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## Oaxaca - Non-violent revolution in the 21st century Film screening, music, and discussion

The documentary film "**From the Edge of the Blade**", about the popular uprising in Oaxaca, Mexico, will be screened at Traditions Café in Olympia on January 29th at 6:30pm.

Before the screening, **Abel Ortiz**, musician from Oaxaca, will sing and perform live music.

After the screening, community activist **Jose Orozco** will speak about the current situation in Oaxaca, followed by a general discussion about what lessons we can learn from the Oaxacan social movement. Filmmaker and activist **Jill Friedberg** ("This is what Democracy Looks Like", "Grain of Sand", "A Little Bit of So Much Truth"), community activist **Rochelle Gause**, as well as **Johan Genberg**, director of "From the Edge of the Blade", will participate in the discussion.

There will be a suggested donation of \$8 at the door, but no one will be turned away for lack of money. All donations goes to the Oaxacan video collective **Mal de Ojo TV**, one of the few independent media outlets in Oaxaca. Material from Mal de Ojo TV is used in the film "From the Edge of the Blade".

On June 14th 2006, when police forces attacked thousands of striking teachers in Oaxaca, Mexico, the annual strike turned into a widespread popular rebellion, demanding the governors' resignation. A broad social movement of teachers, social organizations, unions, students, activists, and indigenous communities took over the city in an effort to change the devastating conditions imposed on them by international trade agreements and corrupt politicians. "From the Edge of the Blade" tells the story about the 2006 popular uprising in Oaxaca, as put by some of the teachers, activists, workers, students, human rights workers, tortured and imprisoned.

Traditions Café & World Folk Art is located on 300 5th Avenue SW (in the intersection with Water St.) in downtown Olympia, right next to Heritage Park.

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The event is put on by TrickleUp Films, and co-sponsored by:

Heroico Batallon de San Patricio  
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