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Teatro Círculo Continues its 2023 Season with the Revival of *LA CAÍDA DE RAFAEL TRUJILLO* by Carmen Rivera

**The story of a man whose desire for absolute power poisoned his humanity
and terrorized a nation.**

In 'La caída de Rafael Trujillo', about the rise and fall of the notorious dictator, Carmen Rivera courageously brings us face to face with the horrors of state violence and terror so that we may yearn and fight for JUSTICE. - Iris Morales, Activist, Filmmaker, and Publisher

NEW YORK, NY, March 2023 - TEATRO CÍRCULO, one of the leading bilingual Latino theatre companies in New York City, continues its **2023 Season** from **April 14 to 30** at Chain Theatre (312 West 36th St., 3rd floor) with '**La caída de Rafael Trujillo**' (*The Downfall of Rafael Trujillo*) by Carmen Rivera, a play that delves into the last phase of the life of the controversial ruler of the Dominican Republic who governed his country with an iron fist for more than 30 years.

Carmen Rivera is the creative force behind various box office stage blockbusters; her play, '*La gringa*', winner of the 1996 OBIE Award, is the longest running Latino show in Off Broadway history. '**La caída de Rafael Trujillo**' spans over 5 dedicated years of intensive scholarship, primary research, first-person interviews, as well as source material from CUNY's acclaimed Institute for Dominican Studies, and it was published by NoPassport in 2015.

TEATRO CÍRCULO celebrated its 20th Anniversary in 2014 with the world premiere of '**La caída de Rafael Trujillo**', directed by Cándido Tirado, which ran for two successful seasons. This year 2023, it returns to the stage in Spanish with overtitles in English, with a new stellar cast and as part of Teatro Fest NYC 2023, a festival of the Alliance of Teatros Latinos of New York compound by Iati Theater, INTAR, Pregones/Puerto Rican Traveling Theater, Repertorio Español, Teatro LATEA, Teatro SEA, Thalia Spanish Theatre and Teatro Círculo. latinotheatersny.com

Directed by award-winning director Cándido Tirado, '**La caída de Rafael Trujillo**', features a formidable Latino cast: Iván Goris (as Johnny Abbes), Johary Ramos (as ensemble/various roles), Amneris Morales (as Doña María, wife of General Trujillo), Fernando Contreras (as Don Paco Escribano), Erick González (as Joaquin Balaguer), Bill Blechingberg (as Diplomat), Altagracia Nova (as the lover of General Trujillo) and in the lead role of Trujillo, José Cheo Oliveras. Lighting design by Omayra Garriga Casiano,

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Set design and Props by Israel Franco Müller, and Costume design by Eliana Michelle Yost.

In **'La caída de Rafael Trujillo'**, Carmen Rivera, an NYU alumnus whose graduate studies focused on Latin American dictatorships, sets up a series of events, internal uprisings, betrayal, international pressures and political intrigue, as well as the personal failures that led to the downfall of Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina. "This play reflects on how so many Latin American people as well as continental Spaniards have survived the trauma and violence of dictatorships, it speaks of the remarkable resiliency of these communities and how they have committed to move forward in the spirit of democracy despite the enormous challenges they faced in their respective societies," explains Rivera.

A person from the audience wrote about the staging of **'La caída de Rafael Trujillo'**, *"Absorbing, great acting, profound, relevant, thought-provoking. You should see it if you want to get a closer look into the hearts of humans and monsters."*

LIMITED ENGAGEMENT from **April 14 to 30, 2023** at **CHAIN THEATRE**, 312 West 36th St. (between 8th and 9th Avenues), 3rd floor, in Manhattan. **Performed in Spanish with overtitles in English.** ADA accessibility.

This season is made possible in part, by the generous support of NY State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), NYC Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA), The Howard Gilman Foundation, New York Community Trust, The Shubert Foundation and New York City Council.

April 14-30, 2023

Performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm

Performances Saturdays and Sundays at 3pm

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