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**2008 NEWPORT BEACH FILM FESTIVAL TO SHOWCASE AWARD-WINNING
LATINO FILMS FROM BRAZIL, CHILE AND MEXICO**

Post-Screening Gala will Celebrate Latino Films, Cuisine and Culture

NEWPORT BEACH, CA, April 9, 2008 - The Newport Beach Film Festival will present its annual Latino Showcase Event on Sunday, April 27 in Newport Beach. The Latino Showcase Event will offer a trio of award-winning feature films including *Stray Dog (Cao Sem Dono)*, a romantic drama from Brazil; *About Crying (Lo Bueno de Llorar)*, a relationship mystery from Chile; and *Partes Usadas (Used Parts)*, a migration saga from Mexico.

The film screenings will take place at Edwards Island Cinema, located at 999 Newport Center Drive in Fashion Island. Following the screenings, a Gala reception featuring Latino inspired cuisine, cocktails and music will take place at The Orange County Museum of Art, located at 850 San Clemente Drive in Newport Beach. Sponsored by the Consulate of Chile and ProChile, and supported by the Brazilian Consulate of Los Angeles, NALIP and 4 the World. The Gala will include fine local cuisine from Taleo Mexican Grill, libations from Karl Strauss Brewing Company and Latino themed take-home bags.

Admission to the Latino Showcase film screenings and Gala is \$35. For further information and to purchase tickets, visit www.newportbeachfilmfest.com.

Latino Showcase Lineup

Sunday, April 27 at 8:00pm

About Crying (Lo Bueno de Llorar) (2007, Drama, Spanish with English subtitles, 80 minutes)

Director: Matias Bize

Cast: Alfonso Bayard, Paul Benondo, Alex Brendemuhl, Elena Corredera, Biel Duran, Vicenta N'Dongo

Over the course of an entire night, Vera and Alejandro pursue a path that they will never be able to retrace. Through the different situations and conversations this couple experiences, we soon discover the intimate secrets of their relationship. In effect, Vera and Alejandro allow us to explore the great lies that can exist just below the surface, but also the great truths of being human.

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Sunday, April 27 at 8:00pm

Partes Usadas (Used Parts) (2007, Drama, Spanish with English subtitles, 95 minutes)

Director / Screenwriter: Aaron Fernandez Lesur

Cast: Emery Eduardo Granados, Alan Chavez, Carlos Ceja

Ivan, a 14-year old boy, lives with his uncle Jaime, a used car parts dealer. Both of them dream of a better life and are stashing money in order to illegally immigrate to Chicago. When Jaime realizes that he needs much more than expected in order to pay a “Coyote” that will help them cross the border, he decides to introduce his nephew to the world of car-part theft. Ivan learns quickly the know-how of his new trade and enjoys himself until he realizes that his uncle’s intentions for the trip have changed since they first made plans.

Sunday, April 27 at 8:30pm

Stray Dog (Cao Sem Dono) (2007, Drama, Portuguese with English subtitles, 82 minutes)

Directors: Beto Brant, Renato Ciasca

Cast: Julio Andrade, Luis Carlos V. Coelho, Marcos E. Contreras, Taina Muller

Ciro is a recent Literature graduate plagued by apathy and doubt; Marcela is an ambitious woman devoted to her career as a model. Their relationship is one of intensity, passion, and soul-searching, however, as their differences arise and the brief nature of life becomes apparent, their love is put to the ultimate test. Hiro is forced to face the aimless way in which he has chosen to live his life and Marcela must find the inner strength that will help her overcome her greatest challenge, her own mortality.

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL:

The ninth annual Newport Beach Film Festival runs April 24 – May 1, 2008 and will showcase more than 400 films from around the world, offering an ambitious and international selection of feature length narrative, documentary, short and animated films. For tickets, passes, press credentials and a complete Festival schedule, visit the NBFF website at www.NewportBeachFilmFest.com or call (949) 253-2880. **Press Kits and Photo Stills are available upon request.**

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