

TAMEJAVI

Our Voices, Our Stories: A Path to Inclusion

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Film Series



The Tamejavi

Festival

promotes respect

and appreciation

of immigrant

communities.

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A “plaza” or cultural market – a place of meeting and exchange

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5TH TAMEJAVI FESTIVAL
September 19, 2009
Radio Park + Fresno Art Museum
10:00 am – 8:30 pm
FREE ADMISSION

For more information call
(559) 222-7678
or visit www.tamejavi.org

Film Series

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From 11:00a.m. - 3:30p.m.

Bonner Auditorium – Fresno Art Museum

The Tamejavi Film Series will screen films rarely shown in mainstream theaters or festivals and that are from a new wave of cinema - films produced by first generation Americans that tell stories related to their heritage.

11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Santa Mesa

Director Ron Morales

SANTA MESA is a story that portrays the courage of a young boy who is forced to come to terms with the death of his mother. At 12 years old, Hector must move to Manila to live with his grandmother. Left to his own devices, Hector falls in with a street gang before an old photographer takes him under his wing. Haunted by memories of his mother, Hector photographs a woman named Rosa until their seemingly disconnected lives collide.

1:00 PM– 3:00 PM

Slingshot Hip Hop

Director Jackie Salloum

SLINGSHOT HIP HOP is a documentary that weaves together the stories of young Palestinians living in the West Bank, Gaza, and inside Israel as they discover Hip Hop and employ it as a tool to surmount divisions imposed by occupation and poverty. The director, Jackie Salloum, follows these young artists as they grapple with the day-to-day physical boundaries imposed by the occupation, not to mention the more subtle forms of division that conspire to restrict their lives. Slingshot Hip Hop made its premiere at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival-Documentary Competition.

TAMEJAVI FESTIVAL 2009 ACTIVITIES

- Artistic Presentations
- Cultural Kitchen
- Films Series
- Our Voices, Our Stories Circle
- Outdoor Marketplace
- Peace and Dignity Journey
- Pláticas
- Poetry Corner
- Tamejavi Gallery
- Theater

We need Tamejavi because it...

- Offers a medium through which immigrants express themselves and voice their ideas.
- Builds new relationships and understanding among immigrants and long-standing residents in the Valley who share a commitment to fostering civic participation and who seek public recognition of community diversity.
- Opens a public space that enhances expressions of creativity to stimulate a sense of belonging and promote civic participation.

What is Tamejavi?

Tamejavi is a space where diverse cultures converge to express and share stories, music, food, traditions, and ways of interpreting the world. Through cultural exchange and artistic expression, Central Valley immigrants participating in Tamejavi join voices and create new bonds, thus forming a solid sense of community and establishing foundations for active civic engagement.