



Santa Barbara Trust 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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***Memories of a Mexican* comes to the Presidio Chapel — Film Captures the Mexican Revolution**



(Santa Barbara, CA)—The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is proud to present *Memories of a Mexican*, a film screening on June 23, 2011 at the Presidio Chapel. **Salvador Toscano's film documents Mexico's complex social and political upheaval in the first quarter of the 20th century.**

SBTHP has partnered with the Mexican Consulate in Oxnard to screen this historic documentary feature about the Mexican Revolution. *Memories of a Mexican*, composed of Salvador Toscano's archival film material, was edited into a narrative by his daughter Carmen Toscano. A unique work of Mexico's cinema, the film offers a glimpse of a bygone era and a view into the historical events that created modern Mexico. The film was released in 1950 to high acclaim. Salvador Toscano (1872-1947) is known as the "father" of the Mexican film industry. In 1898, he



produced Mexico's first full length feature, *Don Juan Tenorio*. A documentary pioneer, Toscano filmed many of Mexico's most crucial historic events, including life under Porfirio Diaz and the Mexican Revolution. Introduction by UCSB History Professor Sarah Cline.

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CALENDAR LISTING

EVENT:

Memories of a Mexican Film Screening

DATE:

June 23, 2011

TIME:

7:00 PM

LOCATION:

Presidio Chapel at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park
123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara

COST:

\$10 Public, \$5 Seniors and Students, Free to [SBTHP Members](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit www.sbthp.org or call (805) 965-0093

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 18th 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.