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An historical perspective on the establishment of Chamizal National Memorial

June 30, 1962

At meeting of Presidents Kennedy and López Mateos in Mexico City, "the two Presidents discussed the problem of the Chamizal. They agreed to instruct their executive agencies to recommend a complete solution to this problem which, without prejudice to their judicial position, takes into account the entire history of this tract."

CHAMIZAL NATIONAL MEMORIAL



26TH SIGLO DE ORO DRAMA FESTIVAL

Saturday March 3, 2001 8:00 p.m.

Teatro Corsario
Valladolid, Spain
Coplas por la muerte
By
Jorge Manrique
Directed by Fernando Urdiales



Reparto

Don Muerte	Francisco González
El predicador	Pedro Vergara
La calambres	Rosa Manzano
La del matamoscas	Beatriz Alcalde
La dama que bebe	Carmen Gañán
El pocarropa	Carlos Pinedo
El hombre de la pala	Miguel Bocos
El insumiso	Luis Miguel Garcia
El muerto reciente	Javier Semprún

SYNOPSIS

Introduction. I am Death.

Along the paths of the world wander the dead, who in close company, have been chosen by Death to perform her Macabre Dance.

A recently deceased arrives at a funereal entourage of actors. Those present instruct him in his new trade, a mirroring of what his walk through life had been. The newly-deceased and his baggage unleash upon the other dead, the memories and the nostalgia of life before death.

Frantic, for there is no real eternal rest when you die, the deceased rebel against their tyrannical oppressor. Death, the cruel master of ceremonies, implacable stage director, and traveling fair manager, imposes his authority and his power.

Preparations for the Dance of Death

The performance begins. They go before the Equalizer (Death) to pay homage to the different social classes. In that theatre of marionettes, Death is the puppeteer.

Death's Unappealable Triumph

The Dance ends. The troupe of dead actors pick up their things. There are warnings for the living. One actors says, "Fear Death, for it is she that continues and lives on, not life." Another says, "If life is theatre, to die is to continue in theatre with Death."

In a single file, the deceased, led by Death, march on to another place with its traveling theatre.

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The challenge to this outstanding group was to bring not one, but two different works to the Chamizal National Memorial stage. Only the best of repetory companies dare accept a challenge of such magnitude - a challenge that goes beyond the concentration of remembering different lines and different movements. Logistics are monumental in bringing international companies with their assorted costuming, staging, support and casting requirements.

Double the challenge.