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"ROOTS TIME"
3rd Sydney Latin American Film Festival
6th – 16th of March 2008

In its third year, the Sydney Latin American Film Festival announces an explosive ten-day film Festival including the Road Movie **"Roots Time"**, set in Jamaica. We have the great pleasure in welcoming Silvestre Jacobi, director of "Roots Time", to our Sydney shores. Jacobi will join us on to present his film at Chauvel Cinema Friday 7th March at 9pm.

"Roots Time" will be screened at the Sydney Latin American Film Festival along with an exciting program of feature films, documentaries, shorts and animations and live fiestas, all whilst raising funds for community development projects in Latin American and Australia.

Synopsis:

"Roots Time" is the story of "Jah Bull" and "Baboo", two Rastafarians who sell LP records in an old and colorful car around the countryside towns in Jamaica. By chance, "Farmer Roots", their favorite radio presenter, is desperately hitchhiking to a hospital because his girlfriend is sick. "Jah Bull" and "Baboo", who do not believe in traditional medicine because of their Rastafarian principles, convince "Farmer Roots" to take his sick girlfriend to see an herbal doctor called Bongo Hu. Getting there turns out to be much more difficult than what they expected and they experience countless adventures on their way.

Notes from the Director:

Roots Time it's an experimental documentary that tells a small story in the context of a very popular culture, which are the Rastafarians in Jamaica. "Roots Time" uses improvisational techniques with natural Rastafarians with no actoral experience that shows the spontaneous manifestations of Rastafarians using fiction film elements to tell a fiction story with the same people that lives this stories on their everyday lives.

Silvestre Jacobi, was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 21 December 1978. He graduated as a lawyer in the University Torcuato Di Tella (2002), then study cinematography in New York (2003). At the moment he has a cinema production company called "Mistika Films" that makes productions with diverse cultures and ethnic groups of the world.

More info at: www.mistikafilms.com.ar

Other events featured as part of the Festival include the special fundraiser night **'Shorts and Sounds'** at the Uruguayan Club with live performances and film, **'A tribute to Hector Lavoe'** in the Oxford Art Factory (27th Feb) anticipating the eagerly awaited premiere of the screening of 'El Cantante' with an awesome line-up of musicians from Watussi, Mucho Mambo and many more, and the famous **'Mid-Festival Fiesta'** presenting an energetic live performance of one of Sydney's most celebrated Latin bands Watussi at the East-Side Arts Centre 13th March.

Full program details are available at www.sydneylatinofilmfestival.org and tickets are available online from Mid-February.

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