



Cinema

The International Festival of the Latin-American Cinema is the occasion for the moviegoers to meet in this continent. The Cuban cinema is a point of reference in this genre and the well-known School of Cinema and Television of San Antonio de los Baños has to be proud of its sponsors: Francis Ford Coppola, Stanley Kubrick, Harrison Ford, Steven Spielberg... that visit the School from time to time to recharge their batteries. The films can be easily recognized because of their style: crazy, outmoded, satirizing itself permanently, treating the serious social issues with a disconcerting self-assurance

We mention here three works, but only one is a Cuban film: *Fresa & Chocolate* (Strawberry and Chocolate). It is a cult film of the nineties that won the Golden Bear in Berlin and constitutes the first self-criticism made by Cuba and during the time known as the "Special Period"

Soy Cuba was inspired and requested by the emerging revolutionary government since 1960 through Che Guevara. It was finally considered too much artistic and not enough a propaganda material. The United States, however, censored it for 30 years... The film never obtained the success it deserved. Martin Scorsese discovered the film some years ago as "the work that makes you have faith in cinema".

Buena Vista Social Club has been seen in the French movie-theaters for more than 40 weeks in 2002. The peregrinations made by the old musicians to New York because of a misunderstanding related to Ray Cooder, who travel to Havana in order to make a record, became a well-deserved world success that revealed the incredible richness and sincerity of the Cuban music.

- Screening of *Fresa & Chocolate* (Strawberry and Chocolate) in the famous restaurant named after the film that was shot in this location
- Screening of *Soy Cuba* (I'm Cuba) with the participation of one of its main actresses : Luz María Collazo)
- Screening of *Buena Vista Social Club* with the participation of Amadito Valdes, the percussionist of the famous group of musicians