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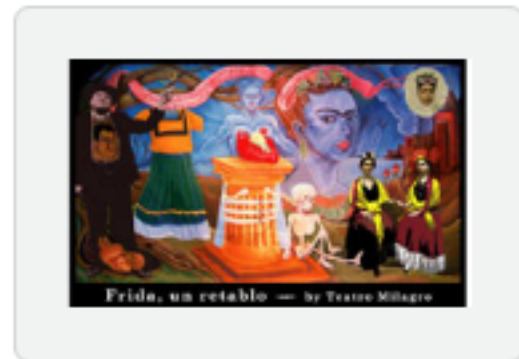
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Teatro Milagro to Perform a Tribute to Frida Kahlo

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's Office of Multicultural Student Affairs again welcomes Teatro Milagro, which will perform on campus their critically acclaimed work *FRIDA, un retablo* on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 N. Park St., Bloomington).



The production, which is free and open to the public, will be presented at Illinois Wesleyan as a part of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which formally begins on Sept. 15 and continues through Oct. 15.

Based in Portland Oregon, Teatro Milagro is one of three performance companies belonging to the Miracle Theatre Group, the Northwest's premiere Latino arts and culture organization. Teatro Milagro's production of *FRIDA, un retracto* is supported in part by The Bloomfield Foundation, Carpenter Foundation, El Centinela, El Hispanic News, Juan Young Trust National Endowment for the Arts, New Belgium Brewing, Oregon Arts Commission, The Equity Foundation, Powells.com, Regional Arts & Culture Council, Target, Herbert A. Templeton Foundation, The Ventura Group, and Wells Fargo.

Written and directed by Olga Sanchez, *FRIDA, un retablo* brings to the stage the story of Frida Kahlo, one of Mexico's most revered and iconic painters. Last performed five years ago, the production has been reworked, now bringing even more vividly to life the imagination of the artist who famously said, "They thought I was a surrealist, but I wasn't. I never painted dreams, I painted my own reality." Two actresses will portray Kahlo; Dañel Malán as the older Frida and Maya Malán-Gonzalez as the younger. Omar Vargas returns in the role of Diego Rivera, Kahlo's sometimes-estranged husband. Matthew Preston will play several roles, including Kahlo's lover Leon Trotsky, André Breton and Julian Levy. Art Vioria composed the production's music and Tomas Rivero designed and painted its signature mural.

For additional information about Hispanic Heritage Month, visit the Multicultural Student Affairs Web site at <http://www.iwu.edu/multicultural/index.html>. For additional information about Teatro Milagro, contact Casa Latina Cultural Center at (309) 556-3412.

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