



**Honorable Consejo de Premiación del  
Premio Nacional de Ciencias y Artes 2012  
México  
Presente**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

I am writing to recommend the brilliant filmmaker Paul Leduc Rosenzweig for the Premio Nacional de Ciencias y Artes 2012 en el rubro de Bellas Artes (National Prize of Sciences and Arts in the field of Fine Arts).

M. Leduc has long been recognized in the international filmmaking community as one of the World Masters of Cinema whose films are a crucial part of the world cinema heritage. His films REED: MEXICO INSURGENTE, FRIDA: NATURALEZA VIVA and ETNOCIDIO: NOTAS SOBRE EL MEZQUITAL offer an astonishing view of Mexico and are seen as World Classics for all time.

I met M. Leduc when I co-programmed the world's largest Latin American Film Retrospective for the Toronto International Film Festival. This festival has long been one of his admirers and it was our privilege to introduce him to Canadian audiences.

M. Leduc's quintessential Mexican films are steeped in his culture, a culture he was able to capture in all its complicated richness and glory on the screen. One of the main pillars of the New Latin American Cinema, the socially conscious Paul Leduc took the viewer into many facets of Mexican life, introducing them to the multi-layered society that has been Mexico for centuries.

Leduc is a supreme poet who uses images and sound to evoke the soul of a country undergoing massive change. He has captured major moments in history; his humanity tells the stories of many classes of people, his artistry exalts everyone's unique talents while his formidable intelligence exposes the varied aspects of the mighty Mexican culture.

Mexico has received a gift in the person of Paul Leduc who has spent his life telling the world her stories and teaching them about her splendid culture.

It is time Mexico recognized this great son who has done so much for culture, especially for Mexican culture.

Thank you

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