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Talented Youth in Marin and Napa County
Produce Two Moving Documentaries to be Screened at the
11th International Latino Film Festival

As Part of the 11th International Latino Film Society's
Acclaimed Youth in Video Program

The International Latino Film Society is proud to announce two extraordinary films created by its Youth in Video program for this year's 11th International Latino Film Festival. This year's youth-produced films include Sueños arrestados/ Arrested Dreams and Sweat Equity 2: the Dream Realize.

The International Latino Film Society's Youth in Video program was founded by Sylvia Perel in 1998 and is directed by John Petrovsky. Now in its 10th year, Youth in Video inspires and teaches high school students the art of filmmaking. In its history, it has produced over 26 films including the award-winning short film, Silent Shadows, which was acquired by HBO, and the documentary Chavez 101, that received the Golden Gate Award at the San Francisco International Film Festival.

This year, the San Rafael branch of Youth in Video teamed up with the Marin Youth Center to produce one of the most moving and personal films ever, Sueños arrestados/Arrested Dreams, a film about the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids in the Canal Area of San Rafael. The students wrote, filmed, acted in and edited a short, powerful and bilingual film that combines a dramatization of two families broken up by the raids with interviews with three women affected by the raids. Made with the help of teachers Dario D'Arigo, John Mac Leod and John Petrovsky, this film taught the students the art of film making and increased the group's sensitivity to the problems of immigrants.

In Napa County, another group of talented young people, under the direction of Jim Helmer, produced Sweat Equity 2: the Dream Realized, a film about the movement to give lower income families the chance to build and own their own homes in Calistoga. Two years ago they documented the first part of the process, when the families were chosen to participate via interviews and a lottery, and the second part portrays the actual construction and move-in.

Half a world away in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Youth in Video inspired another group of young people with a project focusing on one of their favorite types of audio audiovisual entertainment - animation. The result is Los esqueletos crazy/The Crazy Skeletons, a hilarious animation about a band of skeletons, which will be shown before all festival movies as a trailer.

Sueños arrestados/ Arrested Dreams will be screened twice as part of the 11th International Latino Film Festival. The first time will be Saturday, November 10, at 2pm at the Pickleweed Park Community Center at 50 Canal Street in San Rafael. Both Youth in Video films will be shown on Sunday, November 11, at 1pm. at the Lark Theater at 549 Magnolia Street in Larkspur, followed by a question and answer session with the young filmmakers.

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Visit www.LatinoFilmFestival.org for further information

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Pickleweed Park Community Center

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Lark Theater, 549 Magnolia Street, Larkspur

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ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The 11th International Latino Film Festival is an annual festival showcasing an unprecedented array of films expressing many views from the Latino world. This year's Festival runs through Nov. 18 and features approximately 90 films from 20 countries in nine Bay Area cities: San Francisco, Redwood City, San Jose, Larkspur, Berkeley, San Rafael, San Bruno and Sacramento. Themes in this year's Festival include: Animation, Art & Poetry, Cine Chicano, Day of the Dead, CineGREEN, Erótica, Family, Global Lens, Fútbol & Knock-out, Human Rights, the Immigrant Experience, the Jewish Experience, Local Latino Filmmakers, Música Latina, Málaga FF Series, Queer Latino Cinema, Spiritual, Thrillers, Tribute to New Mexican Cinema, War & Politics, Women & Film, among others.

THE INTERNATIONAL LATINO FILM SOCIETY/FILM FESTIVAL

Presented by the International Latino Film Society, The International Latino Film Festival was founded in 1997 by Sylvia Perel to benefit the San Francisco Bay Area by promoting cinema of significant artistic merit created by, or about Latinos, and to celebrate cultural understanding through the art of film and filmmaking. The International Latino Film Festival began in Marin County with eight films over three days in one venue and has grown to more than 90 films over 16 days in nine cities across the Greater San Francisco Bay Area. For additional information about the Festival visit www.LatinoFilmFestival.org.

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