

# 2016 COLOMBIAN FILM & COFFEE FESTIVAL

## FRIDAY 04 MARCH

18:00

### FESTIVAL OPENING

A TWO DAY EVENT of recent **COLOMBIAN CINEMA**, **COLOMBIAN COFFEE**, **Colombian Food**, **Exhibition of Brochures & Publications**, Wine and Soft Drinks.

19:00

### COLOMBIA: WILD MAGIC (COLOMBIA MAGIA SALVAJE)

Dir: Mike Slee / 2015 / 90 min / Spanish (Eng. subtitles)

Capturing many of the world's most inaccessible regions with cutting-edge filming techniques and state-of-the-art equipment, Colombia: Wild Magic ventures deep into the Amazon rainforest, soars above the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and plunges down into the waters off Malpelo Island, encountering hammerhead sharks and pink dolphins in the process. The film celebrates Colombia's unique biodiversity by showing the country as it has never been seen before – serving as a timely call to action to help preserve the country's rich yet fragile ecosystems, and the unexplored habitats that are Colombia's most wondrous wild treasures.

It took five years to shoot the 85 locations and 20 ecosystems that appear in Colombia: Wild Magic. British director, Mike Slee, says that before accepting the proposal from EcoPlanet Foundation and Grupo Éxito to make the film, he knew very little about Colombia, but he ended up discovering a "hidden treasure". "Finally we can see with our own eyes why this is the second most bio-diverse country in the world," says Francisco Forero, head of EcoPlanet.



## SATURDAY 05 MARCH

12:00

### OF LOVE AND OTHER DEMONS (DEL AMOR Y OTROS DEMONIOS)

Dir: Hilda Hidalgo / 2010 / 95 min / Spanish (Eng. subtitles)

During a time of inquisition and slavery, Sierva Mar'a wants to know what kisses taste like. She is 13 years old, daughter of aristocrats but raised by their African slaves living in colonial Cartagena de Indias. When a dog with rabies bites her, the bishop declares she is possessed by demons and entrusts Father Cayetano, his pupil, with her exorcism and further care. The priest and the girl soon find themselves seduced by love, a demon more powerful than faith and reason. With an intimate, personal narrative and a visual language reminiscent of Renaissance paintings, the film "Of love and other demons" is based on one of Gabriel García Márquez' (Nobel Literature Prize, 1982) most harrowing love stories.

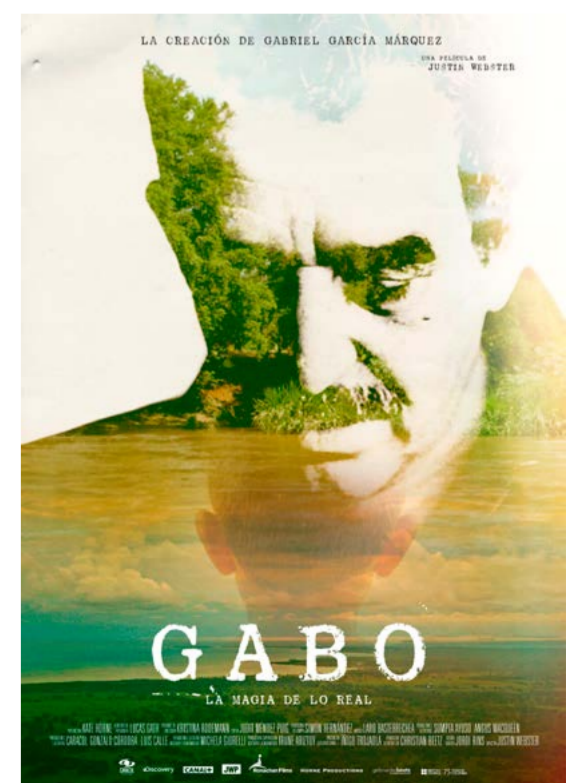


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### GABO: THE MAGIC OF REALITY (GABO, LA MAGIA DE LO REAL)

Dir: Justin Webster / 2015 / 88 min / Spanish (Eng. subtitles)

How did a boy from a backward town on the Colombian Caribbean coast become a writer who won the hearts of millions, from the poorest to the most powerful political leaders, and whose works changed our perception of reality? The answer is the incredible story of Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the 1982 Nobel Prize winner for Literature, author of the globally popular, and critically-acclaimed masterpiece 100 Years of Solitude, who grew up in a town full of challenges within Colombia's Caribbean region, and propelled by a love of life and a sensual, magical sensibility, followed a path that took him not only into a pioneer of life-affirming literature, but to the forefront of the political struggles of the 70s and 80s, through his militant journalism and his friendships with political leaders such as Fidel Castro and Bill Clinton.



16:00

### PORRO MADE IN COLOMBIA (PORRO HECHO EN COLOMBIA)

Dir: Adriana Lucia / 2014 / 77 min / Spanish (Eng. subtitles)

"Porro Made in Colombia" is a musical documentary that tells the story of PORRO, the musical rhythm (genre) that characterizes the Department (Province) of Cordoba, in Colombia's Caribbean region. It has become very popular at the vocal feasts played with native instruments like "Gaitas" and African drums. With the advent of modernity, the Porro genre has undertaken a transition from countryside voices, passing to native instruments onto European instruments, making a valuable contribution to what we know today as the "Pelayeras bands." This story shows the region's natural and cultural wealth, highlighting its musicality. A great concert performed with great musicians and technical staff is the complement of this wonderful story, where music is displayed as the result of experiences and emotions, and all audiences are inspired to stand up and dance!

18:00

### COLOMBIAN PARTY: "FIESTA CARIBEÑA"

A COLOMBIAN FESTIVE FINALE with music, food and of course good colombian coffee!

IT IS **ESSENTIAL TO RSVP** FOR ALL SCREENINGS WITH FULL NAMES OF EACH ATTENDEE AS SEATS ARE LIMITED: [embassyofcolombia.reception@gmail.com](mailto:embassyofcolombia.reception@gmail.com)

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OPEN WINDOW CAMPUS, John Vorster Drive, Irene



Free Entrance | Friday 04 March: 6 pm | Sat 05 March: 12 - 8 pm