



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Greetings Friends!

We hope that you all are healthy and safe!!

The Festival of International Books and Arts (**FESTIBA**) was established in 2006 to promote the importance of literacy, culture and the arts to students, parents, educators and community members throughout the Rio Grande Valley. FESTIBA 2022 will explore the theme of **Inspiring Creativity & Innovation Through Arts and Literacy**. Creativity opens the mind and connects us with our imagination and passions, inspiring self-discovery and expression of hidden talents and inner capacities. Creative thinking leads to higher levels of intelligence, innovation and problem-solving skills. It nurtures confidence, instills curiosity, encourages questions, and gives voice to our creative expression.

UTRGV provides community members with the education and opportunity to optimize their success, health and literacy, as well as serves as a gateway to the creative arts, uplifting, connecting and inspiring the entire community. Join us at FESTIBA 2022 to discover how creativity nurtures innovation and inspires exploration and communication.

MARIACHI FESTIVAL NEW and EXCITING NEWS !!

The FESTIBA 2022 Mariachi Festival will be held on two dates this year! See the attached schedule for March 4th. So excited to have these great musicians joining us - the nation's foremost mariachi educator, José Hernández, the operatic baritone Dr. Octavio Moreno, and La Reina de los Mariachis, Aida Cuevas! (\$25.00 registration fee includes concert ticket). Another exciting event this year is the addition of a "Mariachi Song Arrangement" competition! Details to follow!

On April 22nd, in Brownsville and in collaboration with the Nuestra Cultura Mariachi Festival, FESTIBA 2022 will present a workshop that will feature the fabulous **Mariachi Los Camperos**. Don't miss these great opportunities to celebrate the very best of the mariachi music tradition. See attached schedule for April events. (\$45.00 registration fee includes concert ticket)

We know you will enjoy the FESTIBA 2022 Mariachi Festival! We thank you for joining us for this unique cultural opportunity for South Texas!

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