

****aluCine Latin Film+Media Arts Festival Celebrates Bossa Nova Icon Miúcha in Closing Gala on October 7th****



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Toronto, ON - aluCine Latin Film+Media Arts Festival, taking place from October 5th to 7th, is thrilled to announce the grand finale of its 23rd edition: the closing night screening of "Miúcha, The Voice of Bossa Nova" (2022, Brazil), a captivating documentary co-directed by Liliana Mutti and Daniel Zarvos.

This remarkable film transports audiences from the shadows of male Bossa Nova legends, including João Gilberto and Chico Buarque, to the forefront of the stage as it unravels the life and artistry of Heloísa Maria Buarque de Hollanda (1937–2018), known artistically as Miúcha.

Through her personal audio diaries, heartfelt letters, and enchanting watercolor animations, Mutti and Zarvos illuminate the journey of Miúcha, a Brazilian singer and composer with a sweet, distinctive voice that defied the male-dominated genre.

Miúcha, the sister of Chico Buarque, a pupil of Vinicius de Moraes, the second wife of João Gilberto, and the female vocalist alongside Stan Getz's saxophone, left an indelible mark on the world of Bossa Nova. This genre, characterized by the harmonious blend of nylon string guitar, gentle rhythms, and whispered vocals, has become synonymous with Brazilian music's universal appeal.

Even in a world dominated by men, Miúcha's voice was irrepressible, a testament to her unwavering pursuit of self-expression. Her 81-year-long life was a journey that traversed rhythms and voices, echoing through her family home and European travels.

Miúcha's meteoric rise to success made her an emblem of female resilience and a timeless musical legend. And what better way to close the aluCine Festival than with this compelling tale, one that evokes smiles and dreams of Carnival in Rio de Janeiro?

Join us for the Closing Gala on October 7th at 8:00pm, featuring English subtitles, at the elegant Spadina Theatre (24 Spadina Rd. accessible). Ticket information as follows:

****Ticket Information:****

- General Admission: \$20
- Students and Seniors: \$15

All ticket prices include access to the closing reception at the Tranzac Club (292 Brunswick Ave, Toronto). There, you'll be treated to a performance by Ana Lara, a Brazilian singer known for seamlessly blending her compositions with cutting-edge electronic elements.

For a taste of Miúcha's musical grace, watch the trailer
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A15O2LisbxY>

About aluCine Latin Film+Media Arts Festival:

aluCine is a dynamic platform that celebrates both emerging and established Latin filmmakers residing in Canada, Latin America, and the diaspora. The festival is committed to transcending borders—be they aesthetic, ideological, or geographical—and challenging preconceived notions of Latin American culture in Canada. Learn more at www.alucinefestival.com.

About the Directors:

- ****Liliane Mutti:**** A native of Salvador, Brazil, Liliane is the founder of the Ciné Nova Bossa Association in Paris. Her filmography includes politically engaged works like "Ecocide," "Elle," "Ta Clarice," "Instant-ci," and "Out of Breath." She is presently crafting a biography titled "Restless/Desatinada," providing an insider's look at the Bossa Nova movement through the eyes of Miúcha.

- ****Daniel Zarvos:**** A director, screenwriter, and documentary filmmaker, Daniel graduated from Bard College in New York in 1997. With experience working alongside influential filmmakers such as Jonas Mekas, he later became an assistant producer for Italian television channel Rete 4 and National Geographic. In Brazil, he contributed as an Assistant Director on documentaries produced by Walter Salles Production Company, Videofilmes, and worked with legendary cinema director Nelson Pereira dos Santos. Currently, Daniel is completing his feature documentary film, "MIÚCHA, the Woman of the Bossanova," shedding light on the life of the iconic singer Miúcha.

For a complete schedule, program details, and ticket information, please visit
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