



## US Film Premier • Wish You Were Here - A Postcard Journey Through Guatemala



**April 30, 2021 • 11 am Zoom • Pacific Time**

**Producer, Director, Writer Mike Glad**

The 40 minute film gives the perspective of foreign travelers in Guatemala during the early part of the 20th century. Using 500 original postcards - some hand drawn to hand-tinted art landscapes and/or personal portraits - serve as both a backdrop and story line and includes tourist high points such as Lake Atitlan and Chichicastenango. The indigenous peoples, over 50% of the population, are documented as well as the earthquakes of 1917-18 and the rise and fall of Manuel Cabrera, a dictator who ruled Guatemala from 1898 to 1920. Photographers acted as photojournalists and produced postcards which reflected all aspects of Guatemala. Thirty-five different pieces of music - all produced in Guatemala - complement the postcard's images ranging from music of the indigenous people played on flute and drum to 17th century cathedral compositions performed by a full orchestra. Mike Glad, a passionate collector, accomplished photographer, and Oscar-nominated filmmaker premiered the film at the Art Deco National Palace of Culture in Guatemala City and received a four-minute standing ovation.

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