



William Shakespeare's La violación de Lucrecia



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Venue

Arts Court, 2 Daly Ave, Ottawa, ON K1N 6E2

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Come celebrate the International Day of the Spanish Language with "La violación de Lucrecia," a play directed by Manuel Caro Torres and adapted from the homonymous poem by William Shakespeare.

Every year, on April 23, the International Day of the Spanish Language is celebrated at the United Nations to raise awareness about the history, culture and use of Spanish as an official language. This year we will celebrate with a theatrical performance in Spanish.

THE RAPE OF LUTRECE

- Monologue in Spanish directed by Manuel Caro Torres.
- Featuring actress Denise Audet-Gravel.

The Rape of Lucrece is a narrative poem by William Shakespeare about the legendary Lucretia. *Lucrece* draws on the story described in both Ovid's *Fasti* and Livy's history of Rome. In 509 BC, Sextus Tarquinius, son of Tarquin, the king of Rome, raped Lucretia, wife of Collatinus, one of the king's aristocratic retainers. As a result, Lucrece committed suicide. Her body was paraded in the Roman Forum by the king's nephew. This incited a full-scale revolt against the Tarquins led by Lucius Junius Brutus, the banishment of the royal family, and the founding of the Roman republic.

The performance will be in Spanish.