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Three World Languages faculty members advise on Sunscreen Film Festival picks

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Three faculty members in the USF St. Petersburg World Languages Program helped choose Spanish-language films to be shown during the 8th Annual Sunscreen Film Festival in St. Petersburg April 18-21.

Dr. Martine Fernandes, Dr. Frédéric Levéziel and Dr. Narciso Hidalgo served on the Spanish programming advisory committee, which helped choose the Spanish-language films, including opening night feature film *Hecho en México*.

“This is a unique opportunity for USFSP faculty and students to be working with the Spanish-speaking community, through a local film festival,” said Fernandes. “As volunteers, our students in Spanish will be able to put into practice their knowledge and have a direct impact on the community, while fostering their connections with community members.”

This was the first time the program collaborated with the film festival. The program plans to develop civic engagement components in its Latin American Cinema and French Cinema courses, which will be offered in Spring semesters.

The annual Sunscreen Film Festival is hosted by the non-profit St. Petersburg-Clearwater Film Society. The primary goal of the festival is to encourage the creation, production, and exhibition of independent film in Florida through educational programs and public screenings.

Sunscreen is one of only 23 film festivals to receive financial support from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to devote one screen entirely to Spanish language films. *Hecho en Mexico* (2012), was directed by Duncan Bridgeman and stars Diego Luna.

Some USFSP students in Spanish will volunteer at the festival.

All films will be shown at Muvico Baywalk. [View a complete schedule.](#)

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