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Award-Winning Film About American Sex Slavery to Screen at Cal Poly Nov. 29; Writer-Producer to Speak

SAN LUIS OBISPO – “Niña Quebrada” (“Broken Girl”), an award-winning short film about sex slavery in America, will be shown at Cal Poly at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, in Chumash Auditorium, followed by a discussion with writer-producer Diana Romero.

Most people think sex slavery is an issue in less-developed countries, yet it affects thousands of girls, mostly minors, each year in America. A recent report by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania estimates that 100,000 to 300,000 American children are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation. Many are young women lured to America under false pretenses and then forced to “earn” their freedom, enduring many hardships along the way. “Niña Quebrada” tells one of those stories.

The film has won several awards, including Best Short at the Santa Cruz Film Festival, Best Screenplay at the Malibu Film Festival, Best Dramatic Achievement at the Temecula Valley Film Festival, and the Silver Palm Award at the Mexico International Film Festival.

The film was nominated for Best Short and Best Lead Actress at the 23rd Annual Imagen Awards, and in 2009 “Niña Quebrada” received an honorable mention at the 13th annual Los Angeles Latino International Film Festival.

This event sponsored by Cal Poly’s Religious Studies Program, Philosophy Department, Ethnic Studies Department, Women and Gender Studies Department, Raise the Respect, and Inclusive Excellence Office.

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