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Vermont International Film Festival - January Monthly Screening

Burlington, VT: (January 18, 2019): VTIFF is pleased to announce the January film in its Monthly Screenings series.

Thursday, January 31 at 7pm, Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center - Film House: **THE HEIRESSES (LAS HEREDERAS)**

Tickets: \$8, \$5, Free for VTIFF Members

Written & Directed by Marcelo Martinessi Paraguay | 2018 | Fiction | 98 mins | Spanish w/English subtitles Awards/Major Festivals: Winner, International Critics Prize at Berlinale 2018, Grand Prize Jeonju International Film Festival and many more **Paraguay's official submission to the 2019 Academy Awards**

The critically acclaimed Spanish-language/LGBT drama is a sharp social satire and a poignant and bittersweet portrait of a woman discovering a late-life secret passion. New York Times Critic's Pick.

Middle-aged couple Chela (Ava Brun) and Chiquita (Margarita Irún) have enjoyed being part of Paraguay's wealthy elite, but straitened times mean big changes are on the way. Mounting debts lead to a spell in prison for Chiquita, treasured possessions are being sold off, and Chela resorts to running a taxi service for well-to-do women. Humiliation would appear to be all that their future holds, but venturing from her rusting gilded cage leads Chela to enjoy new freedoms, including sensual bisexual Angy (Ava Ivanova), and a future ripe with possibility.

Links to High res stills: vtiff.org/press