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HOUSTON FILMMAKERS DEBUT SERIES: DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

WHAT: Presentation of *Darkness Into Light* movie series on PBS. *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 present the spiritual journey of the Mexican people.

WHEN: *Guadalupe, Mother of All Mexico:* 4 p.m., Oct. 8
Semana Santa, San Miguel: 4 p.m., Oct. 15
Following the Spirit: 4 p.m., Oct. 22

WHERE: Channel 8, HoustonPBS KUHT

BACKGROUND:

Guadalupe, Mother of All Mexico breaks new ground by documenting Mexican popular culture, exploring the histories and miracles associated with the Virgin Mary.
Semana Santa, San Miguel reveals the historical preparations for the Easter celebration in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, a colonial town in the hills of central Mexico.
Following the Spirit examines conflicts between church and state that have not previously been presented to North American television audiences. The Day of the Dead and the feast of Corpus Christi are part of this timely study of the insistence of the Mexican people on their right to live according to conscience.

These three 56-minute programs will be broadcast locally by Houston PBS, Channel 8, as a complete series for the first time in October. The films document Mexican culture and its spiritual basis. Produced by Houstonians Collins and Cozens, the series was 10 years in production. Each film received awards from the Columbus International Film Festival and from Worldfest Houston. *Following the Spirit* was awarded the Gold Special Jury Award in the Arts/Cultural catagory. The independent project, sponsored by the University of St. Thomas and the Southwest Alternate Media Project, was supported by multiple donors. The University of St. Thomas is a Hispanic-serving institution.

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