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## **The University of Saint Joseph presents The 2013 – 2014 Bruyette Athenaeum Performing Arts Series at The Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities**

### *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Foreign Language Film Festival*

WEST HARTFORD, CT (September 10, 2013) – The Fall 2013 Bruyette Athenaeum Performing Arts Series in conjunction with the University of Saint Joseph department of Foreign Languages will present the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Foreign Language Film Festival. The series will showcase three featured films on Tuesday, September 24; Thursday, October 24; and Wednesday, November 6 (see program details, below). Remarks for all films begin at 7:00 p.m. To buy tickets, contact the Frances Driscoll Box Office at 860.231.5555 or order online at <http://tickets.usj.edu>. Free parking. General Seating – Tickets \$10 Adult, \$8 Senior Citizen, Members Complimentary. All films are shown in The Bruyette Athenaeum's Hoffman Auditorium, located on the University's West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue.

**Tuesday, September 24: “Machuca”** (Spanish, 2004); (Not Rated) Remarks by Dr. Roger A. Zapata, Montclair State University

Set in 1973 Santiago during Salvador Allende's socialist government and shortly before General Augusto Pinochet's military coup in 1973, the film tells the story of two friends, one of them the very poor Pedro Machuca, who is integrated into the elite school of his friend, Gonzalo Infante. The film is not intended to provide an overview of this period in Chilean history. Rather, it shows the perspective of Gonzalo Infante, a privileged boy who catches a glimpse of the world of the lower class. This is at the same time the upper middle class, including Gonzalo's own family, grow fearful of the growing socialist movement and plot against the country's elected president, Salvador Allende. Infante's sympathies, however, clearly lie with the poor based on what he has seen.

**Thursday, October 24: “Chico & Rita”** (Animation, 2010); (Not Rated)

Chico is a young piano player with big dreams. Rita is a beautiful singer with an extraordinary voice. Music and romantic desire unites them, but their journey - in the tradition of the Latin ballad, the bolero - brings heartache and torment.

**Wednesday, Nov. 6: “Heroes”** (Spanish, 2010); (Not Rated)

A young publicist, with a successful professional life but with an empty personal life, finds himself on a trip against time to get to an important business meeting. During the trip, he meets a girl and, although they are very different and have opposite ways of life, they click when recalling the most mythical and emotional time of their childhood: the last summer they spent with their gang.

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