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SANTA FE ART INSTITUTE presents *Speaking Truth Through Image* a lecture and workshop by Juan Manuel Echavarría

Lecture: Monday, June 26, 6 pm, Tipton Hall

Lecture ticket prices: \$5 general public, \$2.50 students and seniors

Workshop: June 27 – 30

Workshop cost: \$400, Scholarships are available



Juan Manuel Echavarría

Since 1995 Echavarría's work has been concerned with finding new ways to document the country's grotesquely violent civil conflict. The conflicts between the army, left-wing guerillas and right-wing paramilitaries can be traced back to the 1950s, and the drug cartels to the 1980s. Echavarría's disturbingly beautiful pictures evoke the dread and human waste of this endless war without presenting a succession of bloody corpses. In February 2005, Echavarría's videos *Bandeja de Bolívar / Bolívar's Platter*, *Guerra y pa / War and Peace*, and *Bocas de Ceniza / Mouths of Ash* were shown in New York on the opening night of MOMA's Documentary Fortnight. In June *Mouths of Ash* opened in the Latin American pavilion of the Venice Biennale. Echavarría's work speaks to the pervasiveness and the frightening 'normality' of violence in Colombia after fifty years of civil war. By turning his camera to the blind spots in the social fabric of Colombia, Echavarría creates a record of violence everywhere.

His workshop will explore the powerful role of the arts in addressing the harsh realities of the world today. All visual mediums and literary mediums are welcome.

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General Workshop Information

There are two full **scholarships** given per workshop. One scholarship is for a full time educator. The second is a need-based scholarship for an artist or student. Partial scholarships are also granted on an individual basis as needed. To prove financial need please mail a letter with a copy of your most recent tax return.

A 50% **deposit** is necessary to reserve a space in the workshop. This deposit is fully refundable if you cancel 30 days prior to the beginning of the class. The remaining cost of the workshop is due on the first day of class. You may pay your deposit by phone with a Visa or MasterCard by calling 505 424-5050 or by mail with a check made out to the Santa Fe Art Institute, PO Box 24044, Santa Fe, NM 87502.

Workshop participants have the opportunity to choose package **accommodations** at La Posada de Santa Fe Resort and Spa or stay at SFAI's extraordinary facilities. Discounts are also given to workshop participants at the nearby El Rey Inn.

The workshop and lecture are elements of the Santa Fe Art Institute's 2006 **Storytelling: History, Myth and Narrative** Series. For more information on the series please visit SFAI's website at www.sfai.org or call 505-424-5050. The Santa Fe Art Institute is located at 1600 St. Michael's Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505.