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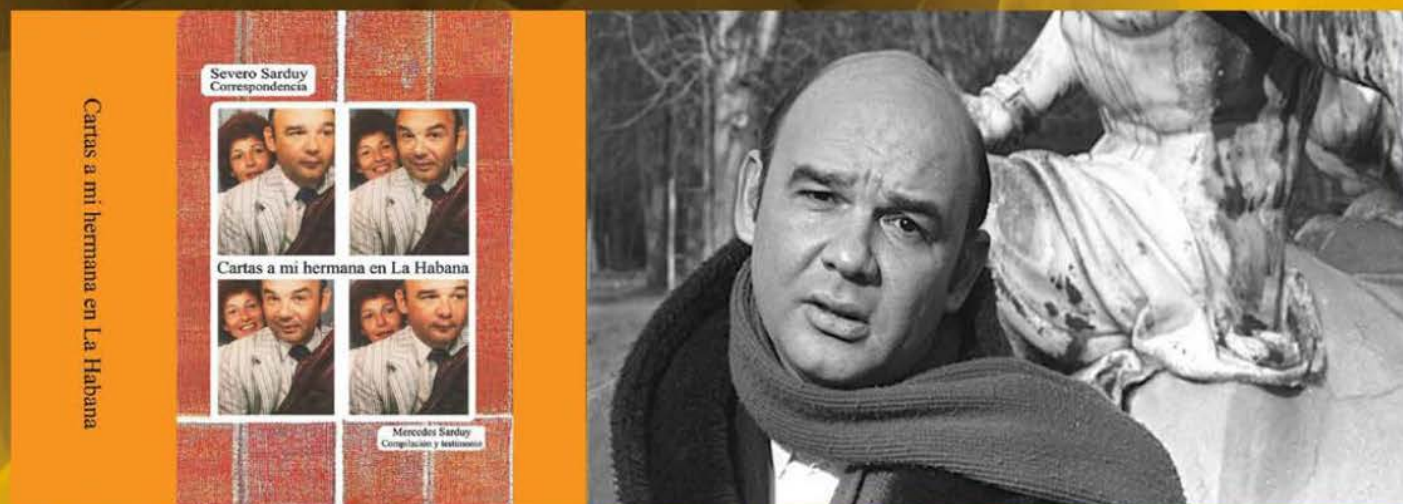
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Severo Sarduy (Camagüey, Cuba, 1937-Paris, 1993) wrote his family about a thousand letters since his 1959 departure from Cuba, to which he never returned. In his letters he recalls Camagüey, the city of his birth, and the beginning of his literary life, as well as Havana and his collaboration with the journal *Ciclón* and his participation in the newspapers *Diario Libre* and *Lunes de Revolución*. He writes about his experiences, since 1960, in Paris, where he created most of his literary works, among them *De donde son los cantantes* (1967) and *Cobra* (1972), which won him the French Médicis Prize for best foreign novel. He also writes about his plays and about his thirty-year work in Radio France Internationale in programs devoted to science and culture. He reviews exhibits of his painting as well as his work in Editions du Seuil and later Editions Gallimard, where he directed *La Nouvelle Croix du Sud*, a prestigious collection specializing in Ibero-American literature; in both collections he played an important role in the translation and diffusion of Spanish American and Spanish literature.

These testimonies are collected in *Cartas a mi hermana en La Habana* (2013), published by the Severo Sarduy Cultural Foundation and written by Mercedes Sarduy, a B.A. in Psychology and President of this nonprofit corporation. Based on her own experiences and the compilation of her brother's letters, she pays homage to Severo Sarduy and to the families that were involuntarily separated. Dr. Erik Camayd-Freixas, professor at FIU's Department of Modern Languages will be a book commentator at the event

The event is free and open to the public and will be in Spanish.

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