

# Home Screening Guide



a toolkit to enjoy a home screening, which includes conversation and exploration with family and friends



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# About the Film

*On Two Fronts: Latinos & Vietnam* is a new film by Mylène Moreno that explores the rich history of Latino service in the Vietnam War, and invites all Americans to honor the contributions and sacrifices made by Latino soldiers and their families in a war that defined a generation.

Latino Americans have made profound contributions to American life in many unique and important ways. Latinos' sense of patriotism as Americans is robust, but has been too often overlooked in our society. Many Latinos have served their country in visible ways, even making the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our national causes.

*On Two Fronts* encourages us to look again at the way all of our soldiers were drawn into the Vietnam War, and how they returned, and to appreciate the service of veterans who have more recently returned from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**On Two Fronts: Latinos & Vietnam will premiere on September 22, 2015 at 10:00 pm on PBS.**

**Beginning September 23, 2015, the film will be available to stream for free at [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org) and on PBS's Roku channel.**



# How to Host a Screening

It is easy to host a small screening event in your home or at a local community space. This acclaimed documentary is a superb gateway for discussing important community issues.



## **All you need:**

- An invitation list (10-40 people)
- A space to gather (such as your living)
- The film (on DVD or via streaming on pbs.org or Roku)
- A media player and screen to show the film
- A few printouts to provide further information and some basic materials for an activity
- Refreshments!

## **A few general tips:**

- Be sure to have ample seating with a view of the screen
- Materials and refreshments within easy reach
- Provide relevant logistical information to guests such as directions and parking locations
- Keep an RSVP list



# The Basics for a Home Screening

*This worksheet offers a step-by-step guide to producing an at-home or small scale screening event.*

## **STEP 1: PLAN AND SECURE**

- [ ] Select a timeframe and date for your event (Broadcast on PBS is Sept. 22, 2015 (check local listings); Online via PBS.org or Roku starting Sept. 23, 2015)
- [ ] Review the Discussion Guide so you are familiar with the content

## **STEP 2: WHO TO INVITE?**

- [ ] Begin compiling your invitation list. Use your own address book; and ask some friends or colleagues for their recommendations. Be sure to ask permission to send an e-blast at work, or to clubs/organizations you belong to.
- [ ] Make sure your invitation list is a reasonable size given how many people you can seat. For an at-home event, perhaps one in four will be able to attend.

## **STEP 3: REACH OUT! (TWO OR THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO EVENT)**

- [ ] Draft and send an e-mail invitation to your list.
- [ ] Create a Facebook invitation and invite your friends via social media (tag @LatinosVietnam in all your posts to social media).
- [ ] Create and maintain an RSVP list to track who is attending.

## **STEP 4: CREATE PROGRAM**

- [ ] Create an agenda for your screening (see examples on next page)
- [ ] If you are using streaming video, you may want to check your internet connection and test the stream through your TV

## **STEP 5: FOLLOW-UP**

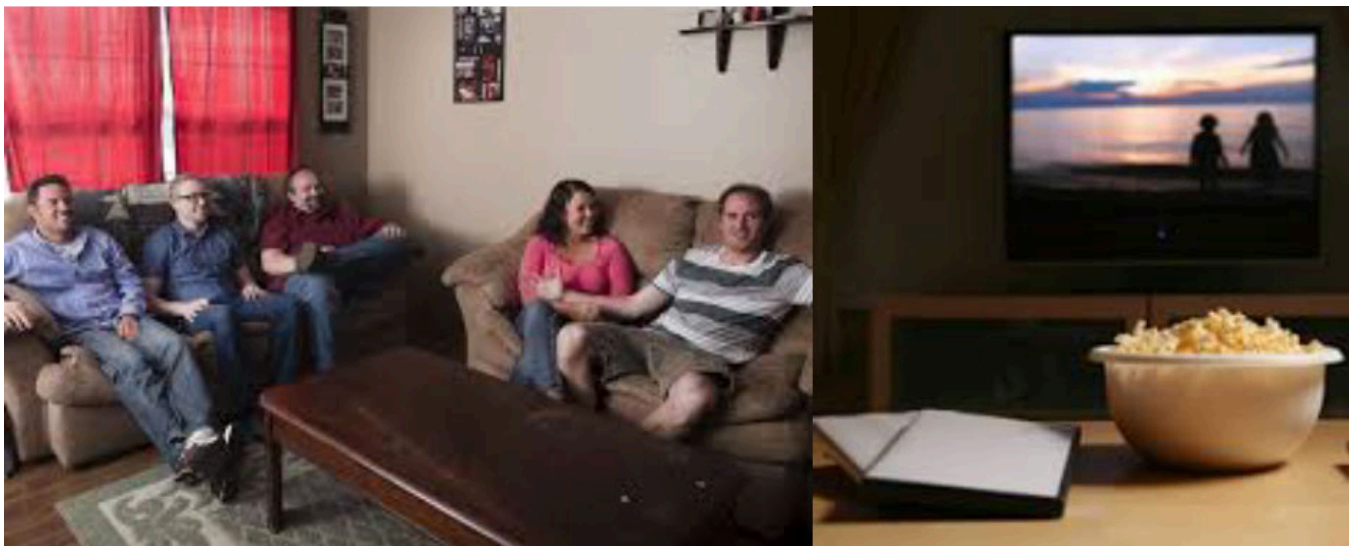
- [ ] Three or four days prior to the event, send a reminder to everyone you invited, and ask them to RSVP. For guests that have already RSVP'd reconfirm their attendance.

## **STEP 6: DAY OF SCREENING**

- [ ] Arrange your furniture so seating faces the screen, and make sure and test your ability to play the film in the equipment you have on hand.
- [ ] Put out refreshments for your guests before or after the presentation
- [ ] Have a camera at the ready to take some snapshots of your event and share on social media (@LatinosVietnam, #LatinosVietnam)

# Sample Agenda

- 6:00 pm:.....Guests begin arriving  
Snacks & refreshments are available
- 6:30.....Gather your guests around the screen  
and explain why you wanted to host the  
event
- 6:40.....Watch *On Two Fronts: Latinos &  
Vietnam* (about 82 minutes)
- 8:00.....Use the film's Discussion Guide lead  
your guests through a conversation on  
the film themes
- 8:45.....Allow time for your guests to unwind and  
chat informally about the film
- 9:30.....Goodnight!



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For more information about *On Two Fronts: Latinos & Vietnam* and filmmaker Mylène Moreno, please visit the film's website where this and other educational and engagement materials can be downloaded: [www.OnTwoFrontsMovie.com](http://www.OnTwoFrontsMovie.com)



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The community engagement campaign for *On Two Fronts: Latinos & Vietnam*, including the creation of this and other resources, is being led by Impact Media Partners. For more information about how to get involved in the campaign, reach us at: [info@impactmediapartners.com](mailto:info@impactmediapartners.com).

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