

## Toronto Celebration of the Cuban Day of Culture



*ATTENDEES AT THE CUBAN CULTURE EVENT CELEBRATED IN TORONTO*

The cultural center Casa Maíz in the city of Toronto was not enough to accommodate all the friends of Cuba who gathered at this venue in the afternoon of this past Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the Cuban Day of Culture.



*ANOTHER VIEW OF THE GUESTS*

The "Juan Gualberto Gómez" Association of Cubans in Toronto, the Toronto Forum on Cuba and the Canadian-Cuban Friendship Association-Toronto organized the event, which featured the guest presence of the Consul General of Cuba in Toronto, Javier Domokos, as well as the rest of the diplomatic representation of the Caribbean island as a whole. The Bolivarian Consul Aura Suárez was also present and a large attendance of Latin American, Caribbean and Canadian friends.



***CONSUL GENERAL OF CUBA IN TORONTO, JAVIER DOMOKOS (LEFT) AND OUTGOING CONSUL RAÚL DELGADO***

It was a propitious occasion to officially say farewell to the Consuls Raúl Delgado and Julio Pujol, upon having reached the end of their successful missions in the Giant of the North, Canada. At the same time, the audience also gave a warm welcome to the two diplomatic representatives newly assigned to this city, Consul Teresa Daysi Díaz Albuérne and Yamilet Rodríguez.



***PROFESSOR KEITH ELLIS REFLECTS ON CUBAN CULTURE IN HIS SPEECH***

Following Consul General Javier Dómokos' words of appreciation, Professor Keith Ellis, an expert on Cuba, in his speech, reflected on the concept of Cuban culture and its significance in defining our identity.



***CANADIAN ARTIST SKIGH JOHNSON***

The cultural portion featured a performance by Skigh Johnson, a young Canadian who presented her choreography of the song “Hasta Siempre Comandante”.



***THE CUBAN SINGER INTI SANTANA***

The last segment was a real pleasure as the Cuban singer Inti Santana, who was in Toronto on a personal visit, agreed to participate by contributing his art in the celebration of this important national holiday. Inti captivated the audience with the heartfelt performances of songs from his latest album .

The event concluded with a lively discussion amongst all present, who also enjoyed a taste of the coveted Cuban rum while Casa Maíz continued the enlivened atmosphere with contemporary Cuban music.

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