

# *Haydeé Santamaría Celebration at Casa de las Américas*

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The Havana based Casa de las Américas cultural institution celebrated the 90th birthday of late Cuban revolutionary leader, Haydeé Santamaría, who founded the iconic institution 54 years ago in the Cuban capital.

As part of the homage, critic and essayist, Haydee Arango, opened the afternoon session, followed by renowned Cuban poets, Fina García-Marruz, Nancy Morejón, Pablo Armando Fernández and Roberto Fernández Retamar, who shared poems dedicated to the outstanding Cuban guerrilla. A photo and documentary exhibition of decisive moments in Santamaría's life also opened at the Mariano Gallery in Vedado.

Haydee Santamaría is the only woman who participated in all actions of the island's revolutionary struggle that led to the triumph of the Cuban Revolution in 1959: the attack on the Moncada barracks in Santiago de Cuba, the underground movement, the war against the Batista dictatorship at the Sierra Maestra Mountains, the struggle in the cities and in exile.

When the Revolution took power on January 1st, 1959, Haydeé Santamaría held various positions in the government, but the establishment of the Casa de las Américas cultural institution was her work of art, to which she devoted her life, encouraging and contributing to the cultural integration of the Americas.

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