



# Toronto Hispano-American Film Festival

## Festival Facts - 2008

### **Background & Mandate:**

Established in 1998, the Toronto Hispano-American Film Festival (THAFF) is a presentation of the Simon Bolivar Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mandate is to promote Spanish and Latin American culture in Canada.

The Festival grew from humble beginnings into an annual showcase of films from Spain, Canada, the USA, and Latin America. To date over 30,000 filmgoers have attended more than 150 films screened at the Festival. The THAFF is the largest and longest running Spanish language film festival in Canada.

The THAFF is a proud recipient of the Somos Award for Best Spanish Audiovisual Event.

To celebrate our 11<sup>th</sup> edition we are screening 11 nights of spectacular cinema!

### **Dates:**

Thursday May 15 to Sunday May 25, 2008.

### **Venues:**

Bloor Cinema (May 15-18 and 21-25) 506 Bloor St. West (East of Bathurst St.)  
NFB Mediatheque (May 19-21) 150 John St. (at Richmond St. West)

### **Tickets:**

General Admission: \$12. Seniors & Students:\$8. Tickets will be available at the theatre box office 45 minutes before show time. Advance tickets will be available on-line at [www.torontohispano.com/thaff](http://www.torontohispano.com/thaff).

### **Program:**

The 2008 THAFF will present 21 screenings, including feature films, documentaries, and short films in a variety of genres. Complete film listing & audience ratings will be available at [www.thaff.com](http://www.thaff.com).

### **Premieres:**

More than half of the scheduled films will be Canadian or Toronto Premieres.

### **Attendance:**

In 2007, almost 7,000 people attended the THAFF.

### **Special Guests:**

Special Guests may include international filmmakers & performers with films screening at the THAFF. Check the Festival web site for announcements of who will be this year's Special Guests.

### **Art Exhibition:**

The THAFF promotes Latin American artists through an exhibition of works in the mezzanine of the Bloor Cinema. Check the Festival web site for the announcement of who will be this year's Featured Artists.

### **Opening Night Gala:**

This year's Opening Night Gala location will be announced on the THAFF web site. Scheduled for Thursday May 15, the invitation only Gala is for Sponsors, Special Guests, and Friends of the Festival.

The Gala will feature wine tasting courtesy of the Cambridge Food & Wine Society.

### **Awards:**

This year the THAFF will present 4 film awards. Festival audience voting will determine the People's Choice Award for Best Feature Film. And a select group of film industry professionals will choose the Jury Award winners for Best Feature Film, Best Documentary, and Best Short Film.

The Awards Announcement & Presentation will be held Sunday May 25 at the Bloor Cinema before the Festival's final screening. Winners will be posted on the THAFF website at the end of the Festival.

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