

*A letter from Denise Quiñones
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Hello,

I am writing to you today to join me in helping Repertorio Español continue serving our community. Like you, I value the plays, education programs and outreach that have made Repertorio the outstanding institution that it is today.

I was thrilled to begin my career as an actress at Repertorio Español four years ago. I made my debut in "Anna in the Tropics," playing Marela. Since then, you might have seen me playing Rosita in "Doña Rosita the Spinster" and Flor in "Doña Flor and Her Two Husbands." Currently, I play Alba in the epic production of "The House of the Spirits."

For me, it is a great honor to be part of the Repertorio family. Our Company presents over 350 performances of at least 12 different productions a year. What thrills me the most -- aside from being on the Repertorio stage performing - is the knowledge that through the Company's Education program, ¡Dignidad!, new generations of our youth are being introduced to the riches of theatre, and, perhaps more importantly, to work that represents the best of our cultural heritage. They are seeing their dreams, hopes, experiences, and cultures on stage for the first time. More than 20,000 students visit Repertorio each year and benefit from this outreach!

Celebrating its 42nd year, this season Repertorio will continue its tradition with over 15 fantastic productions including the premieres of "Kiss Bessemer Goodbye" and "Captain Pantoja and the Special Service," two exciting works I encourage you not miss!

Now, just because Repertorio has been around for 42 years, it doesn't mean that its existence is guaranteed. As a not-for-profit organization, its productions, programs, and outreach depend on the generosity and support of corporations, foundations and the commitment of individuals like yourself. Ticket sales play a critical role too, but box office only accounts for half of Repertorio's total budget.

This is why I am asking for your help today. A contribution from you can make a new production possible or help Repertorio reduce the cost of a ticket for students and retired persons.

Of course, we know that this is a challenging year and that contributions are a great privilege, but know that with your help, Repertorio will continue to thrive, especially at this critical point.

So please, join me and become a member of our Repertorio family today by making a contribution of \$10, \$15, \$25, \$50, \$100 or whatever you can give. Every dollar makes a difference!

Take the step today by visiting <http://www.repertorio.org/donate> to make your contribution. I also encourage you to watch the video on <http://www.repertorio.org/support>.

All of us at Repertorio will be extremely grateful.

Thank you!

Denise

PS: Don't forget to visit <http://www.repertorio.org/donate> to make your contribution. Working together, we will preserve and share with thousands the best of our cultural heritage.