Theater with a Mission, Inc.
live theater-living history

Theater with a Mission interprets Florida’s Spanish Mission period through plays from the Spanish Golden Age. We tap into the richest library of texts ever produced – the thousands of plays written in Spanish during the Siglo de Oro (some of them written in the New World) – to give today’s citizens firsthand experience with how people in the 16th and 17th centuries wrestled with everyday problems and expressed humanity’s enduring ideas.

We sift through classical Spanish play-texts to find unforgettable characters, dynamic situations, haunting themes, and eloquent questions that intersect with milestones in Florida’s Spanish past. Using clear English peppered with extracts from the original Spanish, we translate those dramatic texts, and marry them with historic songs, dances, costumes and sets. We perform in places where people from all sorts of backgrounds gather-community festivals, senior centers, museums, schools, libraries and historic events at historic sites. These performances give Latinos new sources for pride in their culture and give all Floridians new ways to discover their state’s Spanish roots.

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Recent Production History
The number of Attendees to the event is in parenthesis

November – June 2015
*El muerto, or Better Wed Than Dead*

a rollicking English-Spanish language premiere of a famous entremés by Francisco Bernardo de Quirós, first published 1658, relocated to Mission San Luis, the most famous Spanish Mission in colonial Apalachee Province.

Children’s Day, Museum of Florida History, Tallahassee (3,937)
Share the Love, Mission San Luis de Apalachee, Tallahassee (581)
Founder’s Festival, Woodville Public Library, Woodville (115)
Southern Shakespeare Festival, Cascades Park (4,000)
Episcopal Church of the Advent, Tallahassee (55)
Westminster Oaks, Tallahassee (95)
Battle of Bloody Mosé, St. Augustine (1,025)

July 2014- February 8, 2015
*Historic Indian/Spanish Wedding at Mission San Luis*

a dramatic reconstruction of a cross-cultural wedding in Spanish La Florida c. 1703, presenting the union of a groom who’s a Spanish soldier and a bride who’s a Native American, in historic clothing with period songs and dances and newly translated extracts from Spanish Golden Age stories and plays, re-enacting cultural processions, a formal betrothal, highlights from a 1700 Catholic matrimonial liturgy, and wedding Fiesta with theater, song, dance and food.

Share the Love, Mission San Luis de Apalachee, Tallahassee (581)
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May-June 2014
*La gloria de España: Caught in the Crossfire, 1740*

A troupe of actors from Spain, survivors of an attack by raiders from Georgia, use great monologs from *Siglo de Oro* plays to urge the citizens of St. Augustine to fight for their freedom.

Battle of Bloody Mosé, St. Augustine (986)

February-March 2014
*Juan del Encina’s ¡Carnal fuera!*

English/Spanish language premiere of a 1490s Carnaval play, by the “Father of Spanish theater,” reuniting the play’s original music with its dialog in a rehearsed reading.

Military Muster, Mission San Luis, Tallahassee (235)

December 2013 – January 2014
*Auto de los Reyes Magos*

The English/Spanish language premiere of the oldest known surviving script in Spanish as it might have been performed during First Christmas celebrations by members of the De Soto expedition to La Florida in 1539-1540.

Alliance Francaise, Three Kings Feast, Leroy Collins Public Library, Tallahassee (150)
Navidad en viejo San Agustín, St. Augustine (600)
Desoto Christmas, Gov. Martin House, Tallahassee (245)
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**January-October 2013**
**Lope’s (small) New World**

A 70-minute, audience-participation condensation of the first play to use Florida’s history as a window for exploring contact between the Old World and the New.

Historic Wakulla County Courthouse, Crawfordville (95)
John Wesley United Methodist Church, Tallahassee (85)
Westminster Oaks Retirement Community, Tallahassee (150)
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Orlando (50)
Crooked River Lighthouse, Carrabelle (100)
San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park, St. Marks (325)