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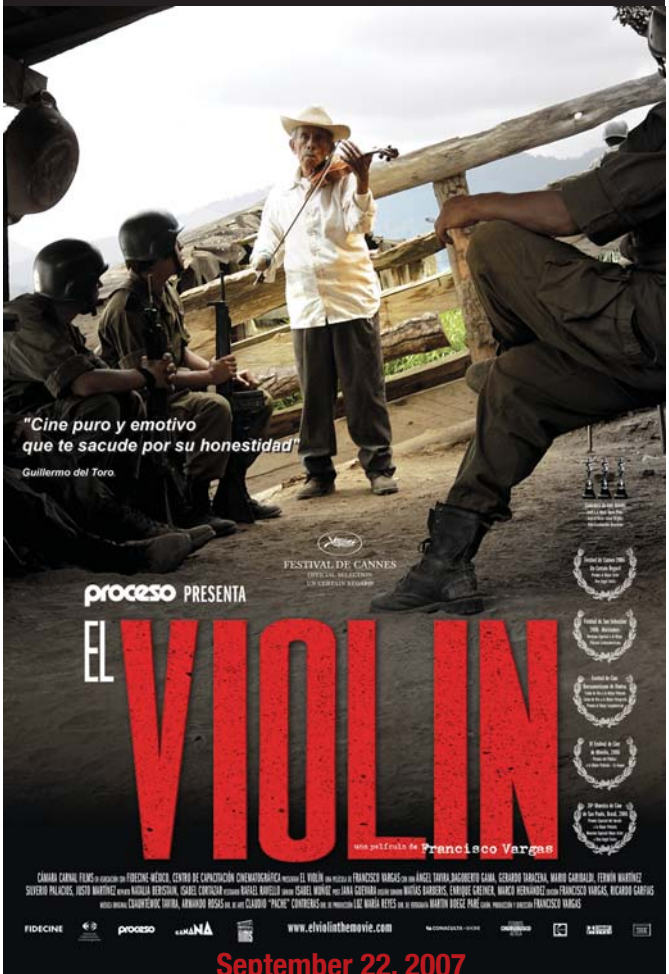

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Bonner Auditorium • Fresno Art Museum

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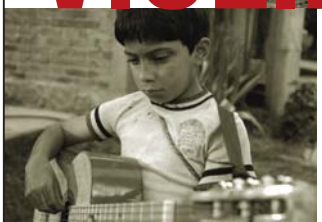
EL VIOLIN



El Violin (dir. Francesco Vargas)
2006, 98 Min
www.elviolinthemovie.com

This powerful drama follows the Hidalgo clan, grandfather, father, and son who perform as musicians in a small Mexican village and are also part of a guerrilla uprising. When the military takes control of their village, it is up to the elder Don Plutarco to play his violin for the captain in order to gain access to the cornfields where ammunition and weapons are hidden. Expertly acted by a mostly non-professional cast and beautifully shot in black and white, Francisco Vargas' film has gain international acclaim for his honest and brutal social depiction of the military and peasants social conflics that continues to have validity in this day and age.

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Tamejavi is proud to have director Francisco Vargas present the movie as well as participate in a Q&A following the screening. Vargas studied directing and cinematography at Mexico's Centro Universitario de Estudios Cinematográficos. His short El Violin was selected to participate in the Ciné fondation Résidence du Festival de Cannes, while the feature length version of El Violin became an official selection at the Cannes Film Festival. The film has won numerous awards, including Best Ibero-American Film at the Miami International Film Festival. El Violin is Vargas' first feature film.

This movie is not officially rated but may not be suitable for children because of the use of language and images of violence.

FREE ADMISSION
Seating is limited

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