## Cuban Culture Festival Inaugurated in Minnesota



Havana, October 8 (RHC) -- The head of Cuba's Interests Section in Washington, Jose Ramon Cabañas, inaugurated on Sunday evening a cultural festival dedicated to Cuba at the Ordway Theater of the capital of the U.S. state of Minnesota, Saint Paul.

Cabañas, who visited this state following an invitation by the NGO Minnesota International Center, delivered the opening speech to an audience of over 2,000 people, thanking organizers of the concert and Cuban soloist Ignacio Nachito Herrera, the Cubadebate web site reported.

The Cuban diplomat referred to the importance this type of joint effort has to contribute to a better knowledge of the two nations and bring about spaces leading to the normalization of bilateral relations between Cuba and the United States.

During the intermission, those attending the Festival could appreciate the display of water colors by Antonio Guerrero, reflecting the initial moments of the unfair imprisonment of the Cuban Five and the fortitude with which they withstood 17 months in isolation cells known in U.S. federal prisons as "The Hole."

The visit of the Cuban representative and his accompanying delegation ends today, October 8th, after carrying out an intense program of meetings with important organizations, academic institutions and local personalities in the U.S. state of Minnesota.

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