

## ***The Journeys of Harry Crosby***

**Historic Binational Premiere, Dec. 2022**

SAN DIEGO - Cinewest Productions announces the binational premiere of its new documentary, ***The Journeys of Harry Crosby*** on National PBS and Canal 22 (Mexico's Cultural Television) as part of commemorations of the bicentennial of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Mexico.

***The Journeys of Harry Crosby***, directed by award-winning director Isaac Artenstein spotlights Harry Crosby, renowned photographer, author and historian, whose journeys have resulted in classic books such as "The Painted Caves of Baja California," "The Last of the Californios," "Antigua California" and "Tijuana 1964." The documentary is a co-production of Cinewest Productions and the San Diego History Center and the binational broadcasts are being sponsored by Alumbra Innovations and The Museo Vaquero of the Californias.

Director Isaac Artenstein, inspired by Harry's richly illustrated books and on-camera testimonials, traveled with his crew throughout Baja California retracing Harry's journeys from land and air. ***The Journeys of Harry Crosby*** is an engaging documentary that embraces a life of creativity, adventure and shared bi-national stories that speak to a long-time spirit of mutual understanding and conservation between the U.S. and Mexico. The documentary has won the endorsements of both the U.S. and Mexican consulates as part of the upcoming celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year of diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico.

View the trailer as well as press/promotional materials at [cinewest.net](http://cinewest.net).

"México is a very rich, diverse country and Harry Crosby's work reflects this, while demonstrating the deep relationship between our countries' history as well as their present and future. ***The Journeys of Harry Crosby*** is a spectacular, truly enjoyable documentary"

U.S. Consul General Thomas Reott.

"Crosby is a builder of bridges, of cultural bridges. And after four years of rhetoric about 'build the wall,' we're saying 'build the bridges' .... We share stories, we share cultures, we share landscapes, we share an entire ocean that's called the Pacific."

Isaac Artenstein, from Voice of San Diego:

<https://voiceofsandiego.org/2022/05/02/new-doc-explores-how-one-mans-journeys-captured-baja-californias-magic/>

KPBS-San Diego is the presenting station for this national broadcast. KPBS previously presented other works by Artenstein, including "Ballad of an Unsung Hero," the feature film "Break of Dawn" and most recently "A Long Journey: The Hidden Jews of the Southwest." KPBS serves over 1 million audience members weekly on both sides of the border across TV and radio (89.5 FM and 97.7 FM Calxico).

**Brief:**

*A wonderful chronicle of the life and career of renowned photographer and author Harry Crosby that lets the viewer experience Harry's travels in Baja California through a rich assortment of his photographs and beautiful contemporary footage of the magic peninsula. At 92, Harry remains passionate and engaging about the people and places he was able to capture on film for future generations.*

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Directed by Isaac Artenstein

Produced by David Richardson and Isaac Artenstein

Executive Producer, William Lawrence

Co-Produced by Judith Artenstein

Cinematography, Sergio Ulloa

Edited by Keith Shapiro and Philippe Goldstein

Music by Mark Adler

**Isaac Artenstein – Director**

Directed *Ballad of an Unsung Hero* which aired nationally on PBS and served as the basis for his feature film *Break of Dawn*. He also directed *Tijuana Jews*, *Border Brujo*, and *Growing Up Weston*. He produced the comedies *A Day Without a Mexican* and *Love Always*. He also directed *Challah Rising in the Desert: The Jews of New Mexico*, *To the Ends of the Earth: A Portrait of Jewish San Diego*. And *A Long journey: The Hidden Jews of The Southwest* as part of the *Jews of the Borderlands* series. He's currently producing *Border Noir* featuring the work of crime fiction writers along the US – Mexico border.

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