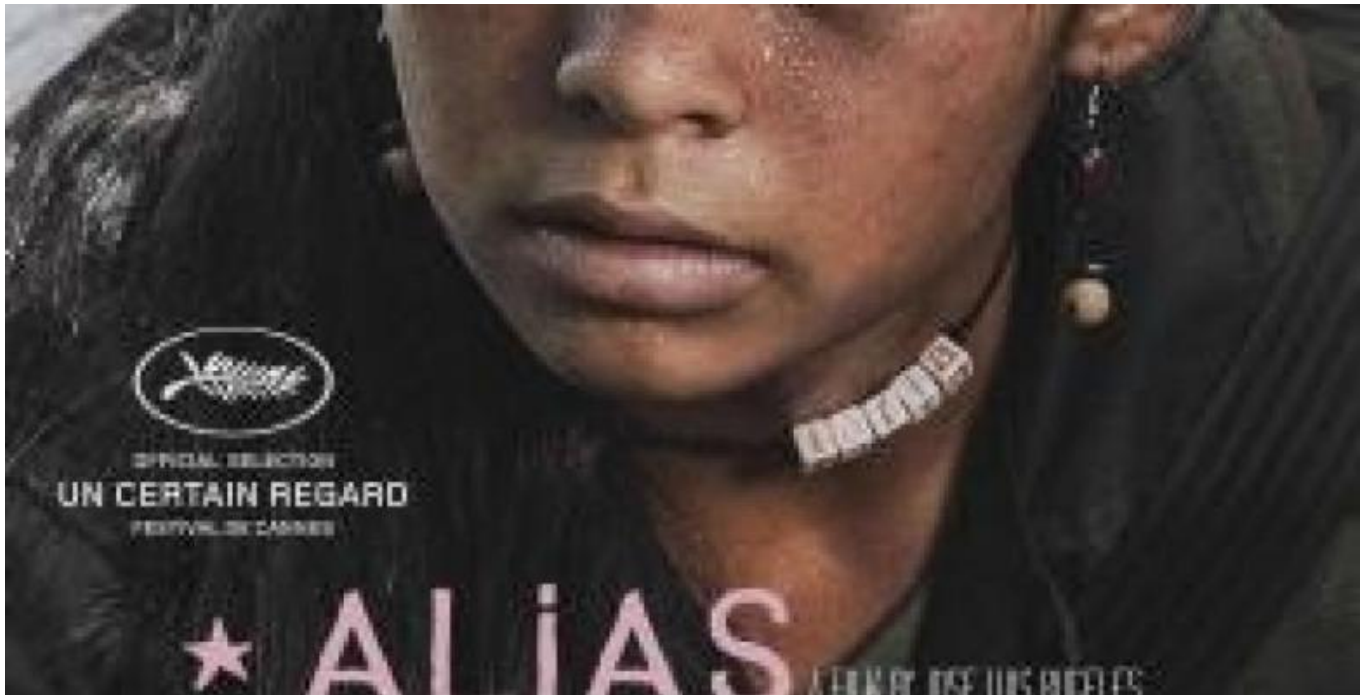

Cannes Film Festival 2015: A List of Latino Films to See

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While there are not many Latino films, the community will be represented in the Competition, Un Certain Regard and Critic's week slates.

In the competition slate, no Latin American filmmaker will be in represented, but Benicio del Toro will be present promoting his new film "Sicario." The new movie by Canadian filmmaker Denis Villeneuve follows the story of an idealistic FBI agent who is enlisted by an elite government task force official to aid in the escalating war against drugs in the lawless border area stretching between the U.S. and Mexico. The film, which has already been acquired by Lionsgate, also stars Emily Blunt and Josh Brolin.

Salma Hayek will also be present in the competition slate with her new film "Il Racconto dei Racconti." The new film was directed by Matteo Garrone and also stars Vincent Cassel and Toby Jones. The movie is one of the most anticipated this year as Garrone has shown two films previously in competition, and both have went on to win the Grand Prix award.

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In the Un Certain Regard sidebar, Colombian filmmaker Jose Luis Rugeles Garcia will show his feature debut "Alias Maria." The movie tells the story of María, a 13-year-old guerrilla soldier, who watches the secret birth of the commander's child, while she decides what she'll do with the baby she's expecting. Through her eyes we'll see the desolate landscape of the armed conflict in Colombia. The film is a co-production with Argentina and France.

Mexico will be represented with "Las Elegidas," the first film by David Pablos. The film tells the story of Sofia, a 14-year-old, who is in love with Ulises. As a result, she is forced into a prostitution ring in Mexico. The movie has no recognizable actors, but it is already obtaining a lot of buzz.

In the out of competition slate Argentinian-born filmmaker Gaspar Noe is making headlines with his new film, "Love." The movie has already released some posters, which make both "Nymphomaniac" and "Fifty Shades of Grey" look like PG movies. The film has already been described as pornographic as it is supposed to feature a number of sex scenes.

Also in the out of competition slate, "The Little Prince" will feature Del Toro's voice alongside Jeff Bridges, Rachel McAdams, Marion Cotillard, James Franco, Paul Giamatti and Paul Rudd.

In the Critic's week sidebar, Colombia will be represented with "La Tierra y la Sombra." The movie is directed by Cesar Augusto Acevedo, and it is a co-production with France, Netherlands, Chile and Brazil.

Acclaimed filmmaker Santiago Mitre will bring his latest film entitled "Paulina." The move, from Argentina, stars Dolores Fonzi and Oscar Martinez and tells the story of a brilliant lawyer who is violently aggressed by a gang of young people, some of them being her own students.

In the Director's Fortnight selection Spanish filmmaker Fernando Leon de Aranoa will bring his latest film "A Perfect Day." The film also stars Del Toro, Frank Feys and Olga Kurylenko.

Chilean director Marcia Tambutti will bring her bring her film "Allende mi abuelo Allende," and Portuguese filmmaker Miguel Gomes will bring his six-hour epic "Arabian Nights." The film will premiere in three volumes. Colombia will also have "El Abrazo de la Serpiente," directed by Ciro Guerra, giving the country a total of three films at the festival.

The Cannes Film Festival runs May 13-24.
