

Gibara International Film Festival pays tribute to late moviemaker Humberto Solás



Havana, July 4 (RHC) -- The 14th Gibara International Film Festival is underway in the eastern coastal Cuban city with a tribute to festival founder Humberto Solás and with more than 40 movies in competition.

Also dedicated to children and adolescents, the event includes films in the categories of full-length features, documentaries, animated films and scripts, as well as a retrospective of Humberto Solás and the screening of the recent Cuban movie *Sergio and Serguei* by director Ernesto Daranas.

The festival kicked off Sunday with an opening concert by Cuban New Song Movement founder, renowned Cuban singer-songwriter Silvio Rodríguez.

Festival artistic director, actor René de la Cruz, recently highlighted the gathering's plural nature, including all types of art forms, the way Humberto Solás designed it years ago.

The photo exhibit 'Humberto Solás: a wish, a way' also opened in Gibara, a small city located in the eastern province of Holguín, which also hosted the opening parade led by children playing emblematic

characters of Solás' films, such as Lucía, Manuela and A Successful Man.

As part of the cultural fiesta the Lucía of Honor Award has been presented to renowned Cuban filmmaker Enrique Pineda Barnet, actor Salvador Wood and actress Mirtha Ibarra.

The film gathering, founded by Humberto Solás in 2003 as a world forum for emerging film industries and filmmakers, is sponsored by the provincial government of Holguín and the municipality of Gibara, the Provincial Movie Center, the Cuban Film Institute and the Ministry of Culture.

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