

# *‘We are the antidote’, concert online for a united America*

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Artists from across Latin America joined this past Sunday in a concert online, advocating a united region, in peace, without blockades or coups.

For over two hours, musicians, painters and human rights defenders from Argentina, Cuba, Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela and Uruguay, raised their voice and charged ‘we are the antidote’ to today’s problems, at a time when a pandemic has changed the world for ever.

Organized by the solidarity organization Espacio de la Fraternidad Argentino Cubana (EFAC), the virtual concert was specially dedicated to Cuba and the Cuban people on occasion of the 67th anniversary of the assault on the Moncada and Carlos Manuel de Céspedes barracks by a group of young revolutionaries back in 1953. Although the action ended in a military defeat for the revolutionaries, most of whom were captured alive and then brutally tortured and murdered by henchmen of the pro-US Batista dictatorship, it marked the resumption of the Cuban struggle for independence, which concluded with the triumph of the Revolution on January 1st, 1959.

Sunday’s concert included performances by Cubans Sandor González, poet Waldo Leyva, singer-songwriters Vicente Feliú and Silvio Rodríguez, who sang two beautiful songs Sin fin y mar, included in his latest album ‘...’ and a classic ‘El Necio’. Other participating artists included Venezuelan Cecilia Todd, Colombian ensemble Pacífico Libre, Uruguayan Rubén Rada and Argentina’s Patricia Malanca and

Peteco Carabajal, to mention just a few.

During the concert, the participating artists condemned the US blockade of Cuba, Washington's economic war on Venezuela and the coups in Brazil and Bolivia.

President of Espacio de la Fraternidad Argentino Cubana, Argentinean political analyst Atilio Borón urged to join forces to defend Cuba, calling it a beacon of hope and light in our region, which is being threatened by an unprecedented imperial counteroffensive, that is determined to destroy gains achieved by progressive governments and forces for the benefit of our peoples.

Argentinean rapper Daniel Devita, sang to Fidel, Cuba and to Cuban-Argentinean legendary guerrilla Commander Ernesto Guevara de la Serna 'Che'. Internet users also listened to the messages from leaders of Plaza de Mayo Organization in Argentina, who advocated a united Latin America without coups, fascism and blockades.

During the concert. Argentinean filmmaker Ernesto Fontán announced the release shortly of a new documentary film entitled 'Tarará', compiling the testimony of Cuban personalities on the thousands of Ukrainian children, victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, who were given health assistance here in Cuba.

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