

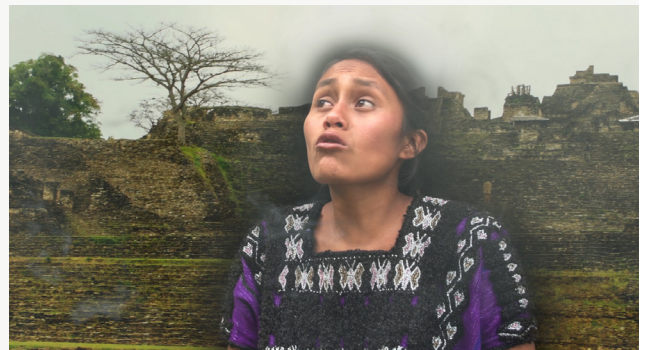
MAYA FACES in a SMOKING MIRROR

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A feature length documentary about the struggles of young Mayas to preserve identity and resist the voracious commodification of the earth

- David** fell into the usual traps while working in far off Cancún, but returned to his family, raised his corn to feed them and became a catechist working with children.
- Zenaida** was pressured to marry young and leave her educational dreams. Now she is a leader in her weaving cooperative.
- Damián** grew up between two worlds but has chosen his Tsotsil identity and become the first rock musician in that language.
- Kixtup** His parents fled the massacres in Guatemala, and in Mexico they were told to abandon their Chuj Maya traditions. He works to recover them through his studies and contacts with the older generation.
- Norma** grew up speaking only Spanish. Inspired by the 1994 uprising and her work with children selling goods in the streets of San Cristóbal, she has learned Tsotsil and now speaks with her grandmother.
- Rufino** One of the “Other Dreamers” he had to return to Mexico to go to college after growing up in the U.S. and found life in his Tsotsil community hard to adjust to.
- Claudia** At a very early age she made a mistake in choosing a husband. Now she is firm in her commitment to bring up her child alone in a society that doesn’t always understand women in her position, and she is active in resistance.
- Antun** Having grown up in a Tzeltal Maya community, through his art he tries to re-imagine the unfragmented



Zenaida

The fight against building a “Rural City” in Chenalhó

Acting as a frame around their telling of their stories and an example of the “smoke” of world commodification that attempts to erase their cultural identities is the story of the struggle against building a “Rural City” in the municipality of Chenalhó, where some of them live. These segments include interviews with some of the key actors in that successful struggle.



Damian

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- * bios of the filmmakers.
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