

**ALEGRÍA  
COLOR, FANTASÍA  
Y CANCIONES  
LA  
COMEDIA MUSICAL  
PARA NIÑOS  
ANACLETO  
AVARO**

**TODOS LOS DOMINGOS  
A LAS 4:00 p.m.**

**ESPECTACULO  
PARA TODA LA FAMILIA  
SALA DE LA COMPAÑIA  
NACIONAL DE TEATRO  
(50 mts. norte Dres Echandi)**

# EVENTS OF THE MONTH

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July heralds the arrival of the Veranillo de San Juan (St. John's Little Summer), two weeks of respite from the rainy season. The afternoon clouds usually don't appear at this time and trips into the surrounding countryside are delightful. Nearby beaches offer visitors sun, sand and fun, and it is advisable to make reservations before heading to the shore since Ticos usually have vacation time during this period as well.

Local celebrations with religious festivities, processions, games and local foods take place on July 16th (Our Lady of Carmen) in Juan Viñas and Miramar de Puntarenas, on July 25th (St. James) at Santiago de Puriscal and Sarchi. Residents of Santa Ana celebrate their saint's day on the 26th with fairground type activities, and San Ignacio de Acosta honors its patron on the 31st with civic and religious celebrations.

One of the nations' most important holidays takes place on July 25th, when the Northern Province of Guanacaste celebrates its annexation to Costa Rica. The 160th anniversary of

this event is feted all through the province but Nicoya and fails to entertain the hundreds of visitors. Guanacaste is considered Costa Rica's "Wild West" and its topography contrasts sharply with the lush green terrain of most of the country; in place of the huge coffee and banana plantations are long expanses of flat, dry land where cattle grazing is the primary occupation. The area was once one of the minor provinces of the Kingdom of Guatemala; although closely linked to the province of Costa Rica, it became part of the Republic of Nicaragua when independence from Spain was achieved in 1821. Residents of the former Partido de Nicoya were unhappy about the constant fighting in Nicaragua at that time, and opted to join their territory to adjacent Costa Rica in 1824. The de facto annexation became official four years later when new boundaries were set.

## MUSIC AND DANCE

There will be chamber music concerts by members of the ORQUESTA SINFONICA NACIONAL on dates to be announced. The 5th program of

the full orchestra will be on Friday July 27 at 8:00 PM with a repeat Sunday the 29th at 10:30 AM. Luis Izquierdo directs, and Jaime Moreno is flute soloist in the Ibert Concerto for Flute and Orchestra. The program also includes Bartok's Rumanian Dances and Beethoven's First Symphony. DANZAS Y TRADICIONES is a folklore spectacle that features comedians, a brass band (cimarrona), marimba and guitarist as well offer only one performance on the 25th - be sure to catch this unusual event if you can.

The Savia Andina, a Bolivian folklore group performs on the 2nd and 3r. A Spanish zarzuela company will be guests on the 10th and 11th, and on the 12th local soprano Zamira Barquero assisted by Maria Culler will present a program of Spanish music.

Pianist Pilar Aguilar plays on the 28th in a solo concert. All of the preceding events are at the NATIONAL THEATER.

## THEATER

Theater in Spanish has much to offer the tourist with some

knowledge of the idiom. The TEATRO CARPA presents *El gran desclavo* by the Argentines Armando Chulak and Sergio de Decco. Directed by Alfredo Catania, this play comments on the lack of communication between husbands and wives and features Haydee de Lev, Carmen Bunster and Carlos Catania. THE TEATRO LA COLINA show *Los cuervos estan de luto* by the Mexican playwright Hugo Arguelles. Mariano Gonzalez directs the members of the resident company. The TEATRO DEL ANGEL prolongs then the company mounts *Tales from the Decameron* which Alexander

Sieverking directs, featuring Ana Iztaru, Belgica Castro and Gerardo Arce. Phone the theater at 22-82-58 so see when the new production starts. The TEATRO TIEMPO continues with *Los Hermanos Queridos* at their home base.

The NATIONAL THEATER COMPANY offers J.B. Priestley's *El Tiempo y los Conway* at their theater on Calle 13, and every Sunday the resident company offers *Anacleto Avaro* a play with music for children, at 4:00 PM.

At the SALA VARGAS CALVO, Mariano Gonzalez directs *El Cepillo de dientes* by Jorge Diaz, featuring Bernal Garcia and Maria Silva.

## ART

The JULIAN MARCHENA GALLERY officially changes its name to the CONTEMPORANEA GALLERY and reopens July 12 with a new permanent exhibit of national and foreign painters. THE MUSEO DE ARTE COSTARRICENSE on Sabana West hosts a retrospective show of works by Lola Fernandez. On the main floor in the National Insurance Building at Morazon Park, oils by Luis A. Vasquez will be on display. The CAFE at the NATIONAL THEATER show oil paintings by the Chilean painter Cathy Giusti during the first part of July. The Temporary Exhibition Hall at the Cultural Plaza continues its display of Colombian art including handicrafts, posters, paintings and pre-Colombian gold pieces through the middle of the month.

## MISCELLANEOUS

There will be a round table discussion on "Peace" at the JUAN SANTAMARIA MUSEUM's Auditorium in Alajuela at 7:00 PM on July 6. Santa Barbara de Heredia will host a SEMANA CULTURAL the week of July 15th, featuring various singing and dancing groups, sports events etc. The SABANA PARK will be the scene of a Festival Contact on the 28th and 29th. Among the attractions will be handicraft displays, sculpture, dances and many musical groups. The CURIME Folk Dance group will perform in Santa Cruz on the 21st and in Las Juntas on the 22nd in celebration of the anniversary of the annexation of Guanacaste.

**ANACLETO AVARO**, a play for children, can be seen at the NATIONAL THEATER COMPANY's home Sundays at 4:00 PM. Mariano González directs.

