

Mexico Week Programme  
Sunday 28 October – Saturday 3 November 2012

# The University of Southampton and MeXsu invite you to Mexico Week. From 28 October to 3 November the University will be inviting colleagues and friends across the City to celebrate our Mexico Week with us.

This week-long programme of events hosted by the University's Centre for Mexico-Southampton Collaboration (MeXsu) seeks to promote and share contemporary Mexican artistic, cultural and social activities. We are being joined by a range of Southampton cultural venues who will be staging events, including Turner Sims, The Nuffield Theatre, The Phoenix Film Society and the Harbour Lights Picturehouse. We have also had invaluable support in mounting this programme and securing world class artists from the Anglo Mexican Foundation in Mexico City who have worked closely with us throughout.

We will be offering events from theatre productions, classical and popular music, mariachis bands, lectures on Mexico, films by Mexican directors, Mexican food and drink, and opportunities to practise your (Mexican) Spanish. We aim to involve as wide a range as possible of Southampton residents, old and young. The timing of this week coincides with the famous Mexican celebrations of the Day of the Dead, for which there will be an Altar set up at the Avenue Campus. Detailed information about the whole week will be available from early September on the MeXsu website and the Faculty of Humanities events pages.

We hope you will be able to join us for some or all of the celebrations.

Professor Clare Mar-Molinero  
Director of MeXsu

# Full Week's Programme

Date and time	Act	Venue	Price
Sunday 28 October			
15:00	Elena Durán in conversation with David Owen Norris	Turner Sims	Free
Monday 29 October			
All day	Day of the Dead Altar	North Corridor, Avenue Campus	Free
12:00-14:00	Mariachis Band	Outside the Students' Union	Free
13:00	Elena Durán and David Owen Norris	Turner Sims	Free
18:00	Official Launch by the Ambassador of Mexico	Hartley Suite, Staff Social Centre	By invitation only
19:30	Juana in a Million	The Nuffield Theatre	£10*
Tuesday 30 October			
All day	Day of the Dead Altar	North Corridor, Avenue Campus	Free
18:15	Danzón	Turner Sims Foyer	Free
19:30	Juana in a Million	The Nuffield Theatre	£10*
20:00	Hugh Thomson	Turner Sims	£14*
Wednesday 31 October			
All day	Day of the Dead Altar	North Corridor, Avenue Campus	Free
18:40	Cronos (Cert. 15)	Harbour Lights Picturehouse	£8.50*
19:30	Juana in a Million	The Nuffield Theatre	£10*
Thursday 1 November			
18:30	Periplum	Guildhall Square	Free
20:30	Arráncame la Vida	Sir James Matthew Building, Southampton Solent University	Free
Friday 2 November			
All Day	Day of the Dead Altar	North Corridor, Avenue Campus	Free
20:00	Paté de Fuá	Turner Sims	£18*
Saturday 3 November			
20:00-2:00	Mexican Day of the Dead Party	Students' Union Bridge Bar	£3.00 on the door £2.50 pre-sale

\* concessions apply



**Sunday 28 and  
Monday 29 October**

Join celebrated flautist Elena Durán in conversation with David Owen Norris on Sunday at Turner Sims, where she talks about her life and music. Admission is free and no ticket is required.

Then at 1pm on Monday at the Turner Sims, you can attend a free lunchtime concert by Elena Durán and David Owen Norris.

Elena Durán is one of the world’s most charismatic flute players. Accompanied by pianist, broadcaster and University of Southampton Professor of Musical Performance, David Owen Norris, she introduces and plays music by her friend, the great composer Manuel Esperón, who wrote more than nine hundred songs and the scores for five hundred films. Each song is accompanied by clips from movies of the “Golden Age of Mexican Cinema” for which Esperón wrote the scores.

We are grateful to the Music Department at the University of Southampton for supporting this event.

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**Monday 29 October**

On the first day of the festival *Mariachi Mexteca* will be performing at the Students’ Union from 12:00 to 14:00.

The only thing more Mexican than Tequila is the Mariachi. It goes beyond music and is the sum of the revolution expressed through a group of musicians dressed in beautiful costumes - the “charro”. Mariachi encompasses the essence of Mexico and its people and is something cultural, spiritual and traditional that is unique to this country.

Mariachi Mexteca is a London based Mariachi, an authentic ensemble of professional Mexican musicians and singers also bringing together artists from the Americas. The name Mexteca for the band came from a fusion of old and new with a play on the words “Mexico” and “Azteca”. Mexteca maintain the unique, passionate and traditional style of the original Mariachi and have proudly presented the vibrant and cheerful sound to audiences throughout the United Kingdom, Europe and international destinations.

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**Monday 29 to  
Wednesday 31 October**

From Monday 29 to Wednesday 31 October at 19:30 at The Nuffield Theatre Studio you can see *Juana in a Million*.

Have you ever moved to a new country with all your possessions in a single suitcase? Have you ever time-shared a single bed? Have your dreams ever been betrayed so completely that your world has fallen apart?

Based on events from performer/writer Vicky’s own life and the experiences of fellow Latin American immigrants, Juana is the story of a young Mexican woman who arrives in London, armed with a suitcase of clothes, dreaming of love, success and happiness.

In a virtuoso performance by award-winning Mexican actress Vicky Araico Casas, Juana’s story becomes a moving tale of survival, strength and hope. Intensely physical, darkly funny and ultimately heart-breaking, this new play with a live music score offers an eye-opening glimpse into what it can mean to be an immigrant in the UK today.

[www.nuffieldtheatre.co.uk/  
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### Tuesday 30 October

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At 18:15, just before the Hugh Thomson lecture, we will be presenting *Danzón: A Talk, Practical Dance Workshop*, led by Danzón specialist Dr. Hettie Malcomson in the Turner Sims Foyer, with music from Southampton's Hartley Danzonera.

Danzón is a popular Cuban music-dance form which is performed daily in public plazas in Mexico. It is a precursor to genres such as mambo, cha-cha-chá and "salsa" and is often played by saxophones, trumpets, trombone, bass, güiro and a virtuosic timpanist. Danzón is relatively slow and is usually danced by couples, often between the ages of 50 and 80 plus. This event will include a short talk and a participatory dance workshop.

All welcome; free entry!



### Tuesday 30 October 2012

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At 20:00 on Tuesday 30 October at Turner Sims, Hugh Thomson will present his talk *Tequila Oil: Getting lost in Mexico*.

An account of explorer, writer and film-maker Hugh Thomson's first wild adventure in Mexico at the age of 18, which ignited his love for Latin America and of his subsequent exploration of the country, its people and its history. Hugh's travels took him from the badlands of Chihuahua to the forests of the Yucatán; ending deep in the Mexican jungle, face to face with one of the most enigmatic and least understood cultures on the planet, the Maya.

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### Wednesday 31 October

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At 19:00 on Wednesday 31 October at the Harbour Lights Picturehouse you will be able to see *Cronos*.

Guillermo del Toro's Mexican vampire horror film made in 1993, which is set in 1535 when an alchemist builds an extraordinary mechanism enshrined in a small golden device. The invention, designed to convey eternal life to its owner, survives its maker until 1997, when it is acquired by an antique dealer. Fascinated with the strange device, Gris (played by Federico Luppi) doesn't know that there's more than one person looking for it. The promise of eternal life has become an obsession for old and sick Mr De la Guardia (played by Claudio Brook). He and his nephew (played by *Hellboy* Ron Perlman) will do anything to get the Cronos Invention. The film is certificated 15.

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Box Office: 0871 902 5733



### Thursday 1 November

In the Guildhall Square on Thursday 1 November at 18:30 you can see Periplum perform *The Art of Demonstration*.

Internationally acclaimed theatre company Periplum present a showing of their new outdoor production in the Guildhall Square, bringing free performance to the Heart of Southampton as part of Mexico Week. This 360 degree performance celebrates the universal, timeless and very contemporary action of standing up for a cause – how the actions of ordinary people coming together can create extraordinary change.

*The Art of Demonstration* is inspired by Periplum's experiences of touring in Mexico over the last 4 years, and the vivid culture of protest the company encountered there. It is an exciting marriage of digital and live interactive performance in a celebration of old and new forms of demonstration featuring Southampton's own digital specialists VisuoSonic.

Periplum is supported by Creative Campus Initiative, The Anglo-Mexican Foundation, MeXsu, The Nuffield Theatre Southampton, Big Day Out Festival/Pitch Black Arts, Art at the Heart, Southampton Solent University, and University of Winchester.

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### Thursday 1 November

At 20:30 on Thursday 1 November, the Phoenix Film Society will screen *Arráncame la Vida* at the Sir James Matthew Building, Southampton Solent University.

This 2008 film has not been shown widely in the UK so this is a rare opportunity to see one of the most successful Mexican films of recent years. Set in the 1930s, it tells the story of the troubled relationship between Catalina Guzmán de Ascencio and her oppressive husband, General Andrés Ascencio. From the outset of their marriage, the rebellious wife struggles with Ascencio's imposing manner. While he seeks to become a serious candidate for the presidency of the Republic, she becomes increasingly involved in supporting the oppressed of her country, and also begins an affair with a musician with similar ideals. Such a delicately balanced situation can only lead to a fatal dénouement to this gripping drama.

We are grateful to Roberto Sneider, the film's director, for giving us special permission to show his film within our Mexico Week, and as part of the fifth Southampton Film Week, and to Southampton Solent University for offering us the venue.

Entrance is free and you are invited to join us for drinks before the start of the screening.

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### Friday 2 November

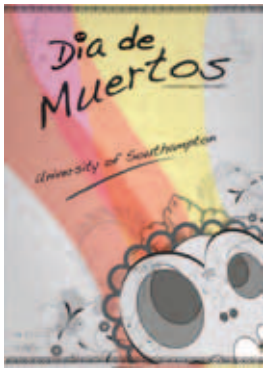
On Friday 2 November at 20:00 Paté de Fuá will be performing at Turner Sims.

Founded in Mexico by multi-instrumentalists Yayo González and Guillermo Perata, Paté de Fuá is one of the most distinguished groups within the Mexican music scene.

With a variety of wonderful instruments (accordion, bandoneon, cavaquinho, banjo, cornet, alto horn, guitar, vibraphone, marimba, contrabass, drums and voice), Paté de Fuá's versatile musicians explore dixieland jazz, musette waltz, fox-trot, tango, tarantell, and paso doble, merging their backgrounds in jazz, tango and classical music for a sound that is truly unique. Tonight's concert is part of the band's first ever UK Tour.

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### **Saturday 3 November**

On Saturday the Mexican Society will be hosting the Mexican Day of the Dead Party at the Bridge Bar in the Students' Union.

There will be a free shot of tequila for everyone that arrives before 21:00 and a free salsa lesson to anyone that fancies a go!

You will be able to buy tickets in advance for £2.50 from outside the Students' Union on Monday 29 October between 12:00-14:00.

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The Nuffield Theatre

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