



# Sands of Silence at Awareness Film Festival



**FILM**  
**LOS ANGELES**

Sun, October 16, 2016

## Venue

LA Live Regal Cinemas, 1000 W  
Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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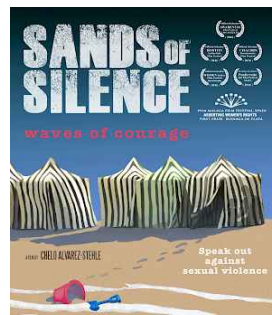
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The Awareness Film Festival aims to inform and inspire audiences through a program of films on ecological, political, health/well-being and spiritual topics.

## SANDS OF SILENCE



- **On Sunday, October 16 at 2 pm** at [LA Live Regal Cinemas](#).
- Directed by Chelo Alvarez-Stehle, USA / Spain / México / India, 2016, 86 minutes.
- In Spanish with English subtitles.

A 15-year quest to expose the underworld of sexual exploitation and trafficking from Asia to the Americas leads filmmaker Chelo Alvarez-Stehle to the windswept beach where her childhood ended and family secrets began. As she documents the transformation of sex-trafficking survivor Virginia Isaias — a Mexican American woman whose past is engulfed in a cycle of sexual exploitation— into a resilient survivor committed to break that pattern, Chelo undertakes a parallel journey of healing and introspection as she sets out to shatter



the silence about abuse in her own life.