

HCC to host film and talk inspired by Chilean folk song April 7

HOLYOKE – The Latinx Studies department at Holyoke Community College will host a short film and live presentation by dancer Michelle Marroquin and musician Tony Silva on Wed., April 7 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Their film, *Volver a los 17* (“Return to 17”), was inspired by the iconic Chilean folk song of the same name by singer Violeta Parra, whose poetic lyrics speak to the longing, remembering and honoring of the tender age of 17, when love first bursts into bloom. In the film, Silva plays guitar as Marroquin’s dance leads viewers on an abstract journey of memory and loss and asks how the past has made us who we are.

Marroquin is a bicultural dance artist who has created interactive performances in the Pioneer Valley since 2014. Silva is a guitarist and composer, specializing in Rumba Flamenca and Latin American folk music.



A film presentation will be made by the Latinx Studies department on April 7.

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Since COVID -19 severely limited their ability to perform in person, the Easthampton-based husband and wife team shifted into making music/dance films under the name Dragon Circle Productions.

Volver is the third film they have co-created in the last six months.

During the April 7 Zoom event, Marroquin and Silva will share the film and present a brief retrospective of their work. The audience will have an opportunity to converse with one another, share responses, and participate in a discussion on the themes that inspired the film: exile, memory, loss, and identity.

The presentation is part of the HCC’s ongoing series of events highlighting Latinx artists and cultures and the college’s Latinx Studies program.

To register for the event, please go to: hcc.edu/volver