

The Bolívar is Not Dead, Just Burned

The Teatro Bolívar Foundation is a fully constituted non-profit organization located in the historical center of Ecuador's capital city. Severely damaged in a fire in 1999, the theatre is one of the most important venues for the arts and culture in Quito. Since the fire, the Foundation has worked relentlessly to restore the theatre, as well as to promote our cultural and educational programming.



Recently, the Foundation passed a major hurdle. We can now receive tax-deductible donations from anyone in the United States through the National Heritage Foundation Fund. Thus, US citizens and residents can help to restore a cultural landmark and reduce their taxes at the same time. Simply log on to our website at www.teatrobolivar.org and look for the links to donate. Your donation will go a long way toward helping the Bolívar keep its doors open, and to repair the scars left from the fire.

Starting this past fall, the Foundation has actively sought collaborations with universities that host Latin American Studies programs in order to get American university students involved in the process. Through a combination of volunteer and internship opportunities, the Foundation seeks to offer students the opportunity to be a participant in the international development and rehabilitation of the foundation. If your university, or specifically, the students in your Latin American Studies program would be interested in joining the recovery process, please feel free to contact me at matt.macgregor@gmail.com or international@teatrobolivar.org. On behalf of the Teatro Bolívar Foundation, we look forward to hearing from you and to working with you to rehabilitate Quito's most historic venue for the arts and culture.

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