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Editorial

This new issue of our Cultural Bulletin is marked by the Bicentenary of Argentina. May was a month of celebrations and academic events as much in Canberra as in Sydney and Melbourne, which was possible thanks to the most valuable contribution from the Argentine communities in these cities as well as from the University of Sydney, University of Melbourne and the Australian National University.

In the next few weeks we will have the visit to Australia of the Argentine Men's National Team as well as Boca Juniors, nothing less!

The month of April has already preannounced the celebrations with the joy of the Oscar being awarded to "The Secret in Their Eyes" by Juan José Campanella, as the Best Foreign Language Film. This is the second time that the Argentine cine-

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Celebration of the Bicentenary of Argentina in Canberra



The National Day commemoration in Canberra commenced with the flag raising ceremony held at the Latin American Plaza where the national anthem was sung and Ambassador Pedro Villagra Delgado referred to the importance and meaning of this anniversary. Among the attendees were the Latin

American Ambassadors as well as the Ambassador of Spain, local authorities from the office of Multicultural Affairs and members of the Argentine community. It was planned that members of the Tango Social Club of Canberra will offer a dance demonstration of our national music, which didn't happen due to the heavy rain during the ceremony evoking the climate conditions in Buenos Aires on the 25th of May, 1810.

In the evening, a homage concert to the music of the great Argentine composer Alberto Ginastera took place at the Llewellyn Hall. The program included works for piano and guitar as well as the concert highlight "Cantata para América Mágica" ("Cantata for Magic America") op. 27, performed by the percussion ensemble from the ANU School of Music, by the pianists Marcela Fiorillo and James Huntingford, by the cellist Adam Cook and featured the soprano singer Justine Anderson, conducted by the maestro Gary France.

This event was co-sponsored by the ANU (Australian National University) School of Music, by the Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies and by the Argentine high tech company INVAP S.E.

The concert was very well attended and highly praised by the audience. It also received excellent press reviews highlighting the quality and complexity of maestro Ginastera's works. "Not every culture so recognisably celebrates its history through the art... Anyone not present at this evening missed a major performance event." (quoted from The Canberra Times).

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matography attains this prestigious award (how can we forget the first one obtained by "The Official Story"). At present, the movie is commercially screened around Australia and deserves to be watched.

Events linked to the Bicentenary will continue through the rest of this year, also as a joint endeavour with other sister nations from our continent, who share with us this important anniversary. Thus, 2010 is a very special year to celebrate and to strengthen both our respective national identities and our common Latin American heritage with its culture, history and shared values.

June finds us cheering for our soccer team in the World Cup in South Africa united in our hope to cry "Argentina is the champion!".

Pedro Villagra Delgado
Ambassador

Independence Day Celebration in Melbourne

10 July, 7pm - 1am
Grand Star Receptions
499 Grieve Parade, Altona North
Tickets: \$55 (members), \$60 (non members), \$26 (children)
www.centroargentino.org.au



The Argentine Centre of Victoria invites you to celebrate our Independence with a gala night that will take place at the Grand Star Receptions in Melbourne. The ticket prices includes four-course dinner as well as fruit, tea or coffee, tango y folklore shows, raffles and dance music.

For more information and for bookings call Irene on 03 9318 5523, María Rosa on 0413 300 785 or Guillermo on 03 9363 8774. Alternatively you can send an email to contacto@centroargentino.org.au.

Independence Day Celebration in Sydney

10 July, 8:30pm - 12:30am
Burwood Reception Centre
7 Burleigh Street, Burwood
Tickets: \$75 (members), \$80 (non members)
www.argentiniancentre.org



On the 10th of July, the Argentine Social and Cultural Centre of NSW will also organize a gala night to celebrate our Independence featuring tango and folklore shows as well as dance music. Ticket price includes dinner buffet, drinks (wine and soft drinks) y as well as a glass of champagne.

For more information and for bookings please call 02 9745-2371 or 0417 680 591 or send an email to argentiniancentre@hotmail.com.

TANGO INFERNO

4 - 6 August, 7:30pm
State Theatre, Sydney
www.statetheatre.com.au/whatson_comingsoon.asp?info=321#display

Following sell-out seasons in New York, London, Barcelona, Hamburg, and Capetown, the Tango Fire Company of Buenos Aires returns to Sydney with their new show Tango Inferno.



Tango Inferno consists of ten brilliant dancers, including 3 world champions, supported by the critically acclaimed quartet of musicians known as QuatroTango.

In this new show Tango Fire traces the dance from its origins in the brothels of Buenos Aires to the popular social dances of today, known throughout Argentina as *milonga*, and through its more recent evolution into the world of contemporary ballroom.

AILASA Conference

7 - 9 July

Manning Clark Centre, National University of Australia

"Independence! Two Centuries of struggle" is the IX Biennial Conference of the Association of Iberian and Latin American Studies of Australasia sponsored by the Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies (ANCLAS) as well as by the de Embassies of five countries that celebrate this year their Bicentenaries (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico y Venezuela). The conference will feature academic speakers from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Canada, USA, Spain, New Zealand as well as from different Australian universities. For more information please visit <http://anclas.anu.edu.au/ailasa-conference-2010>



BOCA JUNIORS IN AUSTRALIA



16 July, 6pm

Etihad Stadium, Harbour Esplanade, Docklands, Melbourne

<http://etihadstadium.com.au/event-display-etihadstadium/Melb-Victory-v-Boca-Juniors/369>

One of the world's top soccer teams, Boca Juniors will play against *Melbourne Victory* on the 16th of July at the Etihad Stadium in Melbourne. Without a doubt, it's an event not to be missed! For tickets call 136 100 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.au.

Come and cheer for the "Azul y Oro" and for Argentina!

Argentina vs Australia: Basketball matches

Perth: 25 June, 7pm

Challenge Stadium, Stephenson Avenue, Mt. Claremont

Tickets: www.ticketmaster.com.au or call 136 100

Melbourne: 27 June, 6pm

State Netball Hockey Centre, Brens Drive, Parkville

Tickets: www.ticketmaster.com.au or call 136 100

Adelaide: 29 June, 7pm

Brett Maher Court at The Dome, 44A Crittenden Road, Findon

Tickets: www.proticket.com.au or call 1300 12 10 12

Three basketball friendlies will be held in Australia between the Argentine and Australian men's national basketball teams. Argentina currently holds the number one place on FIBA World Rankings for Men, rated even ahead of the mighty United States team, and have finished in the top four at all major international championships since 2002 winning the gold medal at the Olympics 2004 as well as becoming a champion at the FIBA World Cup 2008. These games promise to be a very big occasion and we would like to encourage our compatriots to come along and cheer for our team!

Latin American Film Festival in Perth

9 April - 6 August

Perth Tango Club

Lesser Hall, 82 Cambridge Street, West Leederville

Entry: free

The Latin American Film Festival in Perth, sponsored by the Latin American Embassies in Australia, is taking place at the Perth Tango Club from the 9th of April until the 6th of August with fortnightly screenings (every second Friday) starting 7:00pm. All film have English subtitles. It is a free event and open to the public.

For more information call 08 9271 0555 or visit www.perthtangoclub.com.

Bicentenary Celebrations

in Sydney



The Argentine Social and Cultural Centre of NSW organized our Bicentenary celebration on the 23rd of May featuring music, dance, entertainment and typical Argentine *asado* (barbeque).

This event, sponsored by Consulate General in Sydney, was attended by around 600 people. The Ambassador and the Consul General both gave a speech on the Bicentenary of Argentina.

in Melbourne



On the 30th of May, The Argentine Centre of Victoria organized Bicentenary celebration with *asado* (Argentine barbeque), which was attended by more than 800 people, including members of the Argentine Social Circuit.

The Ambassador and the Consul General in Sydney as well as the Consul General of Chile and Cr. Geoff Porter, the Mayor of Hume, gave speeches relevant to the occasion. Festivities featured music and dance shows.

Friendly Soccer Tournament



"Americas" team, the winner of the four-teams tournament organized by the South African High Commission

On the 11th of June, the South African High Commission organized a friendly soccer tournament between the Diplomatic Missions in Canberra. There were four teams formed: "Africa", "Americas", "Europe" and "Australasia".

In the first match "Americas" won "Africa" 2:1 and then, in the final match, "Americas" won "Australasia" with the score 3:1 becoming the champions in this four-teams tournament.

The winning team was formed by representatives from the Embassies of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Uruguay y Venezuela.

“The Secret in Their Eyes” won Oscar !

The Argentine movie "The Secret in Their Eyes" directed by Juan José Campanella and starring Ricardo Darín won the Oscar for the Best Foreign Language Film and we would like to share with all of you our joy and pride! This is a well-deserved recognition as well as an incentive for our consistently innovative national film industry.

Campanella's film is the sixth film that Argentina presented to compete for this prestigious award and the second one to obtain it. In 1985 it was attained by "The Official Story". Other national productions nominated for the award were "The Truce" (1974, directed by Sergio Renán), "Camila" (1984, by María Luisa Bemberg), "Tango" (1988, by Carlos Saura) and "The Son of the Bride" (2001, also by Campanella).

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