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Upcoming *Después de la Frontera* Events at Susquehanna Art Museum

Harrisburg, PA – Susquehanna Art Museum is hosting a number of events that will engage members and guests in productive and meaningful dialog about the experiences of individuals who are immigrating into our community. *Después de la Frontera / After the Border* is a bilingual group exhibition that honors the stories of recent unaccompanied immigrant youth, families, and young adults who fled their homes in Central America. It will be on view in the Susquehanna Art Museum's lobby gallery August 19 – December 4. This exhibition and related programming is sponsored by a generous contribution from Messiah College.

On Friday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m., there will be a free screening in the main gallery of the 2009 Spanish language film *Sin Nombre*. The film is about Sayra (Paulina Gaitan), a Honduran teen who intends to emigrate to Mexico and then enter the United States with her long-estranged father. On her journey, she meets a pair of Mexican gang members (Edgar Flores, Kristyan Ferrer) who have boarded the same American-bound train. The film is rated R for violence, language and some sexual content. Following the film, Tanya Garcia, (curator and exhibiting artist in *Después de la Frontera / After the Border* exhibition in the lobby gallery) will lead the viewers in closing reflections.

On Saturday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m., Tanya Garcia will lead an in depth bilingual tour of the exhibition. The tour will begin in the lobby gallery near the main entrance and is free with admission to the museum.

Also on Saturday, October 15 at 3:00 p.m., in the museum's Education Center Tanya Garcia and Director of Education Tina Sell will lead a panel discussion. The discussion will explore some of the stories that inspired the exhibition. As well, the panel will provide insight into the existing services for youth and families who immigrate to our community. This will be a tremendous opportunity for positive dialog and shared enlightenment about a relevant topic in our city and nation. The panel will consist of exhibiting artists: **Tanya Garcia, Edgar Reyes** and **Levi Vonk**. The panel will also feature experts from our community who specialize in the care of immigrant youth and families: **Rep. Leslie Acosta** – State Representative and adjunct professor at Esperanza College of Eastern University. **Dr. Oralia Garcia Dominic PhD** - Health Equity & Quality Services, Highmark Health Services, Camp Hill, PA and **Gloria Merrick** – Executive Director of Latino Hispanic American Community Center

The Susquehanna Art Museum offers innovative and engaging exhibitions enjoyed by visitors of all ages. As Harrisburg's only dedicated art museum, it is a cultural anchor for central Pennsylvania. Located at 1401 North Third Street in historic Midtown Harrisburg, SAM is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

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