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The Department of Spanish & Hispanic Studies proudly brings for your enjoyment at TCU the performance of *Coronada y el toro* (Coronada and the Bull, 1974), the masterpiece of Francisco Nieva (1924-2016), a prominent

figure in the history of Spanish theater. This bilingual spectacle, staged by the Dallas Spanish-speaking theater company Teatro Flor Candela, is based on TCU Professor Komla Aggor's 2021 edition of the play by the Modern Humanities Research Association (www.mhra.org.uk/publications/Francisco-Nieva-Coronada-y-el-toro). Aggor is an expert on 20th-21st Century Spanish theater and North America's leading scholar of Francisco Nieva's works.

The play dramatizes the story of the confrontation between Coronada and her brother Zebedeo, the lifetime mayor of a provincial Spanish town. One day, during the celebrations in honor of San Blas, the town's patron saint, Coronada interrupts the acclaimed bullfighting feast that has just been opened by her brother. The bull never arrives: ¿Dónde estará esa bestia fiera? A sophisticated play, rich in intertextuality, humor, and suspense, *Coronada* premiered in 1982 at Madrid's María Guerrero Theatre, and it was recently staged in Dallas in April 2022 by Teatro Flor Candela. Amidst folkloric music and dance, the play subverts the image of the bull as the ultimate Spanish symbol, and it presents Coronada's struggle as a woman and the popular voice of justice.



Francisco Morales Nieva was a member of the Spanish Royal Academy of Language and the first dramatist to receive the Príncipe de Asturias de las Letras Prize (generally considered the Hispanic version of the Nobel Prize in Literature). Wellversed in literary theory and the core ideas of the humanities

in general, he was only fifteen when he began writing plays, and he went on to produce a total of 81, along with 69 short stories and 6 novels. Today, most of his major plays have been staged, but not without painstaking effort on his part. Even though the aesthetic quality of his drama competed with that of his contemporaries, with many of whom he interacted (Ionesco, Genet, Brecht, Grotowski, et al.), Nieva never got the chance to perform any on the commercial stage until 1976, a few months after the death of General Francisco Franco, whose censorship machine forced his work underground.

Professor Aggor will sign books following the performance.

Rapsodia de un pueblo

Coronada y el toro

Cast

In order of appearance

Mairena María Cabeza

La Pandera Carmela Lamberti

Muertera/ Maraúña Carlos Ortega

La Melga Gloria Agudelo

Beatada Miriam Chaparro

Zebedeo Mark Brian Sonoma

Don Cerezo Jay Martínez

Panzanegra David Ortiz

Tenazo Kurt Ochs

Coronada Diana Gómez

Hombre-Monja David Lemus

Adaptation and Direction

Patricia Urbina

Coreography and costumes

Patricia Urbina

Technical support

Donald Frischmann

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