

Cuban National Film Prize Winner Dies in Havana



Havana, February 10 (RHC)-- Cuban National Film Prize winner 2012, Jose Massip, passed away over the weekend in Havana after fighting a long illness, according to an announcement on Sunday by the Cuban Film Institute.

Massip was founder of the Institute in 1959 and directed the film *Suite Yoruba* in 1962, considered a classic piece of revolutionary Cuban cinema.

Born in 1926, Massip was also a writer, theater and movie critic and directed other films, such as *Pages of Jose Marti's Diary*, inspired by the Cuban National Hero, and *Baragua*, based on the life of independence fighter Antonio Maceo.

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