On the evening of the 15th of September, 2019, the city of Mazatlán will hold a grito celebration at Plazuela de La República in commemoration of the 209th anniversary of Father Hildago’s proclamation.

Staged under the direction of Instituto de Cultura de Mazatlán, this gala event will culminate with a massive fireworks display and a late-night headline performance.

But the fireworks and the headline concert are just the capstone to an entire evening of stellar entertainment -- all of which is free! To get to Plaza de La República, just let the spires of the Basilica guide you -- that is precisely where you are going!
6:00 pm - Arrival of the Mexican flag in Plazuela de La República!

6:00 pm - 10:30 pm - An evening of music and dance!

The city of Mazatlan takes great pride in the quality and diversity of talent presented for Dia de la Independencia.

The 2018 celebration kicks off just after 6:00pm, which is just the start of over 4 hours of entertainment. In 2018 this included performances by José Narváez and the Ballet Folclórico del Instituto de Cultura de Mazatlán; Fussión Group; La Mazatleca band accompanied by another appearance of Ballet Folclórico; tenor Oscar Gómez in performance and noted singer Heidi Herrera closing out the first part of the show.

10:30 pm - Banda de Guerra and soldiers from III Military Region deliver the flag to Municipal President José Joel Boucieguez Lizárraga.

11:00 pm - This is the peak moment: the Municipal President moves to the balcony and launches into the oration in honor of the heroes of the War Of Independence. The bell is rung and a dazzling fireworks show -- for years it has been designed by Jorge Márquez, architect of the amazing pyro-musical Combate Naval staged annually during Carnaval -- fills the sky above the plaza.

Headline Concert - Get ready for the capstone of the evening! In 2018 the show featured La Internacional Sonora Dinamita de Lucho Argain. Originally from Medellín, Colombia, this acclaimed dance band got everybody out on the plaza shakin' it.