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CPTV4U and CPTV to Air New Documentary *Compadre Huashayo*, Produced by the Connecticut-Based INTAKE Organization

— The Film Premieres on CPTV4U on Sunday, March 15 at 8 p.m. and on CPTV on Saturday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. —

HARTFORD, Conn. (Feb. 24, 2015) – CPTV4U, the sister affiliate of Connecticut Public Television (CPTV), will premiere the new PBS documentary *Compadre Huashayo* on Sunday, March 15 at 8 p.m. The documentary will also air on CPTV on Saturday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The film takes its name from an eponymous musical composition by award-winning American Latina composer Gabriela Lena Frank, written for the Orchestra of Andean Instruments in Quito, Ecuador. The music was composed by Frank, who created a Western classical piece and translated it for the traditional instruments of Ecuador. The winds and string instruments are replaced by a series of flutes, charango and bandolins instead of violins, violas and cellos. The story of this unique piece of music, and of the Ecuadorian musicians and their *compadrazgo* (musical camaraderie), is showcased in this new 30-minute documentary.

Compadre Huashayo was written and edited by renowned American filmmaker Aric Hartvig, winner of 11 Emmy Awards. It was produced by the Connecticut-based INTAKE Music Organization in partnership with the United States Embassy and National Teatro Sucre of Ecuador.

“Showcasing Gabriela Frank’s intriguing recreation of a traditional Western composition using only South America’s native instruments, along with the local community reach of INTAKE, provides us with the opportunity to offer our audiences a unique musical experience, and highlights the importance of musical collaborations across cultures,” said Carol Sisco, vice president of Corporate Communications for the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network, parent company of CPTV.

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“The INTAKE Organization is designing a timetable to enable *Compadre Huashayo* to reach all parents and students of public and private schools and libraries in Connecticut, as a way to expand and enrich their overall curriculum, bilingual and foreign languages and musical studies,” said Angelica Durrell, executive director of INTAKE.

After the production of *Compadre Huashayo*, filmmaker Aric Hartvig visited Quito, Ecuador in July 2014 for a successful international premiere of the documentary at the House of Culture. A musical component featured Ecuadorian traditional music fused with jazz — with U.S. Ambassador Adam Namm on the piano — as well as the INTAKE Ensemble and Afro-Ecuadorian leaf blowers from La Banda Mocha. Some of these stories are captured in the documentary.

“Since 2011 the U.S. Embassy in Quito is proud to have supported and collaborated with the INTAKE Organization. We are both committed to creating cultural exchanges between Americans and Ecuadorians through artistic, musical and educational programs. We are happy to have welcomed videographer Aric Hartvig to Ecuador for the international premiere of his documentary *Compadre Huashayo*,” said Ambassador Namm.

About Connecticut Public Television

CPTV is a media service of the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network (CPBN). It is a locally and nationally recognized producer and presenter of quality public television programming, including original documentaries, public affairs shows and educational programming. CPTV has built a reputation as a leader in children’s programming, including playing an historic role in bringing *Barney & Friends*[™], *Bob the Builder*[™] and *Thomas & Friends*[™] to public television. The station offers 11.5 hours of positive, nurturing children’s programs each weekday, reaching 450,000 households each week. The Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network also includes WNPR, an affiliate of National Public Radio, Public Radio International and American Public Media. WNPR serves 276,000 listeners weekly in Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island with news and information. Its award-winning local programming includes *The Faith Middleton Show*, *The Colin McEnroe Show* and *Where We Live*. CPBN also includes two affiliate channels: CPTV4U, a 24/7 television channel featuring award-winning drama, news and talk programming, concert performances, independent films, nature shows, British comedy and more; and CPTV Sports, Connecticut’s only 24-hour local sports network, covering statewide high school, college, semi-professional and professional sports. CPBN also houses the Learning Lab, home to the Journalism & Media Academy Magnet School satellite campus and the Institute for Advanced Media, which includes the Veterans Vocational Training Program. For more information, visit CPTV.org.

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About INTAKE

The INTAKE Organization, Inc., is a Connecticut-based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, founded in 2011. INTAKE's mission (Instrumentally Native Taking on the Classics) is to improve the quality of life for youth by providing access to quality classical music education through the use of native instruments that represent diverse cultural backgrounds. The organization strives to make classical music relevant, accessible, and inclusive through educational workshops, community outreach, and cultural advocacy.

Having partnered with the University of Connecticut, Universidad Andina of Ecuador, Instituto Guatemalteco Americano of Guatemala; and held partnerships with the Cities of New Haven, Norwalk and Stamford, INTAKE strives to increase and cultivate new classical music audiences through institutional awareness and youth development. The award-winning organization received support from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development and the national Sphinx Organization to expand the reach of its core educational program, the Native Instrument Academy. For additional information, visit: www.intakemusic.org.

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