Annual Report

2024

QUEEN SOFÍA
Spanish Institute

Sharing the legacy of the Spanish-speaking world

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2024 In Numbers

In 2024, the events, activities, and educational programming of the QSSI achieved significant impact. These relevant metrics show the breadth of this work and underscore the proudest achievements of the Institute throughout last year.

% of Annual Expenses Dedicated to Programming

83%

Major Initiative: America&Spain250

1

Years Since the Founding of the Institute

70

Donation to Valencia Disaster Relief from QSSI

€55,000

Countires with In-Person Events

2

Partner Organizations

26

% of New Donors vs. Previous Year

62%

Mentions in the Press

175

Online Community Members

14,465

Audience of “Spanish Influence on American History” Platform

240,000+

Number of Events and Programs

27

Total Attendees to In-Person Programs

2,027

Letter from the Chair of the Board

Dear Friend,

In 2024, the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute celebrated its 70th anniversary, a milestone that underscores its legacy as a cultural bridge between Spain, the Spanish-speaking world and the United States.

Last year, the Institute took on the challenge of this new phase, reaffirming its commitment to the mission established in 1954: to foster friendship, promote mutual understanding and strengthen the bonds of peace between the two nations.

The United States is home to 60 million Spanish-speakers, and that number is only growing. This organization's mission and constituents are more pertinent than ever, and we are excited for the next 70 years ahead of us. We look forward to continue sharing our mission with you.

Best Regards,

Pilar Lladó Arburúa
Chair of the Board of Directors of the QSSI

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friend,

It is my firm belief that every new generation, when studying the history of the United States, should become aware of its Spanish heritage. As shown by the excellence of the Spanish-speaking world in many fields, this heritage is very much present and will continue to shape the future.

However, there is still a profound lack of knowledge in the United States about Spain's crucial contributions to its history and culture. At the same time, there is a great desire among the growing Hispanic and non-Hispanic population, to know, study and deepen these contributions.

Over the past few years, the QSSI has made great strides to promote this unique history across the US. In the years to come, it is my goal to share this history even further and to strengthen the bonds of sincere friendship between our great nations.

With Warm Regards,

M. Begonia Santos
Executive Director & COO of the QSSI
Sep. 2022 - Dec. 2024,
President & CEO as of Dec. 2024

NEUROWOMEN
EXPERTAS EN NEUROCIENCIA

FUNDACIÓN
RAMÓN ARECES
PRIMERAS JORNADAS
AMERICA & SPAIN250
Conmemorando los
doscientos cincuenta años
de las relaciones entre
España y Estados Unidos
1776-2026

Our Work

The Institute is committed to advancing knowledge and mutual cultural appreciation between the U.S. and Spanish-speaking countries through different initiatives in the fields of history, fine arts, performing arts, gastronomy, language, literature, science, film, and education.

Our Mission

The Queen Sofía Spanish Institute is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1954 to stimulate Americans' interest in the art, culture, customs, language, literature and history of the Spanish-speaking world.

The Institute strives to promote, among the Spanish-speaking peoples of the world, knowledge and understanding of ideals, culture and customs of the people of the United States, to the end that ties of friendship may be formed, mutual understanding promoted, and bonds of peace strengthened.

QUEEN SOFÍA
SPANISH INSTITUTE
NEW YORK

Our Patroness

In 2003, Her Majesty Queen Sofía accepted the Board of Directors' unanimous request to rename the Institute in Her Majesty's honor, in recognition of Her Majesty's unwavering support of the mission. Her Majesty Queen Sofía is a devoted patron of the Institute and maintains an active role in promoting Spanish culture in the Americas.

In 2018, the Institute re-dedicated its highest honor, inaugurating the Sophia Award for Excellence, a prize honoring the wisdom and humanitarianism of our Patroness Her Majesty Queen Sofía. Her Majesty has since presented the Sophia Award for Excellence to honorees such as Gustavo Dudamel, Carmen Iglesias, Gloria and Emilio Estefan, and Carlos Slim.

Throughout her reign, Her Majesty Queen Sofía has focused on charitable works with a special interest in medicine.

Her Majesty is the Executive President of the Fundación Reina Sofía, a charitable and cultural foundation, which promotes and encourages cultural, social aid, research and educational purposes with an Alzheimer's center housing 150 patients and a forensic lab in Madrid. Her Majesty is Honorary President of the Escuela de Música Reina Sofía. Her Majesty's patronage of the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute has been instrumental in advancing the Institute's mission, and Her Majesty's steadfast dedication to cultural and charitable causes is an example for all.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute is responsible for setting strategic goals to further the Institute's mission. Directors contribute their time, financial support and professional abilities as needed.

The following pages reflect the members of and the leadership positions held by the Board of Directors of the Institute throughout 2024.

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GOVERNANCE & NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

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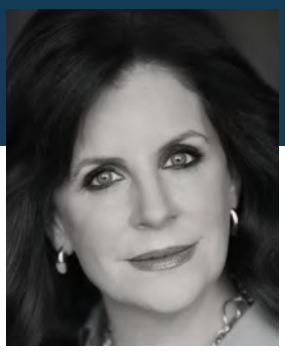
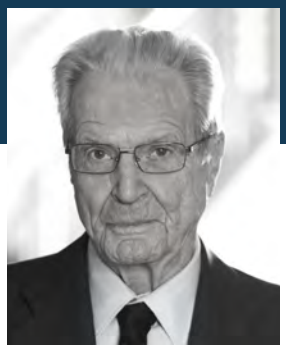


Dixie De Luca
SOPHIA AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

Begoña de Ros Raventós
BOARD MEMBER

Marisa Falcó de Godó
BOARD MEMBER



Antonio Garrigues Walker
BOARD MEMBER

Dr. Richard Kagan
CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE & PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR

Nancy Kissinger
BOARD MEMBER

Carmen Reviriego
BOARD MEMBER

Isabel Stude Lummis
BOARD MEMBER

Committees

Executive Committee

Pilar Lladó Arburúa, Committee Chair
José Pepe Fanjul
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M. Begonia Santos
Dr. Richard Kagan
Dixie De Luca

Finance & Investment Committee

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Begoña de Ros Raventós

Governance & Nominating Committee

María Luisa Cánovas, Committee Chair
Pilar Lladó Arburúa
Joan Trant
Patrice Degnan
M. Begonia Santos

Program & Development Committee

Dr. Richard Kagan, Committee Chair
M. Begonia Santos

Sophia Award Committee

Dixie De Luca, Committee Chair
M. Begonia Santos
Marisa Falcó de Godó

Chairman's Advisory Council

- Reinaldo Herrera*
- Gonzalo Ulloa, Esq.

Junior Advisory Committee

- Carolina Cordón-Bouzán, Chair
- Pedro Magariño Manero, Vice-Chair

*deceased

Cultural Advisory Committee

The QSSI's cultural advisory committee gathers leading experts in a variety of disciplines to provide insight and enrichment on activities, grants, and other collaboration efforts to advance the Institute's mission.

José Andrés

GASTRONOMY

Cristina Domenech, PhD

ART EDUCATION

Chancellor Carmen Fariña

EDUCATION

Richard Kagan, PhD

HISTORY

Ricardo Llorca

MUSIC

Jaime Olmedo, PhD

HISTORY

Carmen Posadas

LITERATURE

Lucia Regales, PhD

SCIENCE

Carmen Reviriego

FINE ART

Laura Rojas-Marcos

SCIENCE

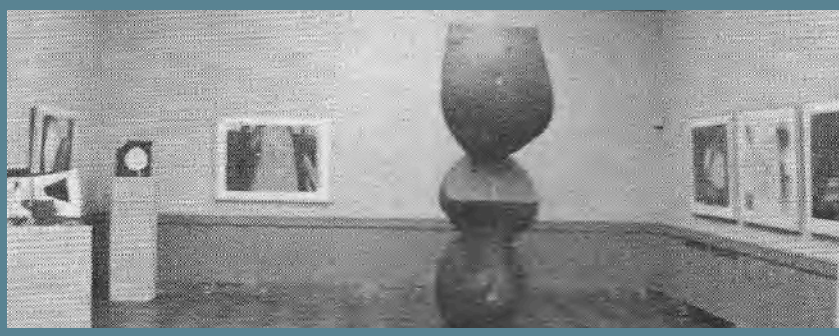
Eugenia Silva

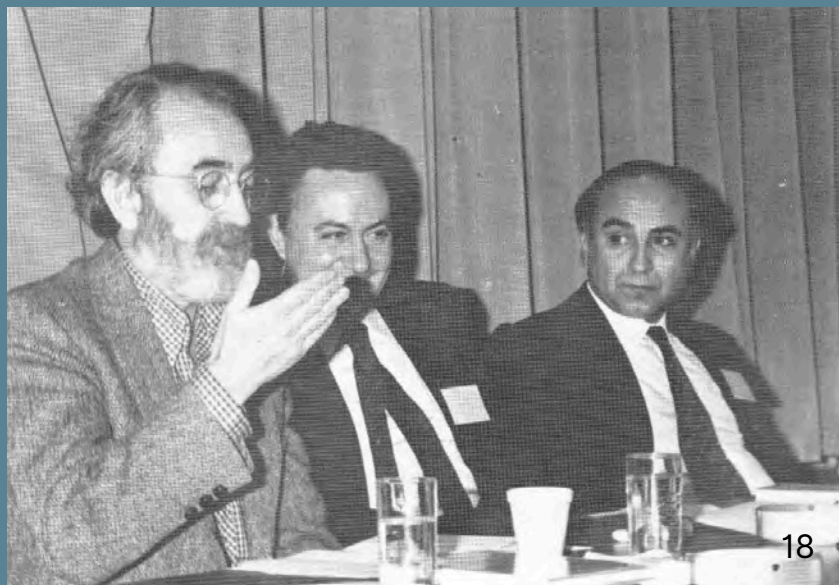
FASHION

Gonzalo Quintero Saravia, PhD, SJD

HISTORY

2024 Programs





The 70th Anniversary of the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute

The Queen Sofía Spanish Institute was founded in 1954 by an interesting and diverse group of Americans that included, among others, Miss Lucrezia Bori, a lyric opera singer, Ms. Cynthia Smith, the wife of the eminent ophthalmologist Dr. Ramón Castroviejo, the Honorable Angier Biddle Duke, who would serve as United States Ambassador to Spain in the mid-sixties, and Edward Larocque Tinker, a noted philanthropist and writer.

They all shared a desire to stimulate in the United States interest in the culture, art, life, customs, language, literature and history of Spanish-speaking countries. And so it was that the then Spanish Institute fulfilled this mission by presenting the work and research of the most outstanding artists, historians, scientists, writers, diplomats, designers, and intellectuals of the last 70 years to audiences in the United States and Spain.

Since its founding, the QSSI has sponsored lectures, exhibitions, prizes, and concerts; held receptions to bring together distinguished members of the Hispanic and U.S. intellectual world; and promoted the exchange of students, scholars, artists and musicians between Spanish-speaking countries and the U.S.

In celebration of the Institute's 70th anniversary, friends and community members joined together at the Sophia Award for Excellence presided by Her Majesty Queen Sofía and viewed a celebratory retrospective video featuring the words, videos, and images of the many people who have contributed to the Institute's mission over the decades.

In recent years, the Institute has demonstrated its ability to adapt to modern times by creating online educational content and building a global community hosting events in different cities across the U.S. Together, the QSSI looks forward to continuing this mission for years to come.

The Sophia Award for Excellence

Named after the Greek word for wisdom “Sophia,” this award is presented to a person or organization that has actively contributed to the international appreciation of Spain and the Americas through a donation of time, expertise, and an innate wisdom in the areas of sciences, arts, or humanities. From 1978 to 2013 the Institute awarded the Gold Medal as its highest honor, and in 2018, the Institute renewed this tradition. Thus, the Institute inaugurated the Sophia Award for Excellence, a prize honoring the wisdom and humanitarianism of its Patroness Her Majesty Queen Sofía.

2024 Honoree

Gustavo Dudamel

Her Majesty Queen Sofía presented the 2024 Sophia Award for Excellence in NYC to Venezuelan-Spanish conductor Gustavo Dudamel. Guided by an unwavering belief in the power of art to inspire and transform lives, he has worked tirelessly to expand education and access for underserved communities around the world, and to broaden the impact of classical music to new and ever-larger audiences.

Disaster Relief for Valencia

In support for the victims of the recent catastrophic floods in Valencia, Spain the QSSI organized a solemn tribute during the awards ceremony, featuring a moment of silence. The QSSI also announced a donation of €55,000 to the Fundación Reina Sofía dedicated to reconstruction efforts in Spain. Generous contributions from attendees underscored the deep compassion and solidarity between nations.

Sunset Gala at the Alhambra

In Support of the Fundación Reina Sofía

Alhambra Palace and Gardens, Granada, Spain
June 8th, 2024

Photo Credit: Casa S.M. el Rey / EFE

QSSI friends and members of the Board of Directors attended the Fundación Reina Sofía Sunset Gala at the Alhambra presided by Her Majesty Queen Sofía. The gala took place at the Parador de Granada, followed by a dance performance by the National Ballet of Spain at the impressive Generalife Theater of the Alhambra Palace. The event supported research on Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases.

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250
AMERICA
& SPAIN

America&Spain250

Initiative for the Celebration of Spain's Relationship with the United States, 1776 – 2026

The Queen Sofía Spanish Institute launched the Initiative for the Celebration of Spain's Relationship with the United States, 1776 – 2026, America&Spain250, to celebrate the 250 years of the shared past, present, and continued friendship between the United States, Spain, and the Spanish-speaking world.

The Initiative aims to increase public awareness of the crucial contributions of Spain to the American Revolution and celebrate their importance over the course of 250 years of Spain's shared history with the United States. The Initiative also seeks to enrich the understanding of the complex, changing, yet enduring tripartite relationship between Spain, Spanish-speaking America and the United States.

Leading up to 2026 and beyond, the QSSI will continue to develop programs alongside historians, researchers, and experts in various cultural areas.

Thus far, the QSSI has held its first official launching event in Madrid at the Fundación Ramón Areces, the First Symposium of America&Spain250. Since then, other projects as part of the initiative have been presented in New York City, and both events were presided over by Her Majesty Queen Sofía.

The QSSI is also currently working on a Grassroots Outreach Project to involve local organizations from around the US in the America&Spain250 initiative and accompanying celebrations.

History

The Queen Sofía Spanish Institute places particular emphasis on promoting the history of Spain and the Spanish-speaking world in the United States in its programming and activities.

Primeras Jornadas America&Spain250

Fundación Ramón Areces, Madrid, Spain
May 23rd and 24th, 2024

The Queen Sofía Spanish Institute, as part of its America&Spain250 initiative, and the Fundación Ramón Areces (FRA) presented the First Symposium Commemorating the 250 Years of Relations between Spain and the United States of America with the aim of ensuring that Spain's contribution to the independence of the United States is duly recognized in the official celebrations that will take place in the United States in 2026.

For two days, distinguished U.S. and Spanish scholars presented their views on the historical relations between the two countries. Through lectures and panel discussions, scholars analyzed aspects ranging from the shared history of both countries, the vision and image of each in the other, emigration, cultural relations, and the challenges of teaching Spanish history, art, culture and the Spanish language in the U.S. today.

The opening night included words from partner organizations: the QSSI, the FRA, and the Director of the Royal Academy of History Carmen Iglesias in addition to Rian Harris, Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Spain, and State Secretary for Foreign and Global Affairs Diego Martínez Belío followed by a lecture by Dr. Richard L. Kagan.

Speakers during the symposium included the following historians, professors, and experts: Gonzalo M. Quintero Saravia, Larrie Ferreiro, M. Elizabeth Boone, James D. Fernández, John Nieto-Phillips, Catalina Gómez, Roger L. Martínez Dávila, Elizabeth R. Wright, Laura Bass, José del Pino, Antonio Feros, Manuel Lucena, and Eduardo Garrigues. The closing roundtable discussion was presided by Her Majesty Queen Sofía.

The QSSI also organized a private visit to the collections of the Palacio de Liria for the professors participating in the symposium and the QSSI Board of Directors.

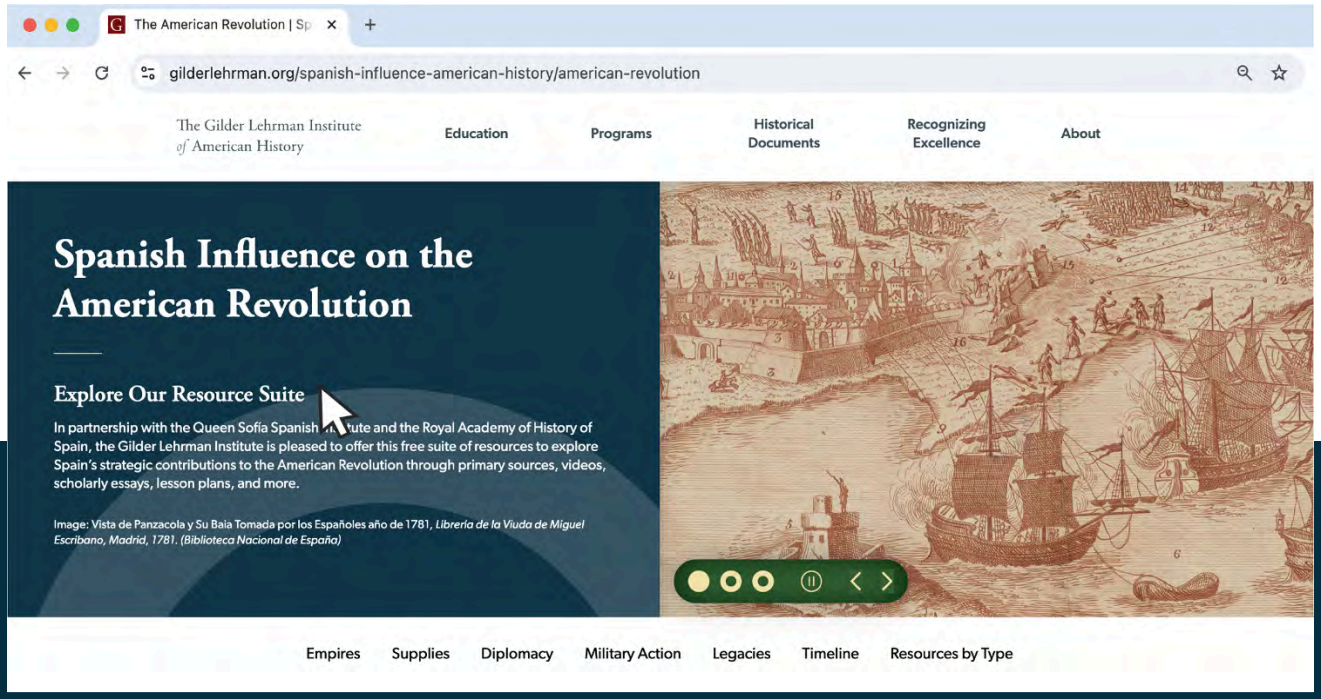
Presentation of the America&Spain250 Initiative

Instituto Cervantes New York
November 6th, 2024

Presided by Her Majesty Queen Sofía, the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute, Instituto Cervantes New York and the Consulate General of Spain partnered to present the America&Spain250 initiative.

Professor Richard L. Kagan, Arthur O. Lovejoy Professor Emeritus of History at Johns Hopkins University, along with M. Begonia Santos, then Executive Director and COO of QSSI, presented the Institute's current programs and outlined future projects under the America&Spain250 initiative.

Education

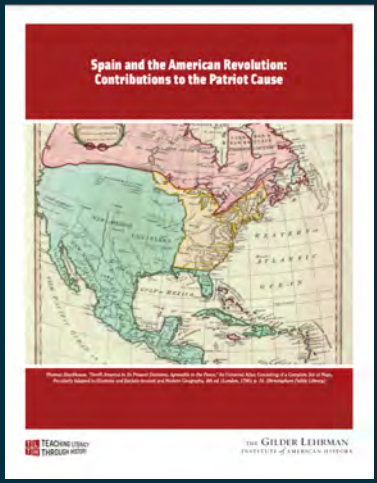


Spanish Influence on American History Webpage

Online
September 2024 - Present

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute, the Royal Academy of History of Spain, and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History launched a webpage that highlights Spain's influence on American history. This online platform offers a rich array of educational materials, providing free digital access to resources for teachers, students, and history lovers alike.

The webpage includes resources for classrooms in both English and Spanish.



The webpage also features "Portal Historia Hispánica - America," a new English version of the Royal Academy of History's "Portal of Hispanic History."

This project is part of a long-term partnership between the three organizations that will illustrate the multiple centuries during which Spain has had a profound impact on US history, disseminate the Royal Academy of History's extensive work throughout the US, and underscore Spain's fundamental influence on the history of North America. The launch of this webpage begins by highlighting the Spanish Influence on the American Revolution.

Educational Videos **10**	Bilingual Unit with Five Lesson Plans for Students Grades 7-12 **1**	Essays by Historians **10**
Significant Historical Events on Timeline **50+**	Primary Sources in Resources **68**	Data Points in Portal Historia Hispánica Translated into English **1,000+**

Quizstory Podcast Awards

Centro Territorial de Innovación y Formación, Madrid, Spain
May 20, 2024

The QSSI and the Dirección General de Bilingüismo y Calidad de la Enseñanza, Consejería de Educación, Ciencia y Universidades de la Comunidad de Madrid, in collaboration with the Royal Academy of History, presented the first "Quizstory Podcast Awards" based on "Quizstory: Spanish Friendship."
The competition aims to promote historical learning and creative thinking among high school students through the use of the "Quizstory: Spanish Friendship" application. This application was produced in collaboration with the Real Academia de la Historia and with generous support from Iberdrola and Avangrid.

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SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED

Conferencia MBA España

Hispanic Society of America Museum & Library and Columbia Business School
April 5-7, 2024

The Queen Sofía Spanish Institute was a proud sponsor of the conference and opening event of the 15th edition of Conferencia MBA España held this year at Columbia Business School. Conferencia MBA España is a two-day event of lectures and networking events where Spanish leaders in business shared their experiences and perspectives with Spanish MBA students attending top American universities. The opening ceremony was held in the stunning Sorolla room of the Hispanic Society Museum & Library.

100+

MBA STUDENTS ATTENDED

Speakers participated in six panels and four keynote addresses during the conference.

Fine Arts

Analogue Sites Exhibition

Park Avenue Malls at 53rd, 66th, and 67th Streets
April 1st - November 2nd, 2024

"Analogue Sites", is a public art exhibition exploring the intersection of art, architecture, and cultural diplomacy by artist and preservation architect Jorge Otero-Pailos. Comprising three monumental steel sculptures wrought from fencing that surrounded the former U.S. Embassy in Oslo and inspired by the historical significance of Cold War-era embassies as places of cultural exchange, Analogue Sites highlights the role of American modern art and architecture in cultural diplomacy and advocates for the preservation of these modernist masterpieces at this critical moment of their decommissioning.

The exhibition was presented in partnership with NYC Parks' Art in the Parks Program and The Fund for Park Avenue Sculpture Committee, and is a sponsored project of the New York Foundation for the Arts, with funding provided by the Onera Foundation, the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute, the AECID, the Consulate General of Spain in New York, the New York State Council for the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor, the New York State Legislature, and individual donors. The QSSI hosted the exhibition opening with support from the Park Avenue Armory.

The sculptures were exhibited on the Park Avenue Malls at 53rd, 66th, and 67th Streets to respond to and engage with iconic modernist landmarks including the Seagram Building, the Lever House, and the historic Park Avenue Armory.

Performing Arts

Talía Awards

"Best Contemporary Hispanic Performing Arts Production in New York"

Teatro Español, Madrid, Spain
April 22, 2024

For the second consecutive year, the QSSI led the Selection Committee comprised of journalists, professors, and professionals from the field of the performing arts, who provided their unique perspectives to determine a winner for the NY category of the Spanish Talía Awards. The Consulate General of Spain in New York and the QSSI, honorary members, provided oversight to the Committee. This award, in addition to giving visibility to current Hispanic productions, will help foster the interest in developing future Hispanic productions in NYC.

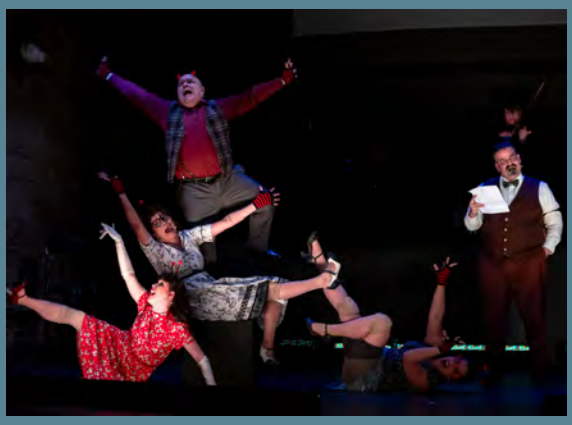
Connecting Stages

Talía Awards Ceremony in New York

Puerto Rican Traveling Theater, NYC
June 17th, 2024

The QSSI and Pregones/PRTT jointly hosted "Connecting Stages" in NY in celebration of the New York City nominees and winners of the 2024 Talía Awards.

During this special evening, the nominees of the Talía Award for the "Best Contemporary Hispanic Performing Arts Production in New York" were celebrated, alongside all Latino productions from New York over the past year. Among the nominated and winning productions were Pregones/PRTT's 2023 "The Red Rose" and "Quarter Rican," as well as Repertorio Español's "Radojka." The Academy of Performing Arts of Spain (AAEE) annually presents the Talía Awards, honoring excellence in Spanish-language performing arts. In 2024, the winner was "The Red Rose" by PRTT/Pregones.



Science

Ellas son Ciencia

Exhibition Opening

NYU Espacio de Culturas, NYC
March 7th, 2024

The QSSI was a proud sponsor of the exhibition and opening of “Ellas son Ciencia/ Women are Science” by MECUSA & Spanish illustrator Quan Zhou. The exhibition merging visual storytelling and science was created to highlight the extraordinary work and experiences of women in science through the unique lens of comics and aimed to create and promote Spanish female role models in STEM, demonstrating that talent and inspiration know no gender or geographic boundaries.

From Left to Right:
Luis Rojas Marcos,
M. Begonia Santos,
Karley Klopfenstein,
Carles Guerra

A Special Presentation

Francesc Tosquelles: Avant-Garde Psychiatry and the Birth of Art Brut

American Folk Art Museum, NYC
April 18th, 2024

This special event presented a fresh look at the new exhibition about the Spanish psychiatrist Francesc Tosquelles a conversation on advances in the field of psychiatry and mental health with Spanish psychiatrist Luis Rojas Marcos and exhibit co-curator Carles Guerra. Guests joined the QSSI and the American Folk Art Museum for an after-hours event with unique perspectives on the new exhibition, private tours, and light refreshments.

Visitors enjoyed the exhibition and private tours at the event.

Music

Paco de Lucía Legacy Festival

Paco de Lucía: A Journey Documentary Screening

Quad Cinema, NYC
February 24, 2024

The QSSI was proud to collaborate with the Paco de Lucía Legacy Festival to honor the legendary artist and commemorate the 10th anniversary of Paco de Lucía's passing. The screening of "La Búsqueda," Curro Sánchez's documentary that was awarded the 2015 Goya for best documentary, was presented with the collaboration of the QSSI and was followed by a conversation with its director, Paco de Lucía's son, and some artists who were close to the Maestro during his career.

The QSSI was a promotional partner for and brought community members to these events that were part of the festival:

Carnegie Hall

On February 20, the Paco de Lucia Legacy Festival's world premiere opened at Carnegie Hall with a star-studded gala featuring 33 artists who joined together to celebrate Paco de Lucía.

Symphony Space

Multi-Grammy winner Arturo O'Farrill and the Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra performed at Symphony Space, paying tribute to Paco de Lucía.

Le Poisson Rouge

The program at LPR featured the musical pairing of flamenco and jazz, considered by flamenco artists to be a musical genre in its own right, called flamenco-jazz.

The Town Hall

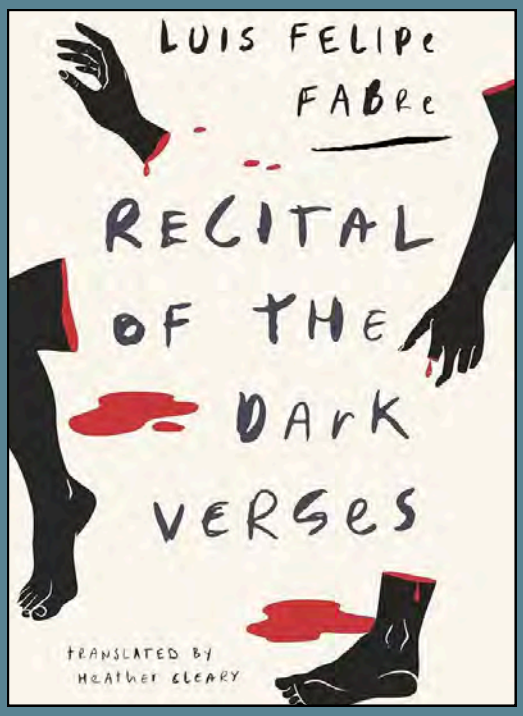
A flamenco summit at the Town Hall was a historic gathering bringing together the most outstanding figures of Flamenco, Jazz, Latin, and African music: Niño Josele, Rubén Blades, Josemi Carmona, Salif Keita, Antonio Rey, and more.

Literature

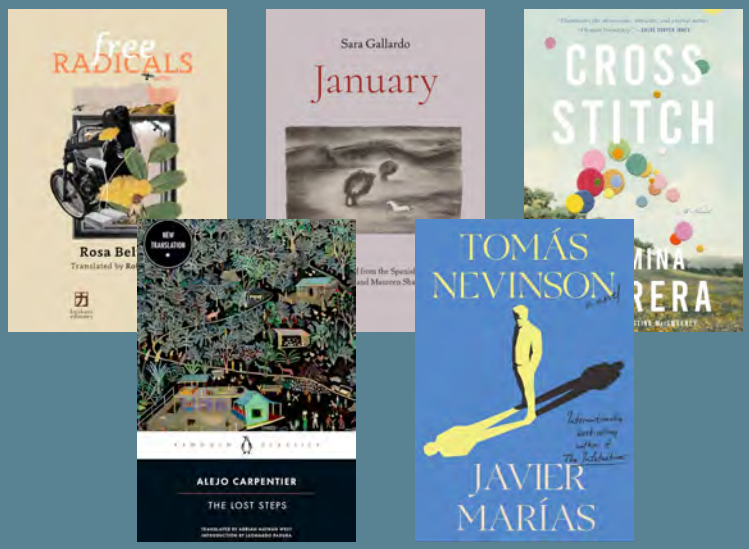
2024 Translation Prize

NYU Espacio de Culturas, NYC
November 21, 2024

With the aim of elevating awareness and engendering appreciation of Spanish-language literature in the United States, this $10,000 prize was created by the Cultural Committee and Board of Directors of the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute to honor the best English-language translation of a literary work written in Spanish. Formerly a triennial prize, it is now awarded yearly. The Reading Committee for the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute Translation Prize consists of a minimum of three members with expertise in Spanish and/or Latin American literature, translation, culture, and/or language.



2024 Winner



2024 Shortlist

In 2010, the inaugural prize was awarded to the late Edith Grossman for her translation of Antonio Muñoz Molina's *A Manuscript of Ashes*.

Heather Cleary won the 2024 Queen Sofía Spanish Institute Translation Prize for Luis Felipe Fabre's *Recital of the Dark Verses* in its seventh edition. Adrian Nathan West won the Runner-Up Prize for *The Lost Steps* by Alejo Carpentier. The members of the jury were the talented translators Samantha Schnee, Amalia Gladhart, and Charlotte Whittle.

The ceremony was followed by a panel discussion with the participation of the winner, Heather Cleary, and John Siciliano, editor of the Runner-Up book, along with Samantha Schnee and Amalia Gladhart. During the conversation, the participants discussed the winning texts and the current challenges in the field of translation.

Books Submitted to the Prize in 2024

59

Edition of the Prize

7th

Amount Awarded

$10,000

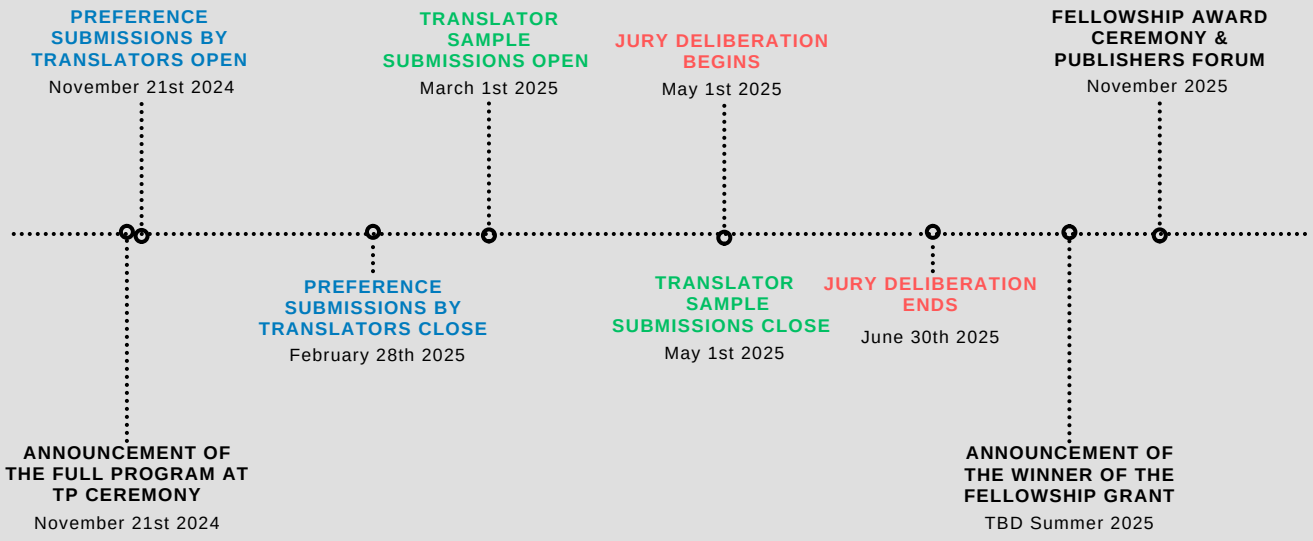
Literary Translation Fellowship

A New Initiative of the QSSI and Penguin Random House

November 2024 - November 2025

In an effort to continue to broaden the reach of the objectives of the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute Translation Prize, the QSSI seeks to expand the programs offered through the Literary Translators Fellowship.

Aiming to allow unpublished translators and other emerging translators the chance to audition, show their talent, and get the chance to pitch their translations to publishers, the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute seeks to support translators by offering this initiative. The most successful sample translation from Spanish into English, selected by the jury, will receive the Literary Translation Fellowship, a grant of $20,000 to translate the entire book. Ten of the sample translations that demonstrate promise, finesse and skill will be awarded Honorable Mentions, a smaller grant of $500 each.



Periodismo y Literatura

El viaje creativo de Julia Navarro

NYU Espacio de Culturas, NYC
October 10, 2024

In this intimate gathering organized by the Espacio de Culturas and the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute, Julia Navarro shared her inspiring journey from political analyst to becoming an international bestselling author.

During this talk, Navarro discussed the influence of journalism on her creative process and how she intertwines reality with fiction in her novels, which have captivated readers around the world, followed by a Q&A.

NYU

RECITAL OF THE DARK VERGES
2024
Translation Prize
Winner
Heather Cleary

English translation of a work
written originally in the Spanish
language

Jr. Committee

The QSSI Jr. Committee held 14 events and cultural offerings for its members and friends during 2024. Members and friends met up at Spanish and Hispanic venues including La Nacional, El Quijote, and Tomiño Taberna Gallega for six social networking get togethers throughout the year.

Members received exclusive offers such as tickets to concerts and other events part of the Paco de Lucía Legacy Festival, entry to the Conferencia MBA España, and tickets to film screenings at Film Forum and the musical performance Sidy Samb: Afroflamenco held at Joe's Pub. Members were invited to a private tour of the galleries of Christie's before their fall sale, and the committee organized a cocktail class using the Mexican and American spirit Sotol at Bar Calico.

Members and friends of the Jr. Committee also joined for the cocktail hour and the Sophia Award for Excellence gala.

Our Community

The partner organizations and individuals that work alongside the Institute help bring programs to fruition.

Community engagement is central to the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute's mission of promoting the art, culture, language, literature, and history of Spain and the Spanish-speaking world in the United States. By fostering connections among diverse groups, the Institute creates platforms for shared experiences and mutual understanding, enriching programs and promoting inclusivity. The Institute has built communities across cities, states, and countries with the 2023 establishment of the Houston Friends of the QSSI, many of whom joined the Institute at the Alhambra event. The QSSI also maintains ties to communities in New York City, Washington, D.C., Texas, Florida, and Spain. The Institute's constituents also bridge generations from the Institute's Jr. Committee, a group of young professionals dedicated to the mission, to its longest-standing members who have supported the QSSI for decades.

Academics Who Worked with the QSSI

42

Online Community Members

14,465

Increase in Number of Individual Donors in 2024

6%

The QSSI's community members are its greatest supporters, and the generous donations and sponsorships made by its corporate sponsors and many individual donors keep its mission active. The community of QSSI volunteers is similarly vital to the Institute through their altruistic donations of time and expertise. The Institute's many partner organizations also contribute to bringing its programs to fruition through innovative forms of collaboration. Lastly, all of the artists, translators, researchers, musicians, historians, scientists, professors, and business leaders that demonstrate or teach others about the excellence of the Spanish-speaking world are essential to the Institute's programs. Their work and their talent are what brings the QSSI's mission to life.

"Leading to a more connected world"

By prioritizing community engagement, the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute not only preserves and promotes cultural heritage but also empowers individuals and communities to actively participate in cultural expression and appreciation, leading to a more connected world. Without the QSSI's many communities, its work would not be possible. Thank you for being a friend of the QSSI.

Our Partners

The Queen Sofía Spanish Institute collaborates with a diverse array of institutions to establish exceptional cultural and educational programs of the highest quality. Our partners and collaborators play a pivotal role in extending our mission and reaching our intended audiences. Their involvement is essential to our collective efforts.

Collaborations with esteemed organizations such as the Academy of Military Arts and Sciences, the Royal Academy of History of Spain, the Espacio de Culturas at NYU, the Consulate of Spain in New York, the Fund for Park Avenue, and the Hispanic Society enable the Institute to offer a diverse array of cultural events, educational programs, and exhibitions. These partnerships enhance the Institute's capacity to reach broader audiences and provide enriched experiences that foster cross-cultural understanding.

As an example of this partnership, the Institute's collaboration with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History has resulted in the creation of teaching materials highlighting Spain's significant role in U.S. history, distributed to over 36,000 K–12 schools nationwide, which represent an estimated 14 million students.

Through its programs and partnerships, the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute continues to fulfill its mission of promoting Hispanic cultural appreciation and education in the United States, while expanding its footprint and impact even further. Partners are essential to the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute's mission of promoting the art, culture, language, literature, and history of the Spanish-speaking world in the United States.

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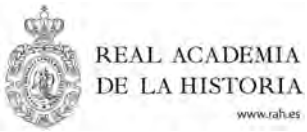
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Our Sponsors

The Institute benefits from the generous support of individuals and public and private sponsorships, which underwrite and support many of the different cultural programs and educational initiatives organized by the Institute.

Notably, the Institute receives support and builds partnerships with areas of the public sector in Spain through the Agencia de Cooperación y Desarrollo Internacional Española (AECID) and Fundación Consejo España-EE.UU. Major private corporate sponsors that supported the Institute in 2024 in historical initiatives include the Fundación Ramón Areces and Iberdrola. The Institute also recognizes major sponsors and in-kind donors for their support of the Sophia Award for Excellence ceremony in 2024: Aria Classics, Carolina Herrera, Círculo Fortuny, and Jorge Ordóñez Selections.

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Press

Of the many mentions in the press in 2024, here is a selection of articles about the QSSI and its programs.

LA VANGUARDIA

CASA REAL

La reina Sofía recauda en Nueva York fondos para los damnificados por la DANA

• La madre del Rey traslada la tragedia de Valencia a la gala del Queen Sophia Spanish Institute en la que se premió al músico venezolano Gustavo Dudamel

El director de orquesta venezolano Gustavo Dudamel posa junto a la Reina Sofía tras recibir el premio del Queen Sofía Spanish Institute de Nueva York. (Angel Colmenares / EFE)

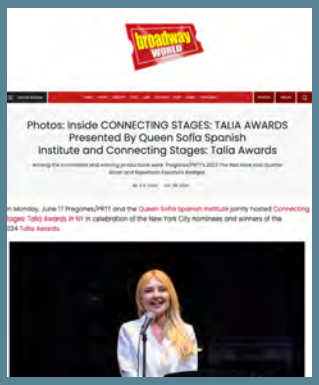
MARIÁNGEL ALCÁZAR
BARCELONA

La reina Sofía se ha llevado hasta Nueva York su pena y preocupación por la tragedia provocada por las inundaciones en Valencia. Este lunes por la noche (madrugada en España) ha presidido la gala anual del Queen Sofía Institute de Nueva York, que celebraba su 70º aniversario, donde se guardó un minuto de

EL DEBATE

Nuevas jornadas con el objetivo de reivindicar la contribución de España en la independencia de EE.UU.

Durante los días 23 y 24 de mayo algunos de los más



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Opinión 40 ANIVERSARIO

Bolivia compite por el Premio de Traducción Queen Sofía

'Fresh Dirt from the Grave' es el nombre del libro traducido al inglés de la obra

ABC Sociedad

La reina Sofía preside la reunión anual del patronato del Queen Sofía Spanish Institute

Madrid, 23 may (EFE).- La reina emerita Sofía ha presidido hoy en la Fundación Ramón Areces de Madri...

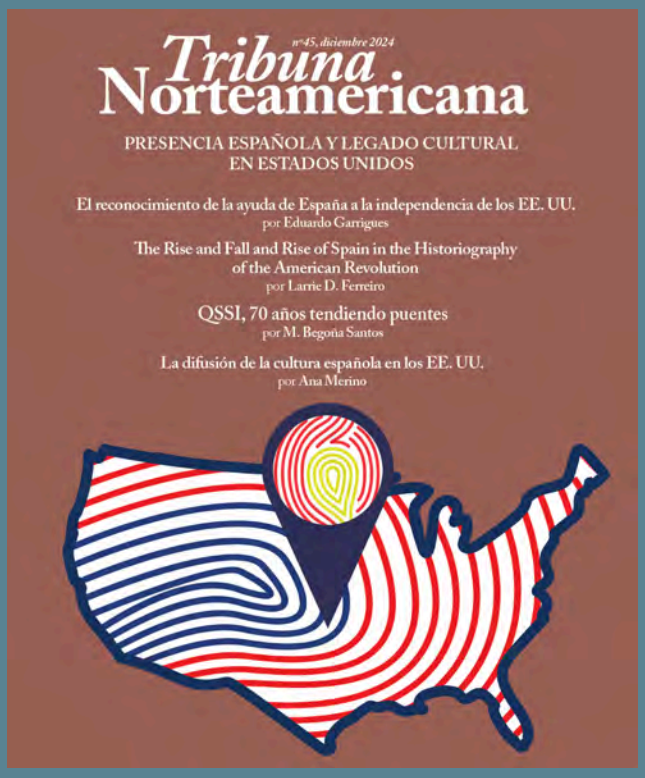
LaConexiónUSA

El Queen Sofía Institute presenta un programa sobre la influencia de España en EE.UU.

ABC Cultura

El artista español Otero-Pailos reivindica en Nueva York el valor cultural de la embajada

Nueva York, 1 abr (EFE).- El artista español-estadounidense Jorge Otero-Pailos desveló este lunes en...



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PRESENCIA ESPAÑOLA Y LEGADO CULTURAL EN ESTADOS UNIDOS

El reconocimiento de la ayuda de España a la independencia de los EE. UU.
por Eduardo Garrigues

The Rise and Fall and Rise of Spain in the Historiography of the American Revolution
por Larrie D. Ferreiro

QSSI, 70 años tendiendo puentes
por M. Begoña Santos

La difusión de la cultura española en los EE. UU.
por Ana Merino

LA VANGUARDIA

La Comunidad de Madrid reúne a un centenar de alumnos en la primera edición del concurso histórico 'Quizstory: Spanish Friendship'

SERVIMEDIA

MADRID, 26 (SERVIMEDIA)

La Comunidad de Madrid ha reunido a un centenar de alumnos de Educación Secundaria para estrenar 'Quizstory: Spanish

nj.com True Jersey

At an N.J. middle school, kids learn about the American Revolution. In Spanish. | Calavia-Robertson

Natalia Artigas, 12, and Ina Viola García, 12, 7th graders at Hoa Dual Language Charter School, work together on an online lesson in their

Press Mentions of QSSI

175

Number of Unique Media Outlets Covering the QSSI

104

Segments on TV & Video Coverage About the QSSI

7

Countries Covering QSSI Programs

9

In 2024, the QSSI had significant press coverage in a variety of media outlets.

El Transatlántico

The Queen Sofía Spanish Institute maintains a robust online presence through various social media platforms (Instagram, Twitter/X, Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube) and its website, driven by the objective of engaging with diverse global audiences. An integral part of the QSSI website, "El Transatlántico," a cultural blog, allows followers to access a multitude of articles, videos, and various other resources, and thus fosters a meaningful connection with English and Spanish-speaking audiences across the globe.

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