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**AWARD WINNING MEXICAN CINEMA**  
**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sydney Latin American Film Festival**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sydney Latin American Film Festival opens on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March at the Chauvel Cinema and for 11 days will give Sydney audiences a chance to sample a wide array of the latest films, documentaries and shorts coming out of Latin America and the local Latin film scene.

Coinciding with the recent unprecedented rise in the international profile of Mexican cinema, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sydney Latin American Film Festival is proud to present three remarkable award winning Mexican productions.

First-time Mexican writer director Ruben Imaz Castro skillfully teases out the selfishness, vulnerability and ultimately quiet self-discovery, of the various members of a family on the eve of a special day in his multi-award winning drama “**Turtle Family**”. This remarkable directorial debut has already won an array of awards at European and Latin American Film Festivals and will screen at the Chauvel cinema on Friday 7 March at 9:15pm.

The standout documentary “**My Life Inside**” portrays the imprisonment and prosecution of a young Mexican woman in Texas following the death of a child under her care offers a chilling example of the risks involved in pursuing the American dream. Awarded “Best Mexican Documentary” at the renowned Morelia International Film Festival it is one of the most talked about Mexican documentary films of the year and will screen at the Chauvel cinema on Saturday 8 March at 6:30pm.

Finally one of the Festival’s short film surprises is the humorous yet poignant award winning short film “A small death” which tells of a dying young boy’s dreams of the future which will screen before the Colombian feature “A Paper Tiger” at the Chauvel Cinema on Friday 7 March at 7pm.

We are also proud to include in our program a wide selection of award-winning features and documentaries from all across Latin America, including *Fruits of War (USA/El Salvador)*, *The Rind (La Cáscara, Uruguay/Argentina/Spain)*, *Fiesta Patria (Chile/Peru)*, *A Paper Tiger (Un Tigre de Papel, Colombia)* and *The Heart (El Corazon, Colombia)*.

Fill out our Audience Award Form to vote for your favourite film at the Festival and win a 3 – week trip to South America for two persons worth over \$8000!

Full Festival program details are available at [www.sydneylatinofilmfestival.org](http://www.sydneylatinofilmfestival.org). Tickets are available from Moshtix on 1300 438 849 and online at [www.moshtix.com](http://www.moshtix.com).

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