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for Historic Preservation  
*El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP • Casa de la Guerra  
Santa Inés Mission Mills • Jimmy's Oriental Gardens*

*To preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*

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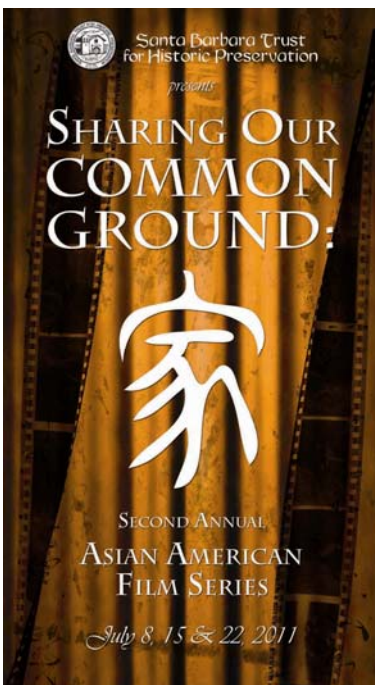
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## **Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation continues “Sharing Our Common Ground” with the Second Annual Asian American Film Series this Summer**

**Fridays, July 8, 15 and 22**

**7:00 p.m.**



*The public is invited to discover the history of Santa Barbara's Asian American community and enjoy films in the historic Presidio Chapel at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park.*

**TICKETS:** \$10 for non-members, \$5 for students, FREE for SBTHP members  
(membership card & photo ID requested)  
Sold at the door

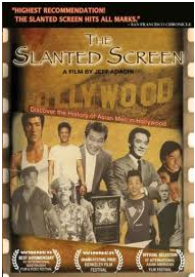
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(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – This July the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) continues “Sharing Our Common Ground: Asian American History in Santa Barbara County” with a three-part summer film series focusing on Chinese, Japanese, and Filipino American communities. All films will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Presidio Chapel (123 East Canon Perdido Street). The event will feature an introduction and highlights from the Presidio Research Center’s collection of local Asian American history. Reception to follow.



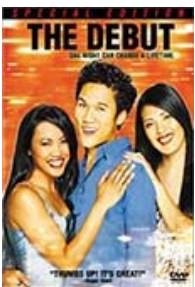
**Friday, July 8: *The Joy Luck Club* (1993 – 139 min), Presidio Chapel**

Based on Amy Tan's best-selling novel, *The Joy Luck Club* focuses on four Chinese immigrants, women bound together more by hope than joy or luck, and their American-born daughters in San Francisco. The film explores the tender and tenacious bond between four daughters and their mothers, as well as their cultural differences. Heartwarming and bittersweet, *The Joy Luck Club* shows how the hopes of one generation can become both the restraints and the inspirations of the next.



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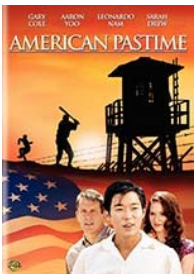
*The Slanted Screen* explores the portrayals of Asian men in American cinema, chronicling the experiences of actors who have had to struggle against ethnic stereotyping and limiting roles. The film presents a critical examination of Hollywood's image-making machine, through a fascinating parade of 50 film clips spanning a century.



In *The Debut*, the struggle between the American dreams of a high school senior, Ben, and his family's Filipino traditions explodes on the night of Ben's sister's 18th birthday party. His sister's celebration challenges his sense of misplaced identity. In one night, Ben faces the true nature of his relationships with his family, his friends, and himself. This fresh independent production presents a lighthearted and warm coming-of-age tale filtered through the eyes of

an American subculture rarely seen on film.

**-AND-**



**Friday, 22: *American Pastime*, (2007 - 105 min), Presidio Chapel**

This powerful story looks at the dramatic impact WWII had on Japanese American families who were uprooted from their everyday lives and placed into internment camps in the western United States. Faced with a country that doubted their loyalty, many turned to baseball as a way to handle their plight and find the strength to stand up for themselves, becoming true symbols of honor and pride.

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## CALENDAR LISTING

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**ABOUT the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)** – Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other community leaders, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) works *to preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park, Santa Barbara's 18<sup>th</sup> century birthplace, under a unique agreement with California State Parks. Recently purchased, the neighboring building that housed Jimmy's Oriental Gardens provides an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara's Asian American community in the Presidio neighborhood. SBTHP also owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio *Comandante* José de la Guerra and his family. The restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. Recently SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills near the town of Solvang as a future California State Park. These are a few of the projects SBTHP is presently pursuing—learn more at [www.sbthp.org](http://www.sbthp.org).

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