



Havana Film Festival New York

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12th HAVANA FILM FESTIVAL NEW YORK – ¡SI CUBA! PARTNER

Celebrates Latin American Cinema APRIL 7-15, 2011 – Special Free Events April 1 & 6

21 FILMS COMPETE FOR THE HAVANA STAR PRIZE

New York City, March 18, 2011. The **Havana Film Festival New York (HFFNY)** enters its 12th year from April 7-15 with a program of award-winning films, panel discussions, and Q&A sessions with distinguished international directors, actors, and producers. **HFFNY's Cuban films are part of ¡Sí Cuba! Festival**, a city-wide celebration of Cuban arts and culture. 14 New York institutions convene to celebrate the rich artistic vitality of Cuba by showcasing the diversity of Cuban culture from the traditional to the modern. (See www.SiCuba.org)

HFFNY features more than 50 highly anticipated and influential films from and about Latin America, the Caribbean, and Latinos in the U.S. including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and the U.S. They span a variety of genres and themes, ranging from comedy, thrillers, action, drama and documentaries to children's tales, and gay/lesbian topics as well as films from and about indigenous peoples from Guatemala, Mexico, Colombia and Chile.

The Opening Night Ceremony and special preview is by invitation only, April 7th. **HFFNY opens Fri. April 8 at 1 pm for a week of screenings at the Quad Cinema 34 W. 13 St.** Additional screenings will take place at the magnificently renovated, Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Avenue, Astoria Fri.–Sun. April 8 –10. Other screening venues include The Eighth Floor at 17 W. 17 St., April 11, 6 pm; King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center at NYU 53 Washington Sq. So. April 12 & 13; The Center for Cuban Studies 231 W. 29 St. 4th floor April 14, 7:30 pm.

Friday, April 15, the Closing Night Ceremony and Awards Presentation begins at 7 pm at The New York Directors Guild Theatre. There will be an after-party at LQ.

Special kick-off free events: April 1, 6-10 pm, The **Bronx Museum of the Arts** 1040 Grand Concourse presents *Eso que Anda*, an entertaining documentary by Ian Padron follows the band Van Van on their 2010 tour in Cuba. A party with DJ Asho and a live performance by The Pedrito Martinez Project follows the screening celebrating the music of Cuba. **April 6, 6:30-8:30 pm Nuevo Cine at El Museo del Barrio** presents the world premiere of *The Faces Behind the Dolls*, a tribute to the life-long dedication of Dominican and Latin American factory workers who create the beautiful dolls that provide happiness to children and adults around the world.

The Havana Film Festival New York is a project of American Friends of the Ludwig Foundation of Cuba whose mission is to build cultural bridges between the U.S. and Cuba through the arts.

See www.HFFNY.com for complete schedule. For more information contact Diana Vargas.