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Sundance Winner Featured in Final Days of UMFA Latino Art Show

Director Alex Rivera will lecture June 24 before free screening of *Sleep Dealer*



Salt Lake City – Filmmaker and digital media artist Alex Rivera will discuss his work and host a free screening of his Sundance award-winning

film [Sleep Dealer](#) (2008) at 7 pm on Wednesday, June 24, at the [Utah Museum of Fine Arts](#) (UMFA). The event, co-sponsored by the [Utah Film Center](#), is held in conjunction with [Our America: The Latino Presence in American Art](#), a Smithsonian American Art Museum exhibition on view at the UMFA through Sunday, June 28.

Rivera's lecture is at 5:45 pm, and the screening is at 7 pm. Q&A with the director will follow. All events are free and will be held in the UMFA's Katherine W. and Ezekiel R. Dumke Jr. Auditorium. Attendees will be admitted free to the *Our America* exhibition from 4:45 to 5:45 pm.

Rivera has been telling new, urgent and visually adventurous Latino stories for the past fifteen years. His lecture will focus on his use of digital culture to illuminate the experiences of immigrants in America. *Sleep Dealer*, his first feature, is a science-fiction film set on the U.S.-Mexico border. The film is embedded with profound political and economic critiques—the perfect conversation-starter for discussions about issues as diverse as labor and immigration, technology and ethics, and globalization and the environment.

Rivera is a Sundance Fellow, Rockefeller Fellow, USA Artist Fellow, and Creative Capital grantee. He was The Rothschild Lecturer at Harvard University and was named one of *Variety Magazine's* "10 Directors to Watch."

Sleep Dealer is presented as part of the UMFA's [Summer Film Series: Creativity in Focus](#), co-presented with the UFC. Additional support provided by CUAC and Modern West Fine Art.

Our America, featuring more than 80 artworks from more than 60 leading modern and contemporary Latino artists, explores the varied and deep links between Latino art and U.S. history, culture and art through work created since the 1950s. The exhibition is organized by E. Carmen Ramos, curator of Latino art at the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

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The Utah Museum of Fine Arts is located on the University of Utah campus in the Marcia and John Price Museum Building at 410 Campus Center Drive. The UMFA's mission is to inspire critical dialogue and illuminate the role of art in our lives. General admission is \$9 adults, \$7 youth and seniors, FREE for U of U

students/staff/faculty, UMFA members, higher education students in Utah, and children under six years old. Thanks to the Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts, and Parks Program, free admission offered the first Wednesday and third Saturday of each month. Museum hours are Tuesday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Weekends, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed Mondays and holidays. For more information call [\(801\) 581-7332](tel:8015817332) or visit www.umfa.utah.edu.