

LATIN WAVE

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NEW FILMS FROM LATIN AMERICA
APRIL 26-29, 2018

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Pictured/Fotos: Zama, Bad Lucky Goat, The Little Match Girl, Killing Jesús, Sergio and Sergei

Discover the latest, hottest films from Latin America with **LATIN WAVE '13**, which presents a diverse, vibrant selection of new cinema from the region through a partnership between La Fundación PROA in Buenos Aires and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. This year, a critical one for cinema and culture in general, the conversation has shifted, increasingly focusing on the role of female filmmakers. **LATIN WAVE '13** hopes to speak to this shift through a presentation of distinct film styles and themes, plus offers the opportunity to meet some of the brightest film-industry professionals as they share insights with audiences.

One of the year's most anticipated films, *Zama*, by Argentine auteur Lucrecia Martel, explores the continent's colonial past. *Killing Jesús*, known as one of most talented filmmakers in the region and her captivating signature style has interested filmmakers from around the world. Also from Argentina is the fiction-documentary hybrid *The Little Match Girl*, winner of a top prize at BAFICI, the Buenos Aires International Festival of Independent Cinema.

LATIN WAVE '13 brings two debuts from Colombia, Laura Mora Ortega's powerful, semi-autobiographical first feature *Killing Jesús*, describes the conflicting emotions a young Madrid woman feels when she meets the man who killed her father. On the island of Providencia in Colombia's Caribbean, newcomer Samir Oliveros's quirky first feature, *Bad Lucky Goat*, explores the region's colorful idiosyncrasies in a story about sibling rivalry. Also from the Caribbean, José María Cabral's *Woodpeckers* takes us to the place we'd least expect to find love—a jail in the Dominican Republic. Here a man and woman fall hopelessly in love through a language of hand signals invented by neighboring male and female inmates.

From Cuba, filmmaker Ernesto Daranas's whimsical feature, *Sergio and Sergei*, tells of the unlikely radio connection between a lone Soviet cosmonaut stranded in space and an underpaid Havana university professor.

Debut from Argentina and Mexico complete the selection. Constanza Novick's *The Future Ahead* explores the complexities of female friendships, while Diego Ros's *The Night Guard* presents the moral quandary of Mexican security guard who is privy to a cover-up at the construction site where he works.

This year's selection of films and conversations with filmmakers promises to be stellar! Enjoy!

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LATIN WAVE 13

THURSDAY,
APRIL 26

5:00-8:00 P.M.

Happy Hour @ the MFAH
[Cash bar. Must be 21 or older
to purchase and consume
alcoholic beverages.]

Happy Hour en el MFAH
[Bar en efectivo. Debe ser mayor
de 21 años para comprar y consumir
bebidas alcohólicas.]

*7:00 P.M.
Killing Jesús / Matar a Jesús
(99 min.)

*9:00 P.M.
Woodpeckers / Carpinteros
(106 min.)

FRIDAY,
APRIL 27

5:00 P.M.
*The Future Ahead /
El futuro que viene* (85 min.)

*7:00 P.M.
*Bad Lucky Goat /
El día de la cabra* (76 min.)

9:00 P.M.
The Night Guard / El vigilante
(75 min.)

*Includes guest / *Incluye al invitado

All events subject to change. / Todas las actividades están sujetas a modificaciones.

SCREENINGS / PROYECCIONES

Brown Auditorium Theater, located in the Caroline Wiess Law Building of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, is a state-of-the-art facility. For location and parking information, refer to mfaht.org / Teatro Auditorio Brown, ubicado en el Edificio Caroline Wiess Law del Museo de Bellas Artes de Houston, instalación que cuenta con las mejores condiciones para los visitantes. Para información de parqueo y ubicación, consulte por favor mfaht.org.

FILM INFORMATION / INFORMACIÓN

713-639-7515

mfaht.org/latinwave / Visite mfaht.org/latinwave para más información.

FESTIVAL GUESTS / INVITADOS AL FESTIVAL

LATIN WAVE '13 presents the latest and greatest Latin American films, but that's not all! You also get the opportunity to mix and mingle with film-industry professionals as they present and discuss their films, answer questions, and share their artistic visions throughout the weekend. Make plans to participate in these dialogues and discover deeper connections to the films and their respective countries.

Diana Sánchez is the renowned specialist in Latin American cinema, makes the selections for **LATIN WAVE** from the film festivals around the world. An international programmer for the Toronto International Film Festival, Sánchez has provided programming for numerous film festivals including Argentine Cinema for TIFF Cinematheque, Cuban cinema at the Royal Ontario Museum, the International Film Festival Rotterdam, and more. She is the artistic director of the Panama International Film Festival. Sánchez has also been involved as a juror of many international presentations. She has a master's degree in cinema studies from the University of Toronto.

Diana Sánchez es la reconocida especialista en cine latinoamericano que hace las selecciones para **LATIN WAVE** durante sus viajes a festivales de cine del mundo entero. Aspiró a ser una programadora internacional para el Festival Internacional de Cine de Toronto, Sánchez ha elaborado programación para numerosos festivales de cine, incluyendo el de Cine Argentino para la Cinemateca TIF, el de cine cubano en el Royal Ontario Museum, el Festival Internacional de Cine de Rotterdam, entre otros. Así también ha participado como jurado de muchos eventos cinematográficos. Tiene una maestría en estudios de cine de la Universidad de Toronto.

Laura Mora Ortega is the young director from Medellín, Colombia, in 1981. She graduated from film school in Melbourne, Australia. While there, she directed two award-winning short films: *West and Brotherhood*. In 2012, along with Colombia's best director Carlos Moreno, she directed the more than 35 episodes of the award-winning TV series *Pablo Escobar, The Drug Lord* about the life of the infamous drug lord. *Killing Jesús* is her debut feature film.

Laura Mora Ortega nació en Medellín, Colombia en 1981. Se graduó de la escuela de cine en Melbourne, Australia. Mientras estudiaba en las corrientes galácticas: *West and Brotherhood*. En 2012, junto con el exitoso director de Colombia Carlos Moreno, dirigió las más de 35 episodios de la premiada serie de televisión *Pablo Escobar, The Drug Lord* sobre la vida del infame señor de la droga. *Killing Jesús* (2017) es su primer largometraje.

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EL FUTURO QUE VIENE

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[Argentina, 2017, 85 min., en español subtitulado en inglés]

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