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## SUCCESSFUL MEXICAN PARTICIPATION AT THE 15TH EDITION OF THE ALUCINE FESTIVAL

Mexico was well represented at the 15th edition of the aluCine Latin Film + Media Arts Festival, which took place from April 2 to April 5 at Jackman Hall and Beaver Hall in Toronto.

Mexico's involvement in the festival began on April 2 with the Consulate General's support of the contemporary art exhibition “Feelings” featuring Mexican artist Nelly César Marín, who has exhibited her work in Argentina, Hungary, France, the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Her art has been featured at Mexico's Museum of Female Artists (*Museo de Mujeres Artistas Mexicanas*, or MUMA) and in the Mexican feminist art project Archiva: *Obras Maestras del Arte Feminista Mexicano*.



Maria Alejandrina Coates, Consul General Mauricio Toussaint, Natalia López-Sosa and Sinara Rozo

(produced by IMCINE in 2012), the story of a six year-old girl (Andrea) who after the death of her aunt discovers her sexuality in an environment plagued by prejudices. Betzabé García studied film in Mexico at the Centro Universitario de Estudios Cinematográficos (CUEC-UNAM) and has directed other work, including the short film *Venecia, Sinaloa* and the documentary *Los reyes del pueblo que no existe*.

Finally, another nine Mexican short films were presented from April 3 to 5: Luis Mariano García's *Monstruo*, Édgar A. Romero's *Bajo el último techo*, Nicolás Rojas Sánchez's *Música para después de dormir*, David Muñoz Velasco's *La Silla*, Rita Basulto's *Lluvia en los ojos*, Paúl Gómez López's *Jerminacion* Miguel Anaya's *El color de mis alas*, Rodrigo Cervantes's *Después de la Z* and José Luis Saturno's *La sagrada solución*.



Consul General Mauricio Toussaint, Natalia López-Sosa and Nelly César Marín

Present at the opening were members of the Latin American and Canadian communities, local media, the Canadian correspondent for the Mexican news agency NOTIMEX and Consul General Mauricio Toussaint.

Also presented that night was the film *La danza de la realidad*, a France-Mexico-Chile co-production directed by Alejandro Jodorowsky that was previously presented at the Cannes Festival in 2013. The film is an autobiographical sketch of Jodorowsky's childhood, exploring his complex relationship with his father and his first ventures into the world of art.

Later, the young Mexican director Betzabé García presented her short film *Porcelana*



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## MEXICO TAKES PART IN THE HOT DOCS FESTIVAL 2015

The Mexican documentary *Retratos de una Búsqueda*, directed by Alicia Calderón, will be presented at the Hot Docs International Documentary Festival, which will take place April 23 to May 3 in Toronto.

The documentary will be screened Saturday, April 25 at 9:45 p.m., Monday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. Hot Docs is one of North America's most important documentary festivals and the second largest in the world after the IDFA.

For the full festival program visit the website: [www.hotdocs.ca](http://www.hotdocs.ca)



## THE POWER PLANT RECOGNIZES PATRICK CHARPENEL, DIRECTOR OF THE JUMEX FOUNDATION

The Power Plant in Toronto, the contemporary art gallery that forms part of the Harbourfront Centre, held a gathering to honour Patrick Charpenel, Director of the Jumex Foundation.

Present at the event were the President of The Power Plant's Board of Directors, Nancy McCain; Harbourfront Centre CEO Marah Braye; The Power Plant Director Gaëtane Verna; the owner of the Diaz Contemporary Gallery, Benjamin Diaz; other members of the Canadian cultural community and Mexican Consul General Mauricio Toussaint.

The purpose of the meeting was to thank Mr. Charpenel for his collaboration with The Power Plant through the cultural exchange of artworks with the Jumex Museum, which have enriched the exhibitions at the gallery. At the meeting they agreed to launch projects in the future to promote exchanges of contemporary works of art between collectors in Mexico and Canada.

The President of the Board of Directors of The Power Plant also thanked the Consulate General of Mexico for its support for the art gallery's activities and called for further collaboration to boost the presence of Mexican art in Toronto.

## THE 2015 TORONTO PAN AMERICAN GAMES (TO2015) ARE FAST APPROACHING



The Pan American Games are the third most important international multi-disciplinary sports event in the world. This year will be the third time that Canada hosts the games.

There will be 49 sports and thousands of athletes from 41 countries and territories of the Americas are expected to attend the Games, as well as thousands of volunteers and visitors. **The opening ceremony will be July 10.**

If you are a Mexican and plan to attend the Pan American Games, we suggest that you consult the following relevant websites (information in Spanish only):

- ◆ Secretariat of Foreign Affairs Travelers' Guide: <http://guiadelviajero.sre.gob.mx/>
- ◆ Information on Canada: <http://guiadelviajero.sre.gob.mx/index.php/canada>
- ◆ What you need for your trip: <http://guiadelviajero.sre.gob.mx/index.php/informacion-general>
- ◆ Travel Insurance: <http://guiadelviajero.sre.gob.mx/index.php/seguros-de-viaje>
- ◆ Visa for Canada: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp>

Official website for the Pan American Games: <http://www.toronto2015.org/>

## TRAVELLING TO CANADA? REGISTER IN THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR MEXICANS ABROAD (SIRME)

Mexicans planning a trip to Canada during the 2015 Pan American and Parapan American Games in Toronto can register free of charge in the Registration System for Mexicans Abroad (SIRME, for its initials in Spanish).

The purpose of the registration system is to provide the consulate with your location while you are away from Mexico so that we can assist you in the event of an emergency. We thus invite you to register, providing your itinerary and address in Canada for the duration of the Toronto Pan American and Parapan American Games

You can submit your registration at the following link: <https://sirme.sre.gob.mx/>



## OPENING OF THE CASA CULTURAL MEXICANA IN TORONTO

Toronto's new Mexican cultural centre, *Casa Cultural Mexicana*, celebrated its official opening on March 28, at an event attended by members of the Mexican and Canadian cultural community and Hispanic media.

The public had the opportunity to see the work done in the different workshops offered at the centre, including arts and crafts for children, children's animation, papier-mâché sculptures, sewing and Mexican jewellery.

The opening included a wide-ranging program of cultural events ranging from music and dance performances to theatrical works performed by the centre's students. Of



special note were the performances by Mariachi México Amigo, the Spanish-language rock group *Los Otros*, the traditional dance troupe *Grupo de Danza Folklórica* and the monologue presented by Isela Canela.

In her speech, the Consulate General of Mexico's cultural attaché Natalia López Sosa Montes de Oca recognized the importance of a centre of this kind and highlighted the efforts of its Director and Founder Jorge H. Zarate Tristán, as well as the General Coordinator, Guadalupe Velasco.

<http://www.casaculturalmexicana.com>

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- Mexican Embassy in Canada [embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada/](http://embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada/)
- Secretary of Foreign Affairs: [sre.gob.mx](http://sre.gob.mx)
- Mexican restaurants in Toronto & GTA [[click here](#)]
- ProMexico [promexico.gob.mx](http://promexico.gob.mx)
- Mexico Tourism Board: [visitmexico.com](http://visitmexico.com)
- Mexican National Council for Culture and the Arts: [conaculta.gob.mx](http://conaculta.gob.mx); [ecultura.gob.mx](http://ecultura.gob.mx)
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico: [cancham.mx](http://cancham.mx)
- Presidency of Mexico: [presidencia.gob.mx](http://presidencia.gob.mx)
- Mexico-Canada <http://mex-can.sre.gob.mx/>
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