



"Habrá Paz en el Mundo cuando haya Paz en el corazón de cada persona"

The Theater Colón adheres to the Culture of Peace

The One Thousand Millennia of Peace Foundation presented the Peace Flag and recognized the Teatro Colón as a Peace-Friendly Institution

On August 11, the **Signing Ceremony of the Adhesion of the Theater Colón of Buenos Aires to the Culture of Peace** took place , within the framework of **National Law No. 26,819 , Law No. 4557 of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires** and the project **"One Thousand Flags for One Thousand Schools, Institutions, Organizations and Personalities"** , which promotes the **Flag of Peace of Nicholas Roerich** as a symbol of protection of cultural heritage and promotion of the values of the Culture of Peace.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the Theater Colón by its **General Director , Mr. Gerardo Grieco** , and on behalf of the **Mil Milenios de Paz Foundation** , by **Peace Ambassador María Marta Hall . Maestro John Keen , Patron and Peace Ambassador** , participated as a witness .

During this ceremony, the Mil Milenios de Paz Foundation presented the **Peace Flag** to the Theater Colón and recognized it as a **Peace-Friendly Institution** , incorporating it into the **MMP International Network of Peace-Friendly Institutions** .

This distinction recognizes the invaluable contribution of the Theater Colón to **art, culture and the preservation of cultural heritage** , as well as its ongoing contribution to the encounter between peoples through music, dance, opera and various artistic expressions.



Image edited for illustrative purposes, depicting the presentation of the Peace Flag to the Theater Colón.



A commitment to art, culture and peace

Upon receiving the distinction as **a Friend of Peace** , the General Director of the Theater Colón, **Gerardo Grieco** , expressed his gratitude and highlighted the mission of the world's opera houses and, especially, of the Teatro Colón: **to preserve, produce and disseminate the art of opera, dance and symphonic music; to bring cultural heritage closer to the community and contribute to the cultural education of citizens** , promoting spaces of good coexistence and peace.

He also congratulated the **Mil Milenios de Paz Foundation** for the educational and social work it has been carrying out for more than 30 years, dedicated to awakening the consciousness of Peace and Unity in each person and in the world.

The Flag of Peace, a commitment to cultural heritage



Upon presenting the Peace Flag to the Director General , **Mr. John Keen** , **Godfather and Ambassador of Peace** , expressed:

“Dear Gerardo: The Theater Colón, since its creation, has been and continues to be the cradle and stage for great artists who have made their mark on the world. Artists who come together to share their art with all of society. This is also an expression of peace, equality, and fraternity.

For this reason, in this ceremony I present you with this symbol, the Flag of Peace, asking that the legacy of the Theater Colón always be preserved and continue to be projected under these precepts through time.”





Choosing Peace, Building Peace

In thanking the Director General for accepting the Peace Flag and for saying “**Yes to Peace**” , Peace Ambassador **Maria Marta Hall** stated that the vision of Peace of the Mil Milenios de Paz Foundation, sustained for more than 30 years, **is a personal and collective choice, a vocation and a way of life**

“It is through the coherence between our ideals and our actions that we dedicate ourselves to building a new Culture of Peace,” he expressed.



Acknowledgments

Our recognition and gratitude to those who made this meeting possible and accompanied us in building a Culture of Peace.

To the **management of the Teatro Colón** , for the generous gift of the book *One Hundred Years of the Permanent Ensembles of the Theater Colón* .

To the **Ministry of Education of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires** ; to the **Argentine Forum of Composers** , represented by its Secretary , **Nora Bologna** ; and to the **Argentine Association of Composers** , represented by its President, **Lucio Bruno Videla** .

To our **Ambassadors of Peace** present: **Ada Risetto** , **Ana Díaz Cano**, **Claudio Messina**, **Duilio Smiriglia** , **Gabriela Pepe** and **Ricardo Ariel Riva** , for their commitment and support.

And very especially, to the entire team at the Teatro Colón , for their warm welcome, willingness and commitment to this initiative.

To all, our sincere thanks for being part of this journey towards a Culture of Peace.



The Theater Colón's membership thus represents a new step in the commitment to unite **art, culture, heritage and peace** , recognizing the value of cultural institutions as spaces capable of building bridges, generating encounters and contributing to a society based on coexistence, respect and fraternity.



**May this event be a source of hope and inspiration
for the Lyric Theatres of the World**