

LATIN AMERICAN CINEMA & SONG

A series of special events across Sydney Presented by the Sydney Latin American Film Festival **September/ October 2011**

Cine en Construcción CERVANTES INSTITUTE 5 NIGHTS IN SEPTEMBER

Cine en Construcción, an initiative of the *San Sebastian International Film Festival*, facilitates the completion of rigorously selected Latin American feature films. In collaboration with the *Cervantes Institute Sydney* we will be screening a retrospective selection of these independent Latin American films throughout September. **Opening night at the Cervantes Institute is on Saturday 3rd Sep at 6pm with a 7pm screening. Tickets are \$25/\$20 Conc. and include Eastside Radio DJs, Latin street-food, cervezas & vino. All other sessions at Cervantes are \$10. Available at moshtix.com - transaction fees apply OR at the door - cash only. Cervantes Institute, 22-24 City Road Chippendale**



Sat 3rd Sep 6pm - Opening Night Event

Distance / Distancia

Guatemala | Sergio Ramírez | 2011 | 70 mins | Feature

Tomás Choc is just days away from being reunited with his daughter Lucía, kidnapped by the army 20 years ago. To cope with the loss, Tomás kept a diary of his struggle in the hope of one day being able to give it to her. Simple and with austere beauty, this picturesque journey delivers a rare insight into Guatemalan culture on the big screen while delivering a heartwarming universal story.



Wed 7th Sep 6.30pm, \$10 Tix

Between Night and Day / Entre la noche y el día

Mexico | Bernardo Arellano | 2011 | 75 mins | Feature

Francisco, an autistic man is left homeless and begins to inhabit a beautiful pocket of wilderness. As winter draws near the harshness of the changing seasons will make life difficult for him. The film captures a charming journey of healing and shares with us a new way of life in a silent forest.



Wed 14th Sep 6.30pm, \$10 Tix

Through Her Own Eyes / Por sus propios ojos

Argentina | Liliana Paolinelli | 2007 | 82 mins | Feature

For her college thesis, film student Alicia is making a documentary about women related to prisoners in the local jail. The only problem is that no one is willing to be interviewed on camera. In comes Elsa, a desperate woman whose son has recently been arrested. Elsa will grant Alicia an interview, only if she visits her son in jail. But when Alicia makes the visit, her world collapses.



Wed 21st Sep 6.30pm, \$10 Tix

Captive / Cautiva

Argentina | Gaston Biraben | 2005 | 120min | Feature

Shortly after celebrating her quinceañera with her loving parents, Cristina is suddenly taken out of class and summoned to court. Cristina's world crumbles when she learns that the couple who raised her are not her real parents. *Cautiva* follows a lost daughter's emotional journey to uncover truth while touching upon the many political issues of the dictatorship era with passion



Wed 28th Sep 6.30pm, \$10 Tix

Karen Cries in a Bus / Karen llora en un bus

Colombia | Gabriel Rojas Vera | 2011 | 98min | Feature

A fresh look drama set on the bustling streets of Bogotá. After ten years Karen discovers that having left her dreams behind to become a housewife was a mistake. In search of her lost youth, Karen rents a room in the centre of Bogotá and discovers her new-found freedom is sweet, but sometimes cruel.

Cine 428 Under the Stars ADDISON RD CENTRE MARRICKVILLE 23 SEP

Celebrate Marrickville's melting pot of cultures with a night of Latin American cinema and music under the stars. Journey to the land of *gauchos* with the film, *The Last Summer of La Boyita*, then kick on. After the film we'll have DJ Spex spinning up the tunes and visuals best described as "inner-west meets wild west". Local VJ artists will be mixing visuals onscreen while you relax on the green. Expect fiesta-style party lights, hay bales and of course Asado (seriously authentic Argentinean BBQ). So bring a picnic blanket and start your weekend with a gaucho-style "bang".



Fri 23 Sep 6:00pm

The Last Summer of La Boyita / El último verano de La Boyita

Argentina | Julia Solomonoff | 2009 | 86min | Feature

This visually-stunning and beautifully-acted Argentinean drama is a tender portrayal of the unexpected revelations that affect two children as they begin the transition to adolescence. 'La Boyita', a little bubble-shaped caravan, has always been a place of refuge, games and confessions for Jorgelina and her older sister Luciana. As Luciana enters puberty she begins to seek privacy and independence from her adoring sibling. Rather than tag along after her sister at the beach, Jorgelina decides to spend her summer holidays with her father in the country. There she develops a close friendship with Mario, a local farm boy burdened by an important secret.



All tickets for Cine 428 are \$8 and are available at thesydneyfringe.com.au - transaction fees apply OR at the gate - cash only.

Film is Unclassified 15+ , Latin Food & Drinks available on the night.

Addison Road Centre Green, 142 Addison Road, Marrickville (Take bus 428 from the City)

¡Cultura Viva!

BANKSTOWN ARTS CENTRE 7 OCT

Couldn't get enough Copa America? Come and celebrate everything Latino, from Fútbol to Folklore and everything else in between! Join us at the new and groovy Bankstown Arts Centre where ¡Cultura Viva! will transport you to a Peña with live music, film & dance. We are delighted to be presenting Venezuela's entry to the 2011 Academy Awards - *Hermano*, a bittersweet tale about two brother's love for fútbol and their family. After the film, you'll be hypnotised by Cecilia Vilardo, a Uruguayan singer whose repertoire spans a wide range of genres including Bossa, Tango and Folklore Rioplatense. And to finish off the night, DJ Spex will be spinning alternative tracks that fuse with his Argentinian background to offer energy unlike others in this town... be prepared to party with some Latin-Reggae, Latin-Rock, Latin-Ska, Latin-Hip-hop and Cumbia Villera!



Cecilia Vilardo

Cecilia Vilardo arrived in Australia from her homeland, Montevideo, Uruguay, via the concert halls and cathedrals of Vienna, where she studied and worked as an Opera singer. Cecilia sings in five languages and her repertoire spans a broad spectrum of genres from opera to bossa, tango to chamber and folklore rioplatense.

DJ Spex

DJ Spex focuses on the alternative side of Latin American music from the revolutionary sounds of Latin-Reggae, Latin-Rock, Latin-Ska, Latin-Hip-hop, Cumbia Villera. He's a regular at Uber Lingua parties and has just returned from Splendour in the Grass Festival. <http://www.myspace.com/richardspex>

Friday 7th Oct 7:30pm



Brother / Hermano

Venezuela | Marcel Rasqui | 2010 | 96min | Feature



Raised as brothers, Julio and Daniel have remained virtually inseparable ever since the newborn Daniel was found abandoned in a trash heap in their La Ceniza slum. Hope of a brighter future presents itself when a scout from the Caracas Football Club offers both boys a tryout with the pro team, just as a tragic act of violence results in creating a seemingly irreparable rift between them.

Tickets: Adult \$18 / Concession \$15 available at moshtix.com - transaction fees apply OR at the door - cash only. Latin Food & Drinks available on the night. Bankstown Arts Centre, 5 Olympic Pde, Bankstown (5 minutes from Bankstown train station & plenty street parking).

Human Rights focus on Colombia

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY 22 OCT

Latin America has long been struggling with human rights abuses arising from dictatorships, repression, civil wars and crime. In recent years it has been reported that despite democratisation, the region's respect for fundamental human rights is illusory. This event, held in collaboration with Macquarie University, will present a confronting new film release from Colombia together with a number of compelling short films. Following the film will be a topical discussion and live music by *Waldo Garrido* and *Navegaos*. Argentinean wine, Mexican beer, food tastings and more.



Impunity, What Kind Of War For Colombia ?

Colombia | Juan Jose Lozano | 2010 | 84min | Documentary

Colombia today: the biggest trial against Paramilitary armies - accused of killing thousands of Colombians - is designed to create "peace and justice". Instead the process comes to an abrupt halt, when the political and economic interests in the paramilitary war are uncovered. Are the victims' families doomed to stay victims forever or are they able to fight Impunity?

Sat 22nd Oct

Navegaos

Navegaos is a Sydney-based band, they perform Latin American contemporary folk music. Modern instruments are blended with pre-Columbian sounds and Central American rhythms in a culturally rich and intense performance.



**Doors open 5pm music & short films, 7pm feature
Macquarie University Y3A - Entry is FREE for this event - no reservations**

All films are Unclassified MA15+ All films are in Spanish with English Subtitles. For more information on session times, artists and films check out our website. 'Like' us on Facebook and keep up to date with events through the year.

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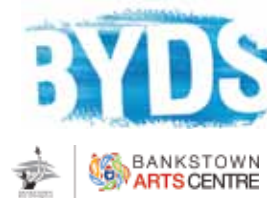
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