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BACKSTREET TO THE AMERICAN DREAM!/ EL CALLEJÓN AL SUEÑO AMERICANO ATED ORENIA ANIMACIÓN: ILLUSTRATOR ILUSTRADORA JULES RIVERA • NARRATOR INARRADOR SAL LOPEZ ORIGINAL MUSIC/MÚSICA ORIGINAL MARTIN, ESPINO • MIXED/MEZCLADA OCTAVIO PADILLA

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# Backstreet to the American Dream

With Executive Producer Dolores Huerta and promotional partner, Jarritos, *Backstreet to the American Dream* takes a modern-day look at the classic American Dream through the quintessential 21st-Century entrepreneurial endeavor, food trucks! This deep dive into the birthplace of the \$2 billion dollar global phenomenon, Los Angeles, profiles two trucks and juxtaposes the experiences of American entrepreneurs and Mexican immigrants in the food truck industry.

This 90-minute feature takes the audience on a journey and looks at how street food fosters inclusion. Through rich and vibrant stories of everyday Americans, the bilingual story explores the connection between food, culture, and community and highlights various perspectives of the American Dream from traditionally underrepresented groups.

Backstreet to the American Dream made its world premiere at the Dances With Films Festival at Hollywood's Chinese Theater in August 2021. So far, it has won 14 awards, including Best Feature Doc (twice), Best Food Film, and Special Jury Awards. The four-minute animated open, which traces street food through time back to Mesoamerica, won the Audience Award for Best Animation at the 2021 Riverside Film Festival.

"This documentary highlights social injustice and inequalities that exist in the U.S."

-**Franck Lemperle**, Feature Films Programmer •

Newport Beach Film Festival

#### **AWARDS**



"...the story is about entrepreneurs chasing The American Dream, changing attitudes around cultural differences and social media's role in this modern-day revolution."







### **FILM FESTIVALS**

SOCIAL \*\*\*\* CHANGE

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- 12 in the United States
- 1 in Paris, FR
- 1 GuadaLAjara, Mexico (In L.A.)

#### EDUCATIONAL SCREENINGS

10.10.2023 - UCLA Alumni/Labor Center

04.13.2023 - Nat. Hispanic Cultural Center

11.10.2022 - <u>USC ASE Dept.</u>

10.11.2022 - SF State University

09.28.2022 - <u>Cal Poly Pomona</u>

09.27.2022 - San Jose City College

09.24.2022 - Texas A&M SA (TAMUSA)

09.21.2022 - Trinity University (Campus-wide)

09.21.2022 - Trinity University (Class)

09.20.2022 - UIW - HEB School of Business

09.19.2022 - <u>Brick at Blue Star</u>

10.13.2021 - NuyoRican Poests Cafe

10.12.2021 - Fordham University

10.12.2021 - Columbia Grad School of Journalism

09.16.2021 - <u>UArizona Journalism School</u>

"Backstreet to the American Dream is the intersection between immigration, workers' rights, social justice, and the informal economy. It's the kind of film I love to show my students at the beginning of the quarter, so they can understand the issues we will cover."

-Professor Gaspar Rivera-Salgado, Project Director at UCLA Labor Center

University of California, Los Angeles

#### **MEDIA/PRESS**

2022 2021

10.06.2022 - NBC4/CA Live

09.23.2022 - Kens5 (NBC San Antonio)

09.22.2022 - <u>The Mesquite News</u>

08.02.2022 - Kens5 (NBC San Antonio)

07.29.2022 - <u>La Prensa Texas</u>

07.31.2022 - <u>San Antonio Reporter</u>

08.05.2022 - Fronteras (Texas Public Radio)

04.04.2022 - Film.io Inside Series

03.19.2022 - <u>Fandor Festival Podcast</u>

12.04.2021 - CCNMA: Ruben Salazar National Journalism Award

11.02.2021 - <u>Latina.com</u>

10.17.2021 - Newport Beach Independent Newspaper

10.10.2021 - KTTV: In-Depth (Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month)

10.07.2021 - WPIX Morning Show

08.27.2021 - Mexican Consulate in LA

08.23.2021 - <u>LA Daily News</u>

08.18.2021 - <u>En Casa con La Plaza</u>

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