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Cultural Programs Launch for Spring/Summer 2014 in the United States and Canada

Washington, D.C.– The Embassy of Spain in Washington D.C., in collaboration with the Embassy of Spain in Ottawa (Canada), present the new cultural program **SPAIN arts & culture Spring/Summer 2014**. This season, **SPAIN arts & culture** will focus on the creative power of the cities and their abilities to generate new cultural experiences. The music will also be a main feature of this program, and several Spanish bands will be on tour through the United States this spring. Below, we highlight some of the most important upcoming events:

In Washington DC, the exhibit **TAPAS. Spanish Design for Food**, organized by Acción Cultural Española (AC/E) and curated by Juli Capella, invites us to discover 25 years of Spanish experimental avant-garde that combines design and culinary ingenuity.

The exhibition **Transforming Cityscapes** shows 25 projects of buildings and urban plans, selected by the jury of the Ibero-American Biennial VIII of Architecture and Urbanism (BIAU), and demonstrates the commitment of architects and planners to change the landscape of cities in Ibero-America.

Urban culture is a key characteristic of the city of Baltimore, where Spanish collective **mmmm...** will participate in a public art intervention called **Transit**. This public renewal project is organized by EUNIC DC (European Union of National Institutes for Culture) and the Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts. The group **mmmm...** will develop a site specific installation for the Highland neighborhood. This group is the creator of the 2011 intervention *Meeting Bowls* in Times Square, New York, which was visited for over 20 million people.

Sounds from Spain, a program designed to promote Spanish music, will, once again, land this spring at South by Southwest Festival. **Arizona Baby, Betunizer, Fuel Fandango, Kiki Veneno, Lori Meyers** and **Soledad Vélez** are six of the Spanish bands that will participate in the festival (March 6-16 Austin, Texas). Some of these groups will tour through several cities across the U.S. including, Chicago, New York, Miami and Washington D.C.

Estrella Morente, Tomatito, Israel Galván, Antonio Canales and **Eva Yerbabuena** are just a few of the more than 80 dancers, vocalists, and guitarists, that will perform this spring in the **Flamenco Festival 2014** which will be held from February 26th until March 14th in cities across the United States.

The anthology of fiction in Spanish, **Mil bosques en una bellota**, *A Thousand Forest in one acorn*, curated by editor Valerie Miles, compiles the works by 28 of the most influential writers in the Spanish literary scene during the second half of the 20th century. It will be presented in May at BookExpo America.

Moreover, through a series of lectures in March, April and May, **SPAIN arts & culture**, in collaboration with the National Gallery of Art, the National Gallery of Canada and the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, will celebrate the artistic legacy of **El Greco** (1541-1614) in the 400th anniversary of the artist's death.

Cinema, Theater, Design, Fashion and Visual Arts complement this **SPAIN arts & culture Spring/Summer 2014** program. We invite you to enjoy it with us across more than 25 cities in the United States and Canada.

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