

## **The Chunta film and Queer Latinx community panel coming to NW Film Center**

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The Chunta is a documentary film about identity, belonging, and transformation in the heart of a Mexican tradition. Here in Portland, LGBTQ Latinx community members have a long history of creative expression and resilience. Join us following the screening of *The Chunta* for a conversation with special guest speakers Joaquín López, Kaina Martínez, and Cambria Herrera, as they discuss their work and visions for the future. The director of *The Chunta*, Genevieve Roudané, will also be in attendance.

Thursday, August 15th, 2019

NW Film Center presents *The Chunta* at the Whitsell Auditorium  
Reception 6:00PM, Film screening 7:00PM, Panel 8:00PM

### Panelist bios:

Joaquín Lopez is a performing artist, storyteller, and musician raised in Aloha, Oregon, whose work is committed to personal freedom, Latino queer identity, self-expression, and community transformation. Joaquin is the Unid@s Program Coordinator at Latino Network, an organization that works to positively transform the lives of Latino youth, families, and communities. Joaquin received his B.F.A. in Theatre Arts from Southern Oregon and he holds a Masters in Counseling from Portland State University. Joaquin runs a counseling private practice specializing in men's issues, personal development, and the bicultural Latinx experience.

Kaina Martínez is a Venezuelan drag entertainer living in Portland. She competed in several pageants including the national competition Miss Gay America. Currently, she hosts Latin Flavor - A Queer Latin Dance Party, a space for the Latino community to showcase their talent.

Cambria Herrera is a Xicana stage director, performance artist, and community organizer based in Portland, Oregon. All of her work rises from her core inspiration: women and femme artists of color from the past and present. She currently works with two of Portland's finest non-profit communities: AGE's Women of Color in PDX Theatre Collective (co-founder & facilitator) and PDX Latinx Pride (Leadership Committee Member) to curate events featuring and serving brown women and non-binary folx.

Director bio: Genevieve Roudané is a queer filmmaker who has worked as director, cinematographer, editor, educator, and organizer on diverse productions across the Americas over the past decade. She is the director of the documentary film *The Chunta*, the story of a queer gang of gender-bending dancers fighting to exist in southern Mexico. Roudané's work focuses on the intersection of art and activism, and she has been a part of grassroots media organizing projects in Mexico and Central America. Roudané is a member of Film Fatales, Women in Film, Couch Film Collective, the Mexican Documentary Filmmakers Network, and the Women Behind the Camera cooperative; co-founder of the Ocote Film Festival. She lives in Portland, Oregon.

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For more info on the film, including photos, press kit, and more, visit [www.laschunta.com](http://www.laschunta.com)

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