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12th Gainesville Latino Film Festival, Sept. 8 - 24 ***"Unity Through Culture"***

GAINESVILLE, FL -- The Latina Women's League proudly presents the 12th Gainesville Latino Film Festival, which celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month this year with **18 feature-length films, five avant-garde short films, guest speakers, director/actor visits and family events** that demonstrate the contributions by the Hispanic/Latino community to arts and entertainment.

Opening night for the Gainesville Latino Film Festival is at **6:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Harn Museum of Art** with the screening of "**Paraíso**" (**Paradise**), a Mexican film directed by Mariana Chenillo. "**Paraíso**," a love story that explores self-esteem, physical appearance and the nature of love, will be introduced by the film's leading actress, **Daniela Rincón**.

This year's films come from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Perú and Venezuela. The festival, which runs **Sept. 8 - 24**, will be held at several venues, including the Harn Museum of Art, the Historic Thomas Center, the Woolly, the UF Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures (La Casita), Santa Fe E-Theatre, UF Smathers Library and the Matheson History Museum.

All events are **free and open to the public**. For more information, visit gainesvillelatinofilmfestival.com

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