

## Bichir is all about theater. And it shows in 'Revoluciones'

The Mexican director will premiere a work in Spanish that is expected to be the first in a significant collaboration between theater artists from L.A. and Mexico

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Los Angeles theater is about to experience a production that could change the landscape of the art in this city. Ironically, it is not theater performed in English, but in Spanish, because this weekend marks the start of an important collaboration between Mexican artists and directors with their Angeleno peers.

"I'm very happy, it's goes incredibly well," said Bruno Bichir on "Revoluciones," the

work that opens the new collaboration at the Los Angeles Theater Center, where this piece will be presented from today until May 12 in Spanish with supertitles in English.

It is the world premiere of a text with the same name, initially written by Elaine Romero for the Patas Arriba Theater festival that took place in 2017 at the LATC. It was then a ten-minute work which Bichir was invited to direct.



The Mexican director, Bruno Bichir.  
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'Revoluciones' tells the story of a woman who suspects that her son has been killed by the state  
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"The LATC board liked it, and the public too, and they asked to do something more extensive. The writer agreed to extend the text and it now runs a little more than an hour," said Bichir, who is the director of Foro Shakespeare in Mexico City, an important theatrical space with which the LATC initiated collaborations.

The work, described by Bichir as a "text as beautiful as it is complex," addresses the issue of revolutions in Latin America and specifically tells the story of a woman who has lost her son and fears that he died at the hands of a state repressor.

"[But] there is also no great mystery [in the plot]. The great theme is the cyclical nature of revolutions; cyclical because things keep happening: we fight to overthrow the oppressor and then the new system brings with it a new oppressor," said Bichir, 51, who is the brother of the actors Odysseus and Damian Bichir.

### Details:

**What:** 'Revoluciones'

**When:** Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8 pm; Sunday 4 pm; ends on May 12

**Where:** Los Angeles Theater Center, 514 S. Spring St., Los Angeles

**How:** tickets \$ 20 to \$ 38; reports (866) 811-4111 and thelatc.org