

Santiago Canyon College Presents Free Latin American Film Festival

September 24—In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the community is invited to attend the annual Latin American film festival hosted by Santiago Canyon College's Languages Department. The free film showings will be held on Friday evenings in October (October 12, 19 and 26) at 6:00 p.m. in building D, room 101.

In addition to free admission, complimentary parking and refreshments also are provided. Faculty members from the languages department will introduce the following films and lead discussion afterward:

- **Friday, October 12:** *MACHUCA* (Chile, 2004, Spanish with English subtitles, not rated)-- In 1973, the Chilean military, under the direction of General Augusto Pinochet (and backed by the CIA) overthrew the socialist government of President Salvador Allende. The coup led to the murder of 3,000 leftist Allende supporters and the detention of an estimated 250,000 political prisoners. Winner of several awards, including the most popular film at the 2004 Vancouver Film Festival.
- **Friday, October 19:** *TODO EL PODER/ GIMME POWER* (Mexico, 1999, Spanish with English subtitles, rated R)--This black comedy centers on crime and corruption found in Mexico. When his ex-wife's car is stolen, Mexico City film maker Gabriel grabs his camera and decides to hunt down the thieves. Enlisting the help of a young actress, he discovers an organized band of robbers operating from within the local police department.

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- **Friday, October 26:** *EL ABRAZO PARTIDO/ THE LOST EMBRACE* (Argentina, 2004, Spanish with English subtitles, not rated)--This Argentinean “dramedy” focuses on Ariel, a young Jewish man struggling to understand his family heritage. His grandparents fled Israel to escape the Holocaust, and his father left the family shortly after Ariel’s birth to return to Israel. When his father finally returns, he brings with him information that will change Ariel’s life forever. Winner of several awards, including Best Film at the Bangkok World Film Festival in 2004.

Santiago Canyon College is located at 8045 E. Chapman Avenue in Orange, at the corner of Chapman and Newport Boulevard. Free parking is available in student lots. For more information about the film festival, please call (714) 628-4938 or 628-4742. For a map or directions, visit the website at www.sccollege.edu.

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