

## **For Immediate Release**

### **Counter-Perspectives About Adoption Arise in Release of New Blog**

*Filmmaker Jacqueline Arias releases a blog about her upcoming documentary film "Imaginary Mothers," slated for release in fall of 2010.*

New York, NY - 01/07/2010 - A new film on the subject of adoption poses the question: "Would Americans allow another country to adopt their poor by the thousands with the notion that they could offer them a better life?" Jacqueline Arias, a filmmaker and visual artist from New York, is now producing a documentary film called "Imaginary Mothers," and in her blog she asks: "what 'is best' for a child and a mother?" It seems a question that has not been thoroughly explored by those involved in adoption processes.

The Director, Arias, was born in Costa Rica and raised by an adoptive family in Ohio. At the age of 28, she discovered she was illegally taken from her Costa Rican family and given to her American parents by corrupt officials. "There is an entire generation of children that were taken from their Latin American families to 'better' homes in a 'better' country as an attempt to improve their lives," she explains. On her blog Arias discusses the forced dislocation of latino adoptees and challenges ideas about adoption. She also includes perspectives from adoption activists who speak out against adoption as an industry and against coercion of young mothers. She said: "I am interested in the complexity of these issues, and in a time where we are re-thinking the efficacy of relief methods to third world countries, I hope to begin a dialogue about the social and emotional costs surrounding transnational adoptions." Imaginary Mothers is slated to be released in the Fall of 2010.

The "Imaginary Mothers" blog wishes to serve as a space for adoptees and natural mothers from Latin America to discuss and share stories. The blog includes resources, literature suggestions, excerpts from the film in production, and Arias' intimate and thoughtful writing. To read it visit <http://imaginarymother.wordpress.com>.

To find crucial financial support for the production of "Imaginary Mothers," Arias is launching a campaign to raise US\$5,000 for principle production on location in Costa Rica. Depending on the level of support, funders may be included in the credits of the documentary, get a free copy of the completed documentary, or become a producer. To learn more please visit the "Donate" tab in the blog.

#### About Imaginary Mothers

"Imaginary Mothers" is a documentary film offering alternative perspectives on international adoption, currently in production, and directed by Jacqueline Arias. To learn more about the film please visit <http://imaginarymother.wordpress.com> or to arrange for an interview with the filmmaker write to [imaginarymothers@jacquelinearias.com](mailto:imaginarymothers@jacquelinearias.com) or call, 1-347-237-3508.

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