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## **Cervantino International Festival** **or Festival Internacional Cervantino (FIC)**

The **Festival Internacional Cervantino** (FIC), popularly known as *El Cervantino*, takes place each fall in the city of Guanajuato, located in central Mexico. This is a small colonial-era city with history of having a large cultural scene. The origins of the festival are from the mid 20th century, when short plays by Miguel de Cervantes called *entremeses* were performed in the city's plazas. In 1972, this was expanded with federal support to include more events to add a more international flavor. Since then, FIC has grown to become the most important international artistic and cultural event in Mexico and Latin America, and one of four major events of its type in the world. It is a member of the European Festivals Association and the Asian Association of Theater Festivals. In addition to government support, there are also private sponsors such as Telmex, Televisa and Microsoft.

**India has been selected as guest of honour in the XLVI edition to be held on Guanajuato from 10 to 28 October, 2018.**