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THE CONSUL GENERAL PRESENTS THE OHTLI AWARD TO GUITARIST JORGE LÓPEZ BLACKMORE

In a moving ceremony held on Thursday, August 3, 2017, Consul General Porfirio Thierry Muñoz Ledo presented the Ohtli award to Mexican guitarist Jorge López Blackmore, in recognition of his valuable contribution to the promotion of Mexican culture and the preservation of the highest Mexican artistic traditions in Ontario.

In his speech, the Consul General noted that the awarding of the Ohtli to Jorge López constitutes a well-earned recognition of his work promoting our country's culture while displaying the pride, tireless effort and creative capacity of Mexicans abroad.



The ceremony was attended by the Director of Economic, Financial and Global Network Affairs from the Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME), Tania Miranda González.

Also present were close to a hundred prominent figures from the Mexican and Canadian communities, including Ontario's former Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Tony Ruprecht, and the directors of the Harbourfront Centre, the Textile Museum of Canada, the Art Gallery of Ontario, and the Hot Docs and TIFF film festivals.

He highlighted the fact that Jorge López has played a central role in the cultural life of the Mexican community in Ontario, having founded and directed the first professional mariachi band in the province, thereby enhancing the exceptional value of this style of music, which is recognized as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

On accepting the Ohtli award, Jorge thanked the Mexican government and his family and friends for their support during his more than thirty years of promoting traditional Mexican music in Ontario.



What does Ohtli mean?



Ohtli is a Náhuatl word meaning "path". The anthropologist, historian and former Mexican Ambassador to UNESCO Miguel León Portilla, a specialist in Náhuatl literature, describes it as follows: "In the codices the roads are marked with footprints, this is pointed out the way to men and women." The "*Ohtli*" recognition is given to compatriots who are distinguished by dedicating part of their lives to fostering the well-being, prosperity, solidarity and empowerment of our communities abroad.

UNDERSECRETARY FOR NORTH AMERICA CARLOS SADA MEETS WITH ONTARIO PREMIER IN RHODE ISLAND AND VISITS A FARM IN ONTARIO



During the meeting of the United States National Governors Association (NGA), which took place from July 13 to 16, 2017 in Providence, Rhode Island, the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs' Undersecretary for North America, Carlos Sada Solana, met with Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne to discuss the promotion of free trade and the strengthening of regional economic integration.

Undersecretary Sada also travelled to Leamington, Ontario, on July 24, 2017, to visit a farm and meet with Mexican agricultural workers taking part in the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAWP). The Undersecretary also met with Leamington Mayor John Paterson, with whom he discussed the Mexican community and its valuable contributions, as well as the future of NAFTA in the interests of the economic development of both countries and communities.

MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO CANADA DIONISIO PÉREZ JÁCOME MAKES A WORKING VISIT TO TORONTO



Mexico's Ambassador to Canada, Dionisio Pérez Jácome, paid a working visit to Toronto on August 8, 2017, where he met with various high-level executives in the financial sector and the automotive industry, as well as representatives of the cultural and education sectors in Ontario.

In this context, he had a meeting with the Vice-President of the University of Toronto, Edward Sargent, with the purpose of promoting academic cooperation and strengthening student mobility between Mexico and Canada. The two agreed on the importance of strengthening the academic programs in areas of shared interest to both countries.

CONSUL GENERAL MEETS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF BLYTH ACADEMY



Consul General Porfirio Thierry Muñoz Ledo held a working meeting on July 13, 2017, with the founder and General Director of the Blyth Academy of Canada Sam Blyth, to explore possibilities to strengthen student mobility at high school level between Mexico and Canada and encourage opportunities for Mexican students to continue their studies at universities and colleges in Canada. Opinions were shared on the importance of harnessing new technologies in education systems and the modernization of pedagogical methodologies.

THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FROM THE INSTITUTE OF MEXICANS ABROAD VISITS TORONTO

Consul General Porfirio Thierry Muñoz Ledo met with the Director of Economic, Financial and Global Network MX of the Institute of Mexicans Abroad (IME), Ms. Tania Miranda González, who reviewed the economic and financial programs promoted by that institute among the Mexican community in Ontario and Manitoba. Ms. Miranda also participated in the Ohtli Award Ceremony and the Latin American Entrepreneurship Forum organized by the Toronto Chapter of the Global Network MX.



INTERJET BEGINS FLYING ON MEXICO CITY—TORONTO ROUTE



Just after midnight on Thursday, July 27, 2017, the Mexican airline Interjet made its first non-stop flight on the route between Benito Juárez International Airport in Mexico City and Pearson International Airport in Toronto, in addition to beginning direct flights from the Ontario capital to Cancun.

The new service will be offered four days a week, using an AIRBUS 320 NEO with a capacity for 150 passengers and with very attractive introductory fares. There are currently 30 regular direct flights each week between Toronto and Mexico City.

4TH EDITION OF MEXFEST CULTURAL AND CULINARY FESTIVAL

The 4th Edition of the “MexFest” cultural and culinary festival was held at Yonge-Dundas Square in Toronto, on July 30, 2017.

In this edition, the organizers of the festival offered a varied musical program featuring local groups, including the México Amigo mariachi band, the Puro México Folk Ballet, the Aztec dance group



riches of our nation to the Canadian community.

On their social networks the promoters of the event announced a record turnout of 30,000 people over the course of the day at the famous square, where food stands and stalls selling Mexican handicrafts were set up.



Tonantzin, and rock singer Saúl Torres, along with new, young musical talent in the hip hop genre and a dance contest. Participating as a special guest group from Mexico was the norteño band Intocable, performing in Canada for the first time.

MexFest is a Mexican cultural, tourism and culinary festival that aims to promote our traditions and display the cultural



PROGRESS OF THE PROYECTA 10,000 PROGRAM IN CANADA AND ACADEMIC MOBILITY

Proyecta 10,000 is a Mexican government initiative aimed at boosting academic mobility with Canada, with a view to doubling the number of Mexicans coming to study in the country by the end of 2018.

During the summer of 2017, higher education institutions and universities in Ontario and Manitoba received more than 500 Mexican students and teachers, who completed intensive courses in English as a second language.



The Mexican students came in most cases from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), the Technological Institute of Advanced Studies of Monterrey (ITESM), the Center for Teaching

Foreign Languages of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (CELE - UNAM) and the Universidad Mexiquense de Toluca (UMex).

Students from the Intercultural Universities of Guanajuato, Jalisco, Hidalgo, Mexico, San Luis Potosí and Quintana Roo, as well as from the Durango Technological University, the Forger College of Toluca, Chapingo University and the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana de Azcapotzalco (UAM-A).

MEXICAN DELEGATION OF PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES PARTICIPATES IN A CONGRESS OF MIDWIFERY IN TORONTO

A delegation of 40 professional midwives from Guanajuato, Tlaxcala, Guerrero, Veracruz, Mexico, Hidalgo and Puebla participated in the 31st Triennial Congress of the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), held from June 18 to 22, 2017 in Toronto.



The group of professional midwives was headed by the President of the Mexican Association of Midwives (AMP), Maricruz Coronado and accompanied by the National Consultant of the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) in professional midwifery, Paula Guevara and the Program

Coordinator of Midwifery of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Elsa Santos.

The ICM is a non-governmental organization that supports, represents and works to strengthen professional midwifery associations around the world.

GLOBAL NETWORK MX AND 10,000 WOMEN FOR MEXICO HELD A LATIN AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM

On August 3, 2017, the Latin American Entrepreneurship Forum was held in Toronto, organized jointly by the Global Network MX Chapter Toronto, the organization 10,000 Women for Mexico and the EXATEC Ontario association.



The forum program featured seven conferences about entrepreneurship and overall opportunities for Latin American women in business in Canada, as well as a workshop on business strategy and a panel on success stories and best practices.

The presidents of the Global Network MX Chapters Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto were present, as well as thirteen Mexican representatives of the association 10,000 Mujeres Unidas por México.

CULTURAL EVENTS

MEXICAN DANCER CARLOS RIVERA PARTICIPATES AT INDIGENOUS FESTIVAL

In the context of the Indigenous Performing Arts Festival that took place in Toronto July 25 to 27, 2017, the Mexican dancer Carlos Rivera Martínez (who is a descendant of the indigenous Nuu Savi people) co-directed and participated in the play *Kiviuq Returns*.

The purpose of the festival is to promote indigenous cultures around the world through dance, music and theatre. In addition, a range of talks were given and discussion panels and

workshops were organized to raise public awareness about the importance of preserving ancestral traditions, while at the same time promoting diversity and inclusion.

The play *Kiviuq Returns* was presented at the Harbourfront Centre's Fleck Dance Theatre, produced by the company Qaggiavut from Iqaluit, Nunavut, narrating in the Inuktitut language the ancient traditions and beliefs of Inuit culture.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEMINAR ON EDUCATION
IN ONTARIO
AUGUST 26, 2017

Seminario de
**Educación
en Ontario**

Fecha: Agosto 26, 2017
Hora: 9am - 3pm
Lugar: 399 Church Street, Toronto, ON, Canadá, MSB 2J6

RSVP REQUERIDO EN **Eventbrite**

EVENTO GRATUITO

Logos: XOC, EXATEC, Canada's, Georgian

Free admission, please reserved at
<https://www.eventbrite.ca>

MARIACHI ESTRELLA AT
THE CANADIAN NATIONAL
EXHIBITION (CNE)

Mariachi Estrella from Zapotiltic, Jalisco, Mexico will performed at the Canadian National Exhibition
August 29, 2017
<http://ow.ly/dnds30evOaR>

VISIT THE EXHIBITION
HUICHOL: A PEOPLE A
WALKING TOWARDS THE LIGHT

Textile Museum of Canada
Open to the public until September 4, 2017
Artist: Wixarika Art by José Benítez Sanchez
<http://ow.ly/ckMb30evM9b>

ANNOUNCEMENT

XXI CHILDREN'S DRAWING CONTEST
"ESTE ES MI MÉXICO"
"THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY AND ITS
LIFECYCLE IN NORTH AMERICA"

SRE SECRETARÍA DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES

LA MARIPOSA MONARCA y su ciclo de vida en Norteamérica

¡PARTICIPA!

XXI Concurso de Dibujo Infantil

"Este es mi México"

CONOCE LAS BASES DE LA CONVOCATORIA 2017

MERIT AWARDS FOR INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) invites foreign citizens who are interested in studying for a specialization, master's degree or doctorate, conducting graduate or postdoctoral research, or taking part in an undergraduate or graduate-level academic mobility program, to participate in the 2018 Mexican Government Scholarship Program for International Students.



More information: <http://ow.ly/gfkM30evL4v>

MEXICANS IN TORONTO

AN INTERVIEW WITH IVAN WADYGMAR BUSINESSMAN AND CORN PRODUCER

Iván Arturo Wadgyamar, Mexican-Canadian businessman, born in Toronto but with deep Mexican roots.

He studied at York University in the Faculty of Environmental Studies, where he majored in agricultural science. He always had an interest in farms and agriculture, which led him to work with farmers in Ontario, Costa Rica, and Mexico, acquiring extensive experience in this industry in the process.

Iván, tell us about your experience as a businessman and corn producer in Canada:

In 2012, my friend Gabriela and I opened Maizal, a Mexican restaurant located in Liberty Village in Toronto's west end, with a focus on highlighting the importance of corn dough as an ingredient in Mexico's traditional dishes.

To be able to open our business, we took courses offered by the City of Toronto and governmental organizations that offer advice to small businesses, which was a huge help to work out a clearly defined business plan. When we opened the restaurant, still being novices in this business, we had the valuable support of friends and family. Other friends with similar businesses also advised us and we were able to obtain funds to bring a corn mill from Mexico and process the corn in Toronto.

Currently we are members of a cooperative called Cavaleiro Farm located in Schomberg, Ontario, where we grow an acre of corn ourselves. This plot of land serves as a place for research into corn varieties and seeds, and also as an educational centre, because a lot of people in the Mexican community and Canadians accompany us to sow and harvest corn so that they can learn first-hand about the process of making Mexican food from the Earth.



In 2015, MyPick, an organization supported by the Ontario government, recognized us as local organic producers. That same year, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture (OMAFRA) gave us the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence, and we are the only Mexican restaurant that has this distinction.

We have also received recognition as pioneers in the sorting of organic waste, which is collected by the city in green bins, because we take it to the farm, turn it into organic compost and use it on the plants we grow.

What are you doing now, and what projects do you have?

Right now I'm working on sowing and milling corn here in Canada to use it in the traditional dishes we serve at my restaurant.

Maizal's focus was the result of a keen interest in our culinary culture and of our disappointment with the quality of Mexican products we've found in Toronto.

The menu we offer is very simple but it's high quality. Most of what we serve is based on *nixtamal*, which comes from the Nahuatl (Aztec) word "*nixtamalli*", referring to corn when it is boiled with water and lime (or an alkaline solution), which softens it and dissolves the outer layer of the grain. We grind the *nixtamal* in the restaurant to produce pure corn dough.

Although this is becoming less common in Mexico, we want to promote this product in Canada as a healthier alternative and to promote our Mexican culinary heritage.

To produce good *nixtamal*, you need good corn, and not just anybody grows it. So to make our tortillas, we work on the raw material, buying it from certain small-scale producers in the area who grow the varieties of corn that we want.



SERVICES FOR FOREIGNERS

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The Consul General is empowered to act as a Mexican notary public, and is therefore able to issue powers of attorney with legal validity in Mexico. Any person or company located in Ontario or Manitoba may submit a power of attorney for the appointment of a person to act on their behalf in a lawsuit, in the administration of a business or in the purchase or sale of goods in Mexico.

Appointments must be scheduled through MEXITEL (1-877-639-4837) or online <https://mexitel.sre.gob.mx>

For more information about requirements and fees, please visit our website www.consulmex2.sre.gob.mx/toronto or call 416-368-2875, ext. 237.



ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION (eTA) FOR MEXICAN TRAVELERS

Mexican visitors who travel to Canada either to enter the country or to transit to another destination, will only need to complete an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).

The eTA must be applied for at least 3 days prior to travel from the following Canadian government website: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-how.asp>

Si viajas a Canadá, no te arriesgues



No proporciones **información falsa o contradictoria** en tu Registro Electrónico de Viaje (eTA) ni a las autoridades migratorias.

Lleva a la mano información que **justifique el motivo** de tu viaje, como tiempo y lugar de estancia.

No declares **información falsa** sobre las pertenencias o valores que ingresarás a Canadá.

Ten en cuenta que las autoridades canadienses **pueden considerarte inadmisibles** si has estado de forma indocumentada en Estados Unidos o tienes antecedentes penales.

Recuerda que es facultad de las autoridades canadienses **otorgar o negar** el ingreso a personas extranjeras, aún si cuentan con una Autorización Electrónica de Viaje (eTA).

TRAVELING TO MEXICO

Canadian nationals and permanent residents of Canada do not require a visa to enter Mexico, with the exception of Canadian citizens carrying **diplomatic or official** passports.

For more information and requirements please visit: <http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/toronto/index.php/es/visas>

For fees and payment: <http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/toronto/index.php/es/fees>

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Tourism Board



The Consulate General of Mexico in Toronto is open to the public by appointment.

For Mexican passports, birth certificates and powers of attorney, appointments must be requested through MEXITEL at: https://citas.sre.gob.mx/mexitel_web/

(1-877-639 4835).

For any other service, please request an appointment by writing to citas@consulmex.com or by calling: (416)368-2875 ext. 236

USEFUL LINKS

- Presidency of Mexico: presidencia.gob.mx
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: sre.gob.mx
- Mexican Embassy in Canada embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada/
- ProMexico promexico.gob.mx
- Mexico Tourism Board: visitmexico.com
- Mexican National Council for Culture and the Arts: conaculta.gob.mx; ecultura.gob.mx
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico: cancham.mx
- Mexico-Canada <http://mexcan.sre.gob.mx/>
- Visas and consular services: consulmex.com
- Mexican restaurants in Toronto & GTA [[click here](#)]
- MEXITEL
1-877-639-4835
<https://mexitel.sre.gob.mx/citas>