

14th Annual Seattle Latino Film Festival







Seattle, Washington Sep 1, 2022 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, the Seattle Latino Film Festival announces its 14th annual edition that will be held from October 7th - 15th. The celebration includes forty-eight North American and Northwest premieres of feature films, short films, and documentaries from nineteen countries in several different languages, which all include English subtitles. The festival celebration will take place in person at twelve locations in Seattle, Bellevue, Edmonds, and Shoreline. The 2022 venues are The Beacon Cinema, Shoreline Community College Theater (SCC), Meydenbauer Center, Ark Lodge Cinema, Bellevue Art Museum, Black Box Theater (Edmonds Community College), and Mount Baker Club. SLFF's educational outreach screenings will take place at Lakeside School, U-Prep, Bush School, and Lakeside Downtown.

The Opening will be held on October 7th at MOPOP at 7 pm with the US Premiere of the Bolivian drama Gaspar. Diego Pino, the director, and ten years old actor Dragos Popescu, who played Gaspar, are expected to attend, both coming from Bolivia.

SLFF's line-up includes many highlights. Two screenings will be at SCC Theater sponsored by Olive Design, MEXAM, SCC Foundation, and Fundación WAGRO. The first was on October 12th with the US drama The Sound of Violet, directed by Allen Wolf, an award-winning director, and author. Allen will attend. The second is on October 14th with the immigration documentary Oaxacalifornia: The Return directed by Trisha Ziff. The award-winning British filmmaker will attend, which is the Northwest premiere of the documentary. Three very special events will be held in Bellevue, the first on October 9th at Bellevue Art Museum: Melissa Blanco Borrelli, dancer, and director of the dance program at Northwestern University in Chicago will bring her lecture about the Mexican-Cuban dancers in the Mexican Classic Cinema. Her talk will be followed by the screening of the Mexican musical movie Mulata of 1954. On October 12th & October 13th at the Meydenbauer Center, and sponsored by the Honorary Consul of Spain in Seattle and EGEDA, will take place the Northwest Premiere of two Spanish documentaries: historical Spain, the First Globalization, directed by José Luis López-Linares, and the Jewish, Dance and Poetic Facing the Silence, directed by the award-winning Spaniard filmmaker Emilio Ruiz Barrachina. The directors will attend. The extraordinary Flamenco Dancer Fuensanta "La Moneta" of Facing the Silence will perform on October 13th. At The Beacon Cinema in Columbia City, the lineup will include the Mexican social drama Mighty Victoria, whose director Raul Ramon will attend sponsored by MEXAM; the Argentinean Sci-fiction movie Machine for the Aura; the Spanish thriller Black Stain, whose director Enrique García and lead actress Virginia de Morata will attend sponsored by Honorary Consul of Spain in Seattle; and the Chilean ecological short documentary Mapu Kutran, among others. At Ark Lodge Cinema on October 15th, the festival will show the LGBTQ+ documentary It Runs in the Family from the Dominican Republic, in partnership with Seattle Queer Film Festival. The Closing will take place at 6 PM with the Dominican Republic drama called: Carajita.

Included in this year's Educational Program are films created by directors and actors who are hearing and vision-impaired. SLFF continues to look for films that discuss the difficulties faced by minorities within various Latinx and Hispanic communities. An example is the free screening of a Puerto Rican documentary in partnership with the Meaningful Movie Project at Mount Baker Club on October 11th at 6:30 PM.

SLFF selected for its annual competition fifteen narratives and documentaries from Spain, Mexico, Cuba, Argentina, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Canada, and Colombia.

The festival is presented by The Seattle Office of Arts & Culture, 4Culture, Shoreline Community



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