



National Society of Arts and Letters

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Frida Kahlo, Self-Portrait Dedicated to Leon Trotsky, 1937

SPECIAL OPTIONAL EVENT

Friday, May 31, 2019

**Tour The National Museum of Women in the
Arts**

Followed by a Reception and Exclusive Event

After an exciting day attending our 2019 Drama Competition on May 31, we will

head to the National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA), where our NSAL members will be given a special tour. You will not want to miss one of the museum's prized paintings, Frida Kahlo's *Self-Portrait Dedicated to Leon Trotsky*.

Like many paintings by Frida Kahlo, *Self-Portrait Dedicated to Leon Trotsky* focuses on a particular event in the artist's life. It commemorates the brief affair Kahlo had with the exiled Russian revolutionary leader Leon Trotsky shortly after his arrival in Mexico in 1937. In this painting, she presents herself elegantly clothed in a long embroidered skirt, fringed shawl, and delicate gold jewelry. Flowers and coils of red yarn adorn her hair and adroitly applied makeup highlights her features. Poised and confident in her stage-like setting, Kahlo holds a bouquet of flowers and a letter of dedication to Trotsky that states, "with all my love." Interestingly, Clare Boothe Luce, the American playwright, socialite, and U.S. Congresswoman, donated *Self-Portrait Dedicated to Leon Trotsky* to NMWA in 1988.

[Read more about Frida Kahlo](#)

Following the tour, we will enjoy a reception and a glamorous evening with former NSAL winner, Julie Kent. In 1985, Ms. Kent won first place in the Washington, D.C. finals of the National Society of Arts and Letters Dance Competition at the Kennedy Center. After moving to New York City, Julie Kent became the longest serving ballerina with the American Ballet Theatre in its 75 year history. She is now the Artistic Director of the Washington Ballet.

[Watch a YouTube Video about Julie Kent](#)

[To learn more about the museum, please visit the NMWA website.](#)

"With its collections, exhibitions, programs, and online content, the museum seeks to inspire dynamic exchanges about art and ideas. NMWA advocates for better representation of women artists and serves as a vital center for thought leadership, community engagement, and social change."

**Plan to sign up for this special optional event.
On the Call to Meeting registration form, check the box next
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your registration fee.**

***You won't want to miss this very special
evening!***

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