jessica Henwick, Madelyn Cline, Kate Hudson y Dave Bautista, recibirá el Ensemble Award.

El actor y guionista Paul Deno, que forma parte del elenco de "The Fabelmans", recibirá virtualmente el Premio Precious Gem, que honra a aquellos artistas únicos cuyas contribuciones al cine son duraderas e inolvidables y que ya han recibido Penélope Cruz, Ryûsuke Hamaguchi y Ramin Bahrani, entre otros.

Los créditos de Dano incluyen "There Will Be Blood", "Little Miss Sunshine", "12 Years a Slave", "The Prisoners", "Love and Mercy" y "Wildlife, que también coescribió y dirigió.

El actor texano Raúl Castillo, que ha actuado en "The Same Storm", "Cha Cha Real Smooth" y "We the Animals", recibirá el Premio GEMS Art of Light y asistirá a una función de uno de sus últimos trabajos, "The Inspection", de la directora Elegance Bratton.



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Miami Film Festival Gems Could Be Tower's Swansong

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Miami Dade College's Miami Film Festival plans to go ahead with its ninth annual Miami Film Festival Gems at the Tower Theater in Little Havana, which could be the theater's last in-person film festival ever.

Running from Nov. 3-10, feature films from 13 nations are set to headline the festival, which will be the most ever in a Gems lineup.

While the Gems Festival will take place at the historic Tower Theater at 1508 SW Eighth St., Miami Dade College (MDC) is currently searching for alternatives after 20 years of operating the art cinema. In a Sept. 19 memo, the city's Department of Real Estate and Asset Management notified the college that it will terminate its contract.

Miami Dade College was seeking to renew its lease for an additional five years, but instead, the college's operating contract agreement will run its course and expire Jan. 2, 2023.

"We've done an exceptional job for 20 years operating this theater and we'd love to continue to do it," MDC's Tower Theater Interim Executive Director Nicolas Calzada told Miami Today last week. "We are hoping that the community continues to rally and this decision gets rescinded."

The 2022 festival will open with Rian Johnson's *Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery*. Two centerpiece screenings, which are the ensemble drama *Women Talking* and redemption-driven Brendan Fraser drama *The Whale*, will lead to the closing night feature of Steven Spielberg's *The Fabelmans*.

Among the personal honorees at Gems 2022 is Raúl Castillo, who will receive the Art of Light Award and will attend a screening of *The Inspection*, where he stars as the sympathetic superior. The Art of Light Award is presented to cinematic artists whose exemplary work shines new wonders on the continuing evolution of motion pictures. Past acting recipients include Andra Day and Aldis Hodge.

"Over the years, Miami Film Festival Gems has evolved into one of the country's premiere fall festivals, where Miami cinephiles can come to the historic Tower Theater Miami and, in the course of a week, see all of the most acclaimed films of the year and surefire Oscar contenders before anyone else has had a chance to see them," Mr. Calzada said. "This year's extraordinary lineup is no exception. Miami's film-loving community is in for a huge treat."

Along with the Miami Film Festival, the annual festival welcomes more than 45,000 audience members and more than 400 filmmakers, producers, talent and industry professionals. In the last five years, the festival has screened films from more than 60 countries, including 300 world, international, North American, US and East Coast premieres.

Major sponsors of Miami Film Festival Gems include Knight Foundation, American Airlines, Telemundo, NBC, Estrella Damm and Miami-Dade County. The festival also offers educational opportunities to film students and the community at large.


“This year, our audience can expect a full week of film from some of cinema’s greatest auteurs and most promising newcomers alike,” said Lauren Cohen, Gems Festival’s director of programming. “This is an opportunity for Miami moviegoers to be the first to see the most significant films of the year the way they were meant to be seen at our beloved home Tower Theater Miami.”

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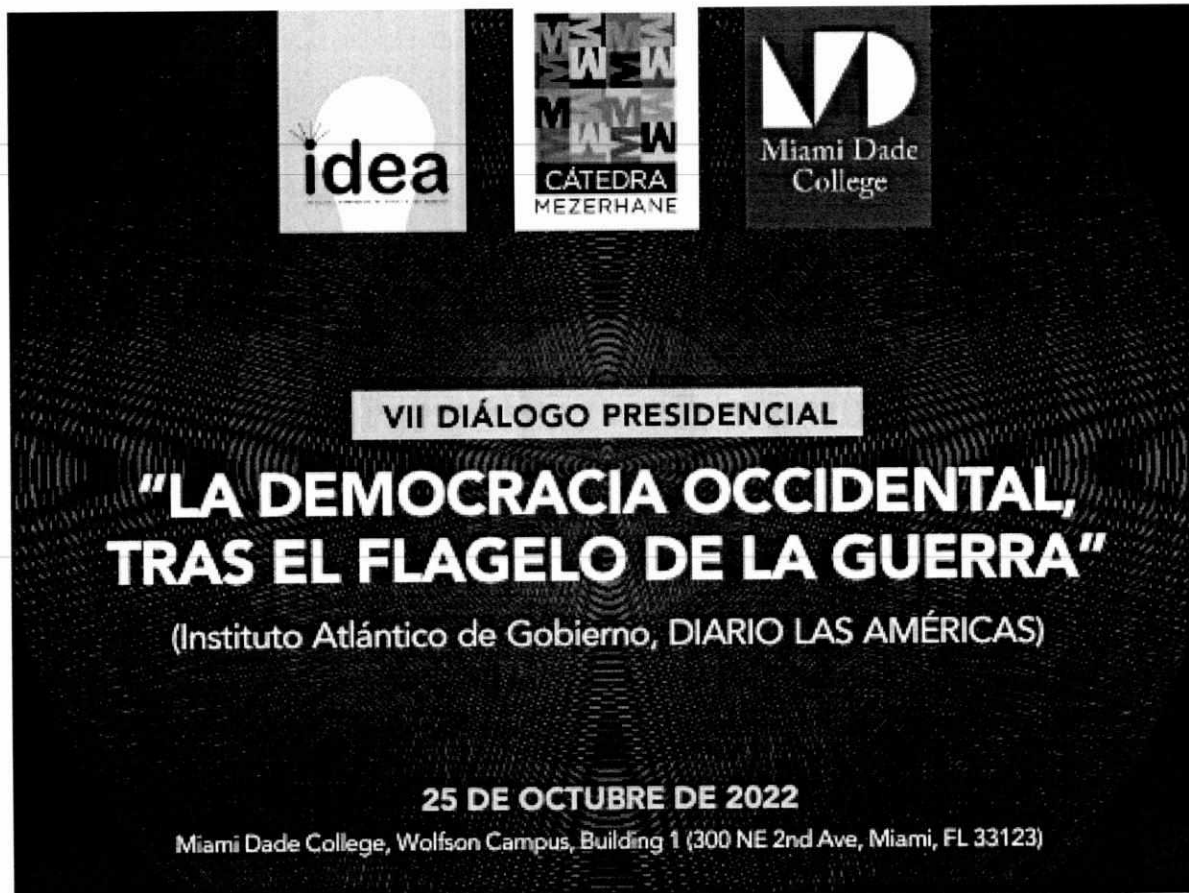
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MIAMI.- La invasión rusa a Ucrania está “avalada” por un documento suscrito por el Kremlin y Pekín, que podría tener un “serio en impacto” en Latinoamérica, afirmó el secretario general del Grupo Iniciativa Democrática de España y las Américas (IDEA), Asdrúbal Aguiar.

La declaración del exministro y catedrático venezolano se produce a escasos días del VII Diálogo Presidencial, encuentro que reunirá en el Miami Dade College a ocho expresidentes, académicos, empresarios y dirigentes políticos el próximo 25 de octubre.

Según Aguiar, “hay que considerar que Rusia y China, antes de iniciar la guerra contra Ucrania, plantearon en un documento que para garantizar paz en el futuro, la democracia y los derechos humanos deben reducirse al ámbito histórico y cultural de cada Estado y nación”.

“Con ello”, de acuerdo con el también exgobernador de Caracas, “en el fondo Rusia y China avalan la perspectiva que han pretendido defender en América gobiernos como los de Miguel Díaz-Canel en Cuba, Nicolás Maduro en Venezuela y Daniel Ortega en Nicaragua”.

Anotó que esta es la “tesis que también defiende Andrés Manuel López Obrador desde México”.

El foro de este 2022 titulado La democracia occidental, tras el flagelo de la guerra tendrá como expositores a los exmandatarios José María Aznar (España), Iván Duque (Colombia), Vicente Fox (México), Mauricio Macri (Argentina), Yamil Mahuad (Ecuador), Miguel Ángel Rodríguez (Costa Rica), Luis Alberto Lacalle (Uruguay) y Jorge 'Tuto' Quiroga (Bolivia).

Aguiar advirtió que si las consideraciones de Rusia y China se tomaran "al pie de la letra", esto podría significar "el fin del Sistema Interamericano y de la OEA y también se tirarían al foso de la historia el patrimonio intelectual que dejó la Segunda Guerra en el siglo XX, que obligaba a todos los Estados a respetar la dignidad de la vida humana".

El Diálogo Presidencial, que organizan el Grupo IDEA, el Miami Dade College, Instituto Atlántico de Gobierno, Cátedra Mezerhane y Diario Las Américas, tendrá dos paneles: Democracias al detal, entre Beijing y la Cumbre de las Américas y Crecer en libertad, el desafío de Occidente.

En opinión de Aguiar, serán "muy importantes" las intervenciones del expresidente Iván Duque de Colombia y del expresidente del Gobierno español José María Aznar.

"En el caso de Duque porque acaba de salir del poder y vimos cómo ha asumido con pasión la defensa del restablecimiento de la democracia en Venezuela, y respecto a Aznar por cuanto propone un programa de crecimiento económico con libertades en América", explicó.

En un folleto informativo, los organizadores del encuentro advierten que "la libertad, como arbitrio de conciencia y la responsabilidad por las consecuencias de su ejercicio, buscarían ser aisladas de su interdependencia con la democracia, entendida como forma de vida, y con la vigencia de un Estado constitucional de Derecho".

Acotan que "acicateados por las enseñanzas del pueblo ucraniano que es víctima de una resurrección del mal absoluto en pleno siglo XXI, se hace obligante reivindicar los valores éticos fundantes de nuestra cultura y el ejercicio responsable de la libertad, relajados a lo largo de las tres décadas que cierran con el COVID-19".

Las deliberaciones del VII Diálogo Presidencial tendrán lugar en el Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, Building 1 (300 NE 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33123).

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