

**The New Mexico Film Office Announces: NM Filmmaker Experience in Santa Fe  
FILMMAKING FROM THE HISPANIC VIEWPOINT**

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The New Mexico Film Office continues to partner with the Center for Contemporary Arts (CCA) to bring you a series of panel discussions and screenings each month to explore the "New Mexico Filmmakers Experience." The Film Office is excited to announce the next panel discussion on Sunday, June 30, 2013. A panel of local filmmakers will share their cultural perspective and filmmaking experiences as Hispanics. Come hear this eclectic group of filmmakers offer up their thoughts. The panelists include:

**Cynthia Jeannette Gomez – Moderator:** Cynthia's first documentary in 1997, "Sin Casa: Homelessness in New Mexico", aired on PBS stations, KNME and KRWG. She is a producer of the award winning New Mexico documentary, "Land Water People Time", a collection of the nearly disappeared stories from Northern New Mexico's diverse cultures, traditions, and heritage.

**Diego Lopez:** Diego is a director/writer and actor who has been acting professionally since 2005, is a member of the Screen Actors Guild, and has acted in several feature films including "Blaze You Out", "Terminator: Salvation" and "Love Ranch."

**Alisa Lynn Valdes -** Alisa is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of 14 books. Alisa has written and sold pilot scripts to Nickelodeon, NBC, and Lifetime Television and is currently turning her book, "Dirty Girls Social Club", into a feature length film.

**Kara Sachs -** Kara, a director/writer/producer/actor/dancer, is a native New Mexican from Belen, of Hispanic and Native American descent. She directed the award-winning movie, "Milagros", officially selected in 22 film festivals worldwide and wrote and directed, "Freedom", a timely piece about a soldier's return home.

**Conrad Gomez –** Conrad is an emerging Hispanic writer whose script, "Sabino Days", made him a graduate of the National Association of Latino Independent Producers (NALIP) Writers Lab of 2007. Conrad was born on his grandfather's ranch in the small cattle town of Roy, New Mexico.

Date: Sunday, June 30, 2013  
Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Location: Center for Contemporary Arts  
1050 Old Pecos Trail - Santa Fe, NM 87505  
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Screenings are held each month. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information on the **New Mexico Filmmakers Experience** and other New Mexico Filmmakers Programs, visit [nmfilm.com](http://nmfilm.com) or contact Dirk Norris: 505-476-5671 or [dirk@nmfilm.com](mailto:dirk@nmfilm.com).

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