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MEXICAN DOCUMENTARIES IN THE 2018 HOT DOCS FESTIVAL

Mexico’s participation in the 2018 edition of Toronto’s Hot Docs International Documentary Film Festival recognized the vitality and creativity of contemporary Mexican documentaries.

The festival screened nine Mexican productions: *Witkin & Witkin* by Trisha Ziff; *Eternity Never Surrenders* by Daniela Rea Gómez; *Rush Hour* by Luciana Kaplan; *Mamacita* by José Pablo Estrada Torrescano; *Artemio* by Sandra Luz López Barroso; *I’m Leaving Now* by Lindsey Cordero; *Familiar Tale* by Sumie García; *Symphony of a Sad Sea* by Carlos Morales; and *Tecuaní, Jaguar Man* by Nelson Aldape.

The Mexican Institute of Cinematography (IMCINE) and the Hot Docs organizers offered a reception under the



slogan “Made in Mexico”, where Mexican producers, directors and actors mingled with independent filmmakers, film industry agents, filmmakers and screenwriters and talked about their career paths and their future prospects.



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PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION ABOUT MEXICO

The Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival, held at galleries, museums and cultural centres around Toronto from May 1 to 31, presented the collection “Faces of Mexico” by the Canadian photographer [Michael Lindon](#).

The festival is known as one of the biggest photography festivals in Canada. The 2018 edition featured 200 exhibitions and installations open to the public, in addition to workshops, talks, panels, seminars and symposiums that introduce audiences to a wide range of photographic works by emerging local and international artists.



Image: Michael Lindon webpage

THE LA LAGUNA CLUSTER VISITS ONTARIO

Representatives of the automotive industry in the La Laguna region (Mexican states of Coahuila and Durango) visited Toronto from May 1 to May 5 as part of their strategy of internationalization and consolidation in the sector by pursuing more investments.

José Luis Hotema, president of the cluster, explained that the aim of this visit was to position La Laguna as an investment option and also to replicate best practices by visiting research and training centres. In addition to Toronto, the delegation visited Guelph, Cambridge, Hamilton, Windsor and Barrie to explore possibilities of training for personnel at Canadian universities.



Image: El Sol de la Laguna news

CULTURAL EVENTS

MEXICO FEATURED AT CANADIAN MUSIC WEEK

Canadian Music Week (CMW) was held from May 7 to 13 at various cultural and/or artistic centres in downtown Toronto.

The activities included the presentation of a “Focus on Mexico” panel, exploring the influence of Latin music in the cultural industry; and the talk “Towards a Connected Industry: The Future of North and South American Latin Music”.

The event also featured performances by seven Mexican bands: Maria Robot, Vaquero Negro, Centavrvs, Ramona, Troker, Sputnik and The Walker, who all formed part of the “Celebrate Mexico” program.



The Rec Room in downtown Toronto served as Casa Mexico for the program. The Mexico Tourism Board (MTB), in conjunction with the company Aeroméxico, offered a reception to present the Mexican bands.

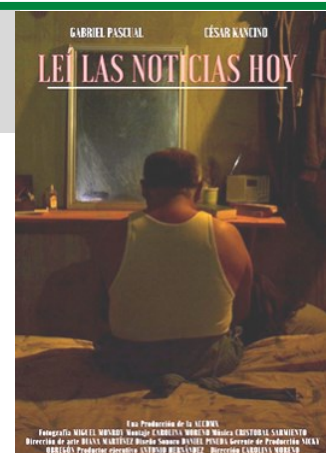
Attending the reception were programmers, music agents, cultural industry representatives, prominent figures in the Canadian music industry, festival directors, business leaders, specialists in digital music and media representatives.

MEXICAN SHORT FILM IN THE 2018 IFFSA TORONTO FESTIVAL

The 7th edition of the IFFSA (International Film Festival of South Asia) was held in Toronto from May 10 to 21, offering a varied program of films made by young creators promoting diversity and cultural richness. The event recognized the work of new talented filmmakers and showcased their creativity to the communities of Ontario.

The Mexican student Carolina Moreno Gómez participated with her short film *I Read the News*, reflecting on the issue of teenagers' addiction to cell phones and their lack of interaction with their families.

<http://www.iffsatoronto.com/movie/i-read-the-news/>



MEXICANS IN TORONTO

INTERVIEW WITH A JOURNALIST: ALEX FLORES

What is your name and profession?

My name is Alex Flores. I was born in Mexico City, and I hold a degree in physical education specializing in Down syndrome or special education. I am a video production editor, and the creative director of [Las Perlas Tv.org](http://LasPerlasTv.org). I also have a small home renovation company, which is my day job, in addition to being a visual artist and a community advocate for Latina women in Canada.

What has your experience been like as an immigrant to Canada?

When I immigrated to Canada in March, 2001, I thought I'd made a mistake, because the cold here was like nothing I'd ever imagined, but at the same time my experience as an artist and a professional underwent a change. Coming to Canada was like starting all over again, looking for places to present my work, and as a teacher I had to pass a number of exams, and I felt it was all really hard. However, I always thought that I needed to understand the culture and promote my professional skills, and this really did prove to be a good strategy.

And with the support that Canada gave me to learn other professional skills, this was what helped me most to be able to live in a prosperous country. I think that there are a lot of opportunities in Canada, but you need to know how to take advantage of them and work on them to become successful. Despite the cold, the language and the career change, I always had the opportunity to work at what I liked to do.

How did the idea of creating Las Perlas TV come about?

One of the professions that I've always wanted to study and work in was journalism, to create projects like documentaries and investigations about social justice, and of course, to have the skills to be a journalist.



In Canada, you're living in a place where film and culture come first. I had the opportunity to take some journalism courses, and of course, video production

classes. This helped me to make one of my dreams a reality, and thus was born the idea of creating a media outlet in Spanish, on video and doing journalist work and docu-news, and of course making documentaries.

On March 8, 2008, we launched Perlas TV.org, dedicated to presenting news on Mexico and Latin America and providing a space for women and women's social issues, like gender vio-



lence and inequality, and talking about the rights of minorities in general. Las Perlas TV is recognized in Canada as a media outlet specializing in intelligent interviews with politicians, artists, human rights activists and more.

What is the objective of your programs and interviews?

Our objective is to make people here in Canada and in Toronto aware of the situation in our countries, to provide news about Toronto for our Mexican audience and to offer information of importance to our community. Our channel is inclusive and community-focused.

What projects do you have for 2018?

We have several documentaries, ranging from culture to social justice. We want to do more research into the issue of Latina trans women. We want to do a documentary on Mexican and Latino Jewish communities and how our traditions change from country to country. Of course, we'll keep covering cultural, social, political and community events in our city, Toronto.



CONSULAR SERVICES

ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION (eTA) FOR MEXICAN TRAVELERS

Mexican visitors who travel to Canada either to enter the country or to transit to another destination, will only need to complete an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).

The eTA must be applied for at least 3 days prior to travel from the following Canadian government website:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-how.asp>

¿Tienes planes de viaje a Canadá?



Tramita tu Autorización Electrónica de Viaje (eTA)

¡Es muy sencillo! ingresa a la página
www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp
y completa el formulario en línea.

Recuerda que puedes ingresar desde
cualquier computadora o dispositivo móvil,
sólo necesitas:

- Tu pasaporte vigente.
- Una tarjeta de crédito o débito.*
- Un correo electrónico válido.

TRAVELLING TO MEXICO

Canadian nationals and permanent residents of Canada do not require a visa to enter Mexico, with the exception of Canadian citizens carrying diplomatic or official passports.

For more information and requirements please visit:

<http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/toronto/index.php/es/visas>

For fees and payment: <http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/toronto/index.php/es/fees>

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The Consul General is empowered to act as a Mexican notary public, and is therefore able to issue powers of attorney with legal validity in Mexico. Any person or company located in Ontario or Manitoba may submit a power of attorney for the appointment of a person to act on their behalf in a lawsuit, in the administration of a business or in the purchase or sale of goods in Mexico.

Appointments must be scheduled through MEXITEL (1-877-639-4837) or online <https://mexitel.sre.gob.mx> For more information about requirements and fees, please visit our website www.consulmex2.sre.gob.mx/toronto or call (416) 368-2875, ext. 237.

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powers of attorney, appointments must be
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https://citas.sre.gob.mx/mexitel_web/

(1-877-639 4835)

For any other service, please request an
appointment by calling:

(416) 368-2875 ext. 236

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- Presidency of Mexico:
presidencia.gob.mx
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs:
sre.gob.mx
- Mexican Embassy in Canada
embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada/
- ProMexico promexico.gob.mx
- Mexico Tourism Board:
visitmexico.com
- Mexican National Council for Culture and the Arts:
conaculta.gob.mx
ecultura.gob.mx
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico: canchammx.com
- Mexico-Canada
<http://mexcan.sre.gob.mx/>
- Visas and consular services:
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- Mexican restaurants in Toronto & GTA [click here](#)
- MEXITEL
1-877-639-4835
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