

## *See You at the Movies*

# **BALSEROS, the premiere**

In the summer of 1994, a team of public television reporters filmed and interviewed seven Cubans, and their families, beginning a few days before their risky venture of setting out to sea in homemade rafts to reach the coast of the United States.

One of the balseros (rafters) was on a raft that was not seaworthy and had to return to Havana. The others made it far enough to be picked up at sea by the U.S. Coast Guard and taken to the North American naval base at Guantanamo, where the film crew caught up with them, and recorded their many months of confinement. Their families in Cuba had no news of them.

When the balseros were finally allowed to go to the United States, the film crew went with them to a string of cities that included Miami the Bronx, New York, Pennsylvania, Grand Isle, Nebraska, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and other places to which the lives of these immigrants carried them. Seven years later, the film crew visits them again, to discover what their destiny has been in the United States. Theirs is a true story about some of the authentic survivors of our times, the human adventure of people who are shipwrecked between two worlds.

**“Balseros” will be shown Saturday, October 2nd, 4:30-6-30 PM at Starline. Don’t miss it!**

## **LOCALLY PRODUCED DOCUMENTARIES**

*Among the many exciting surprises Tamejavi will bring this year is a series of locally produced documentaries.*

- **P’urhepecha Film:** A poignant documentary about the language of the P’urhepechas who are an indigenous group of people from the state of Michoacan, Mexico.
- **"Flight":** directed by Va-Megn Thoj, this short film about four young, urban Hmong Americans on a rural road trip.
- **Colegio Popular Youth Video:** Using multi-media outlets to express youth empowerment, this video was part of a digital youth film festival coordinated by Colegio Popular.
- **Hmong Video:** A documentary about the Hmong community in the Central Valley, created during the Tamejavi process and produced by members of the Tamejavi Documentation Team.

**Don't miss Tamejavi's video series!**

**Tamejavi's video series: Sunday, Oct 3, 4-5 PM (at Starline)**

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