



FIRST LADY OF THE REVOLUTION TO PREMIERE AT CINE MAGALY

98-YEAR-OLD FORMER FIRST LADY OF COSTA RICA TO ATTEND

San José, September 13 – Spark Media is proud to announce the international premiere of their latest documentary feature *First Lady of the Revolution* at Cine Magaly on September 13th at 8:00 p.m.

A Spark Media production, written and directed by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Andrea Kalin, *First Lady of the Revolution* was met with accolades at its U.S. premiere at Sidewalk Film Festival, where they broke venue ticket sale records and garnered 3 awards.

Henrietta Boggs, the remarkable first wife of President José Figueres, will attend as a guest of honor for the screening of the documentary film tracing her wildly improbable life path that profoundly shaped a new Costa Rica.

Boggs' story begins in 1940 when, while visiting her aunt and uncle in Costa Rica, she accepted a motorcycle ride. She would eventually marry the stranger who offered that ride, José "Don Pepe" Figueres, becoming wife and advisor to a man who would institute sweeping reforms years later. With Henrietta at his side, Figueres led the 1948 Revolution that ended in lasting democracy. Boggs actively influenced Figueres' policies, most notably in the fight for women's rights; among the many groundbreaking reforms that occurred under his watch, women were given the right to vote and hold public positions long denied to them.



At 98 years young, Boggs now shares with us her account of those tumultuous times, providing a rare glimpse into her experience in the 1940's that helped to develop Costa Rica into a vibrant democracy that has paved the way for women leaders for generations.

After meeting Boggs in December 2009, director Andrea Kalin was captivated by her eloquence, energy, good humor and indomitable spirit.

"Some biographies help us understand broad historical themes, some appeal to the universal emotions of human experience, while others simply entertain with vivid characters and surprising events. This story manages to do all three. This is a rare blend of unique events that recall significant events in the hemisphere - protests, exile, revolution, war, change- everything through the eyes of a young social reformer "says Kalin.

Following the premiere on September 13th, Cine Magaly will open this highly-anticipated documentary for the general public **from the 22 to 28 of September.**

Access press materials online at firstladyoftherevolution.com & sparkmedia.org

About Spark Media:

Founded by director/producer Andrea Kalin in 1989, Washington D.C.-based Spark Media specializes in producing trailblazing documentaries and outreach initiatives that highlight the rich diversity of the world's culture and achievements. With over 85 international awards, Spark Media strives to both inform and inspire audiences with stories that are compelling, entertaining and real.



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