



EXPAND

# Kean University hosting free Spanish film fest in Union

By **Suburban News**

on October 23, 2013 at 11:31 AM, updated October 23, 2013 at 11:35 AM

Print

Rich in cultural diversity, Kean University fosters cultural understanding in and out of its classrooms. The campus houses the Holocaust Resource Center and the Human Rights Institute, which develops and sponsors conferences, seminars, teacher training and curricula that raise awareness of human rights violations worldwide and inspire action among students, teachers and the general public.

In continued recognition of the importance of shared experience and cultural exchanges to persons' personal and professional growth, Kean's Department of Communication is hosting the Spanish Film Club, a free, weekly film screening from now until Nov. 14.

From drama, to animation, comedy and documentary, each never-before-seen film is a celebration of the new wave of Ibero-American cinema. Topics include dictatorship, family, relationships, Hispanic and Latin American studies, history and memory, human rights, immigration and exile, international politics, sociology, sustainability and food equality.

With the available film screenings at Kean's Center for Academic Success (CAS), located at 1000 Morris Ave. in Union, community members can come together locally to enjoy an eclectic and diverse selection of films, featuring first-time filmmakers and established masters, without having to find an art-house showcasing national and independent films:

**Oct. 25, 1 p.m., CAS 106 - "The Cinema Hold Up"** (Asalto Al Cine) - Directed by: Irina Gómez Concheiro - Comedy /124 min /2011/Mexico / Language: Spanish with English subtitles

The Cinema Hold Up is a vibrant, authentic, and wonderfully observed portrait of the tempo and texture of today's Mexican youth culture. First-time feature director Iria Gómez Concheiro draws pitch-perfect performances from the talented ensemble cast and registers a strong and original voice in Mexican cinema.

**Nov. 1, 1 p.m., CAS 106 - "From The Land To Your Table"** (¿Qué Culpa Tiene El Tomate?) - Directed by: Alejo Hoiyman, Josué Mendez, Carolina Navas, Paola Vieira, Alejandra Szeplaki, Jorge Coira & Marcos Loayza Montoya Documentary/107 min /2011 /Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Venezuela, Spain/Language: Spanish, Portuguese, Galician, Aymara with English Subtitles

What do you get when you take seven directors from seven different countries with seven different cultures and points of view? From the Land to Your Table is the first documentary of its kind in that it shows the perspectives of seven majorly talented filmmakers and directors from all over Latin America as they capture the conditions and cultural diversity of popular produce markets in their individual countries.

**Nov. 8, 1 p.m., CAS 106 - "Chico & Rita"** - Directed by: Oscar-winner Fernando Trueba (The Age Of Beauty), Javier Mariscal and Tono Errando - Animation/94 min /2012/Spain, UK/Language: Spanish and English with English subtitles

A 2012 Academy Award nominee for best animation movie, Chico & Rita is an animated love story starring the music, culture and people of Cuba.

Chico is a dashing piano player and Rita is an enchanting and beautiful Havana nightclub singer. When they meet, the sparks fly and they fall madly in love. An epic romance unfolds as the pair travels the glamorous stages of 1940s/1950s Havana, New York City, Las Vegas, Hollywood and Paris.

**Nov. 14, 5 p.m., CAS 106 - "Clandestine Childhood" (Infancia Clandestina)** - Directed by: Benjamín Ávila - Drama/ 110 min/2012/Argentina, Spain, Brazil/Language: Spanish with English subtitles

A story about militancy, undercover life and love, Clandestine Childhood (Infancia Clandestina) is an earnestly heartfelt cine-memoir based on the director /co-writer's, Benjamín Ávila, own tragic early life.

All films are free and open to the public. The Spanish Film Club series at Kean University is made possible by a grant from PRAGDA.

For more information, contact Dr. Kristine Mirrer, Department of Communication, at 908-737-0456 or [kmirrer@kean.edu](mailto:kmirrer@kean.edu).

Sponsored By:



**LEARN MORE**

1-800-637-2997  
TDD/TTY: 1-800-654-5505



Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey



**Horizon NJ Health**

## Video of the Day



**Video: Dune easement issue still roiling post-Sandy Jersey shore**



### Sandy Recovery Scorecard

Track progress of the storm recovery taking place across all of N.J.'s municipalities

- Check out homes that are being raised throughout New Jersey
- Watch: Should public funds help private beaches?

[View the Sandy Recovery Scorecard »](#)

## Trending Videos



**Most Comments**

**Most Read**

283

Rachel Maddow is puzzled by Star-Ledger's endorsement of Chris Christie