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LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE TO HOST INAUGURAL LGBTQ+Ñ LITERARY FESTIVAL

All Spanish language festival to promote diversity in literature

Los Angeles, CA – October 1, 2024 - Los Angeles City College (LACC) is proud to announce it will host the inaugural LGBTQ+Ñ Festival, the first-ever literary festival dedicated to bringing together Spanish and Latin American writers who explore and celebrate sexual diversity in their works. This pioneering event marks a cultural milestone in the world of Spanish-language literature and LGBTQ+ representation.

The LGBTQ+Ñ Festival, set for October 3-14, 2024, aims to create a dynamic platform for creative expression, dialogue, and cultural exchange around the experiences and perspectives of the LGBTQ+ community. Through a series of panel discussions, readings, and parallel activities, authors, readers, academics, and activists will converge to explore the intersections of LGBTQ+ identity and Spanish-language literature.

- **Fostering Representation:** This festival is the first of its kind, focusing on Spanish-speaking LGBTQ+ authors, creating a space to uplift their voices and stories.
- **Driving Change:** By providing visibility to the diverse stories of the LGBTQ+ community, we seek to foster empathy and encourage ongoing social progress.
- **Championing Inclusion:** The festival aligns with the mission of Instituto Cervantes, which seeks to promote equality, inclusion, and diversity through cultural expression.
- **Reflecting a Growing Audience:** With nearly 60 million Spanish speakers in the U.S., and over 15 million in California alone, this festival celebrates the intersection of Hispanic heritage and LGBTQ+ creativity in a multicultural hub like Los Angeles.

Event Details:

- **Dates:** October 3–5, 2024
- **Venues:**
 - **Los Angeles City College:** October 3–4
855 N Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90029
 - **Instituto Cervantes of Los Angeles:** October 5
3375 Barham Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90068
 - **Circus of Books West:** Photo Exhibit (October 3-14)
8861 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069

This first edition of the LGBTQ+Ñ Festival aspires to become an annual event, establishing an open forum for the most prominent LGBTQ+ voices from across the Spanish-speaking world.

About Los Angeles City College

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is one of the oldest of the California Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including degrees, transfer programs and certificates to more than 18,000 students. Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges.

About Instituto Cervantes:

Instituto Cervantes is a global organization dedicated to promoting Spanish language and culture. With locations around the world, it fosters cultural diversity, equality, and inclusion through various artistic and literary initiatives.