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## Las Madres: The Mothers Of Plaza De Mayo (DOCU-COLOR)

A First Run Features release. Produced, written and directed by Susana Muñoz and Lourdes Portillo. Camera (color), Michael Anderson; music, Inti-Illimani and Astor Piazzola; narrated by Carmen Zapata. Reviewed at the Castro theater, San Francisco, Jan. 15, 1986. (No MPAA Rating.) Running time: 64 MINS.

San Francisco — This is an emotionally moving, technically solid

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exposition of the disappearances in military-ruled Argentina in the 1970s of thousands. By featuring the politically organized mothers of the missing, the filmmakers have deftly told the entire grisly story and earned a nomination in the Academy's feature documentary category.

Sans Franciscans Susana Muñoz and Lourdes Portillo offer a first-rate piece of reportage. Interviews with survivors are subtitled, but narration in print reviewed — a crisp job of writing — is in English.

Score is highly complementary and mood-inducing without being overbearing. There is a universality to the comments of the interviewees. As one of the mothers notes: "we were all the same person."

Pic concludes by analogizing Argentine tragedy with repression in other politically reactionary nations but ducks similar acts of terror in leftist lands. —*Herb.*

Melbourne Film Festival, Melbourne, Australia, 1986

Non-competitive, Premiere, Mill Valley Film Festival, 1985

Munich Film Festival, Munich, Germany, 1986

**Emmy Nomination, News and Documentary**  
The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, 1988

**Best of Northern California**  
National Educational Film Festival, Oakland, California

P.O.V. PBS National Broadcast, United States, 1988

**Golden Gate Award**  
San Francisco International Film Festival, 1986

**Best Film**  
Sinking Creek Film Festival, Greeneville, Tennessee

**Second Place, Documentary**  
Sydney Film Festival, Australia

Toronto Film Festival, Canada, 1986

**Special Jury Prize, Documentary**  
United States Film Festival, Salt Lake City, 1986

Valladolid Film Festival, Valladolid, Spain, 1985

**Women Journalists' Assn. Prize**  
Women's International Film Festival, Creteil, Paris, 1986

**Certificate**  
Women's Point of View, Fest Rio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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