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LOCAL FILMMAKERS DEBUT DIGITALLY ENHANCED 'SEMANA SANTA, SAN MIGUEL' ON PBS

WHAT: **"**Semana Santa, San Miguel," the first of the "Darkness into Light" film trilogy, will debut in its digitally enhanced format Easter Sunday on Channel 8, HoustonPBS.

WHEN: 4 p.m., Sunday, April 8

WHERE: Channel 8, HoustonPBS KUHT

BACKGROUND: "Darkness into Light" is a series of three documentaries produced by Houston filmmakers, Patricia Lacy Collins and Robert S. Cozens. "Guadalupe, Mother of All Mexico," "Semana Santa San Miguel" and "Following the Spirit" were filmed on location in Mexico and document Mexican culture, the people and their spiritual basis. The series was 10 years in production.

Viewing the series has become a tradition for many local families in the years since 1997, when the film was completed. The program has been broadcast in Houston every Easter season since then.

"Semana Santa, San Miguel" is a documentary account of the days leading up to Easter in a colonial town in the very center of Mexico. Collins wrote the book, "Holy Week in San Miguel: A Story of Faithfulness" on which the film is based.

Each of the three documentaries received awards from the Columbus International Film Festival and from Worldfest Houston. The independent project was sponsored by the University of St. Thomas and the Southwest Alternate Media Project. UST is a Hispanic-serving institution.

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