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### XAVIER VIRAMONTES DOCUMENTARY TO SCREEN AT DE YOUNG MUSEUM

**What:** Chicano Film Day, Screening "Xavier Viramontes: Printmaker"

**Where:** de Young Museum, Koret Auditorium.

50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94118-4501

**When:** SATURDAY, 21 October, 2006 1-2:30 PM.

Free and Open to the public

San Francisco, CA October 9, 2006 – The de Young Museum has confirmed a screening of the new documentary "Xavier Viramontes: Printmaker" by filmmaker Michel Fraser as part of its Chicano Film Day program on Saturday, October 21st, 2006.

The 56 minute film profiles Xavier Viramontes, one of the most influential artists of our time and a founding member of Galeria de la Raza. His iconoclast silk screen poster "Boycott Grapes" for the United Farmworkers awakened a nation and rallied the Chicano movement in art.

Director/Producer Michel Fraser's film provides a penetrating look into Xavier's colorful life. Born in Richmond, CA, Xavier served in the Army before his emergence as a respected figure on the American art scene. His work hangs in the permanent collections of the National Hispanic Cultural Center (Albuquerque, NM), the Smithsonian's National Museum of American Art (Washington, D.C) and the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum (Chicago, IL) to name just a few.

Featuring interviews with notable art and/or political activists Andrew Connors of the National Hispanic Cultural Center, Juan Fuentes of Mission Grafica, Art Hazelwood, Patricia Rodriguez of the Mission Cultural Center and Rene Yanez founder of Galeria de la Raza, "Xavier Viramontes: Printmaker" explores the Chicano art community in San Francisco from the 1970's to the present. The film also shows Xavier at work in his studio, taking the viewer through the step-by-step processes of multiple plate etching from concept to completion.

A question-and-answer session with Xavier follows the screening.

### PRODUCTION CREDITS

Director/Executive Producer- Michel Fraser

Editor- James Reed

Director of Photography- Steve Patapoff

Composer (Original Score)- Safa Shokra

Researcher/Interviewer- Mija Riedel

Production Assistant- Homirah Amiri

Titles- Ben Hawkins

Sound Engineer- Jeff Jacobs

[www.xavierviramontes.com](http://www.xavierviramontes.com)

Mikey's World, 2006 etching  
22.86 x 30.48 cm.



Boycott Grapes: Support the  
United Farm Workers Union,  
1973, serigraph, 61 x 45.7 cm.



Socorro, 1998 etching  
45.72 x 60.96 cm.

