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**Press Release** 

**LILY GARAFULIC: Centenary Celebration** 

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Washington, March 30, 2014 – The Embassy of Chile in Washington DC has the pleasure of announcing the opening of the exhibit "Lily Garafulic: Centenary Celebration" which will be held on April 10, 2014 at the "Sala de Artes" of the Embassy of Chile (1732 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC). The exhibit will be open to the public until June 18, [Monday – Friday from 9am to 5pm].

This will be the first celebratory activity presented by the Directory of Cultural Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Chile with the sponsorship of the Consulate General of Chile in New York and the participation of the Embassy of Chile in Washington DC, the Mission of Chile to the OAS, Art Museum of the Americas of the OAS and Cervantes Institute in NY. The Embassy of Croatia in Chile will offer a Special Recognition to this great artist of Croatian descent. There will also be special activities in Chile presented by Fundacion Itau in collaboration with the National Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Contemporary Art. All activities have the support of the Gabriela Mistral Foundation, US and the Chapter in Chile of the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

The exhibit, curated by Gloria Garafulich-Grabois, includes a selection of drawings, prints, watercolors and sculptures and the premiere of the documentary "Lily Garafulic: In her own words," which includes biographical information and a self-narrated format in which Lily Garafulic shares "in her own words" her life, her work, her relationship with Constantine Brancusi, her travels and influence of Easter Island, her studies in New York as well as her master work the Basilica of Lourdes in Santiago.

Other actions organized by the family members of Lily Garafulic to highlight and honor the artist, her work and her impact in the history of art and culture in Chile include the publication of the book "Lily Garafulic" from the collection of National Prize Winners, an illustrated and graphic book aimed at readers of all ages about the woman and her work.

**LILY GARAFULIC** (1914 - 2012) was a sculptress, visual artist and curator of Chilean art; the Director of he National Museum of Fine Arts and won the National Prize in Arts. On May 14, 2014 she would have celebrated her 100th birthday

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