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THE ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS FILMWATCH GRANT TO MSP FILM SOCIETY'S CINE LATINO PROGRAM

Minneapolis, MN – The MSP Film Society is pleased to announce the generous support of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in the form of a FilmWatch grant for this year's Cine Latino program. Cine Latino puts a spotlight on and gives voice to the stories of Minnesota's largest immigrant group – native Spanish-speakers from many cultures and countries.

On May 2 2019, the Academy announced the 2019-20 FilmCraft and FilmWatch grants, which were established to identify and empower future filmmakers from nontraditional backgrounds, cultivate new and diverse talent, promote motion pictures as an art form, and provide a platform for underrepresented artists. Grants range from \$5,000-\$20,000, and a total of \$500,000 was awarded for the 2019-2020 grants year, \$15,000 of which was earmarked for Cine Latino.

ABOUT CINE LATINO - Moving into its seventh year, the MSP Film Society's Cine Latino is an increasingly popular two-pronged event--a stand-alone film series each fall, and a signature program in the annual spring Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival (MSPIFF). Unique in the Upper-Midwest, Cine Latino presents a yearly showcase of new, critically-acclaimed Spanish-language cinema from around the globe. **This year's Cine Latino Film Festival will take place November 1-7, 2019.**

Cine Latino delves into social, racial and politically relevant issues across the vast cultural landscape that is Latin America, the Iberian Peninsula and other regions where Spanish is predominant including the US, creating an inclusive environment where we can engage with other cultures through the magic of film.

The program is created, curated, and presented by the MSP Film Society, a dynamic 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to fostering a knowledgeable and vibrant appreciation of the art of film and its power to inform and transform individuals and communities.

ABOUT THE ACADEMY - The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is a global community of more than 9,000 of the most accomplished artists, filmmakers and executives working in film. In addition to celebrating and recognizing excellence in filmmaking through the Oscars, the Academy supports a wide range of initiatives to promote the art and science of the movies, including public programming, educational outreach and the upcoming Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, which is under construction in Los Angeles.