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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS “CALAVERA HIGHWAY” *Winner, Golden Gate Award at The San Francisco International Film Festival and Best Television Documentary Prize from the San Diego Latino Film Festival*

SAN DIEGO – San Diego Public Library and The San Diego Latino Film Festival invite you to a film screening and discussion of *Calavera Highway*. *Calavera Highway* is the new production by the filmmaking team of and Renee Tajima-Peña (*Who Killed Vincent Chin?*, *My America...or Honk if You Love Buddha*) and Evangeline Griego (*Sir! No Sir!*, *Chevolution*, *God Willing*), who recently collaborated with editor Johanna Demetrakas (*Amandla!*) on “The Mexico Story” of the acclaimed PBS series, *The New Americans*. This free event takes place at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 24, in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

When brothers Armando and Carlos Peña set off to carry their mother’s ashes to south Texas, their road trip turns into a quest for answers about a strangely veiled past. As they reunite with five other brothers, the two men try to piece together their family’s shattered history. Why was their mother cast out by her family? What happened to their father, who disappeared during the notorious 1954 U.S. deportation program Operation Wetback? *Calavera Highway* is a sweeping story of seven Mexican-American men grappling with the meaning of masculinity, fatherhood and a legacy of rootless beginnings.

An intimate and elegantly crafted work of cinema verité, *Calavera Highway* encompasses universal familial tensions, Mexican-American identity, the responsibilities of fathers (and sons) and the psychic malleability of map-drawn borders. Gail Perez, Ph.D., and Ruben Murillo, Ph.D., professors in the Ethnic Studies Department at University of San Diego, will facilitate a discussion after the screening.

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This event is a collaboration with the award-winning documentary series P.O.V. (Point-of-View) (www.pbs.org/pov). Since 1988, P.O.V. has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues. *Calavera Highway* is scheduled to debut on national public television on September 16, 2008.

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