

“Vivir La Utopia (Living Utopia)”

A 1997 documentary by Juan Gamero

Spanish Civil War veteran, and Windsor resident, Federico Arcos, who appears in the film, will provide a short introduction.

7:30pm, Friday December 4th, (doors open at 7pm)

Running Time ~96 minutes

Free / All Welcome

Background

“*Vivir la Utopia (Living Utopia)* is a unique feature-length documentary (96 minutes; Spanish with English subtitles) which chronicles the origins and evolution of the Spanish anarchist movement and its important role during the Spanish Revolution (1936-1939). The largest community of its kind in Europe at the time, millions of peasants and urban workers successfully established a society based on equality, mutual aid, participatory democracy and self-organization – all without a central state or government. This fascinating yet largely unknown social experiment was eventually destroyed by forces from inside and outside the country.

Featuring rare archival footage and interviews with surviving participants, *Living Utopia* is considered to be one of the most important documentaries on the subject and what it lacks in high-brow cinematic quality it makes up for with the passion of the people whose story it tells. “