

**BINATIONAL
INDEPENDENT
FILM FESTIVAL**

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EL PASO, TEXAS
CD. JUÁREZ, MEXICO

THE BINATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – PRESS RELEASE
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The 2009 Festival is around the corner: January 9 to January 17, 2009

Lifetime Achievements to: Robert M. Young (The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez, Roosters, Caught, Extremities, El Alambrista, Dominique and Eugene, and many more)

Premio de Trayectoria Artística: Eric del Castillo (Tunco Maclovio, Los de Abajo, La Generala, Todo por Nada, Maria Isabel, Pedro Páramo, etc.)

Jurados/Jurors: Director Alejandro Lozano (Matando Cabos y Sultanes del Sur). Productor Ben Odell (La Mujer de Mi Hermano, Ladrón que Roba a Ladrón). Lion's Gate Hispanic Acquisitions Chief Arturo Chavez. Andreas Olavarría Head of Hispanic Home Video for Twentieth Century Fox. Actor/Escritor/Director/Productor Hector Bonilla. Director/Productor/Escritor/Editor Jeff Scheftel.

Invitees: Producer Carolyn Pfeiffer (The Whales of August, The Moderns, and Elvis and Anabelle). Producer/Writer/Director Zalman King (9 ½ Weeks). Actor/Writer/Producer James Russo (Donnie Brasco, Once Upon a Time in America, Open Ranger, Extremities, etc.). Producer/Director/Actor Damian Chapa (Blood In Blood Out, The Menendez Brothers, El Padrino, etc.) Director/Writer? Producer Chee Keong Cheung (Underground, Displaced, The Bodyguard, etc.) Actor/Director David Shark (The Young and the Restless, Assasins, Without Limit, Desert Heat, etc.).

With presentations at UTEP's Union Cinema, Cinemarks Cielo Vista, and La Fe Clinic.

This year we have movies from: United States, Mexico, Chile, China, Great Britain, Canada, Ireland, and Italy.

Every day at UTEP's Union Cinema, there will be a talk with a Producer, Writer, Director, Actor, or Actress after the 7PM Movie, and on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after the Documentaries as well.

Come and enjoy the Festival, since it is Your Festival.