

# Entertainment

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## HOLYOKE

### 4th annual film festival puts focus on 'strong figures'

Holyoke Community College is offering free Spanish language films during its fourth annual Ibero-American Film Festival, which continues through Oct. 25.

All films are free and open to the public and will be screened in HCC's Leslie Phillips Theater in the Fine & Performing Arts building, with other showings at the Wistariahurst Museum and the Holyoke Public Library.

All films are subtitled in English.

"This year, we wanted films that depict strong figures," said HCC professor Raul Gutierrez, one of the festival organizers.

"The two middle ones, in particular, feature strong female leads, and we've expanded the festival again this year to include several dates off campus in Holyoke."

The festival is sponsored by the HCC LISA Club (Latino International Student Association), the HCC Foreign Languages Department, the HCC Community College Public Humanities Center, and the Spanish Film Club by Pragda.



A screenshot from "Ixcanul."

#### Film schedule

All showings are in HCC's Leslie Phillips Theater, unless otherwise noted.

■ **Wednesday, 7 p.m., "Tempestad" (Tempest).** Documentary narrates the parallel journey of two women victimized by corruption and injustice in Mexico and of the love, dignity and resistance that allowed them to survive.

■ **Oct. 11, 11 a.m.: "Ixcanul, Volcano."** On the slopes of an active volcano in Guatemala, a marriage is arranged for 17-year-old María by her Kaqchikel parents, as she finds herself at a crossroads of ancient and modern worlds.

■ **Oct. 18, 7 p.m.: "El rey de Once."** (The Tenth Man). After years away from Buenos Aires, Ariel returns to reconnect with his father, founder of a charity in the city's bustling Jewish district.

■ **Oct. 25, 7 p.m. "Truman."** Diagnosed with terminal cancer, Julián forgoes treatment to focus on putting his affairs in order: most importantly, finding a home for his beloved dog.

#### Off-campus screenings

■ **"Neruda,"** Thursday, 6 p.m., Holyoke Public Library Community Room. An inspector hunts down Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, a fugitive in his home country in the late 1940s for joining the Communist Party.

■ **"El rey de Once,"** Oct. 12, Wistariahurst Museum Carriage House.

■ **"Truman,"** Oct 16, 6 p.m., Wistariahurst Museum Carriage House.

■ **"Ixcanul, Volcano,"** Oct. 19, 6 p.m., Holyoke Public Library Community Room.

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