



# The Anglo-Bolivian Society

## *Fernando Montes:* A Celebration of His Life and Work.



### **Performance of *String Quartet No 1 'Montes'* by Agustín Fernández Screening of *Spirit of the Andes*, a documentary film by Verónica Souto**

Fernando Montes was one of Bolivia's most distinguished artists. His work was inspired by "the relationship of Man and Earth as you see it in the High Andes", shown in paintings of indigenous people sitting in the vast Andean Altiplano and of pre-Columbian ruins set harmoniously in the mountain landscape. His art was a meditation on the place of the human being before the immensity of nature, infinite time and space. Montes exhibited widely in Europe, the Americas and the Far East. From 1960 until his death in 2007, he lived and worked in London.

The evening comprises the UK premiere of a string quartet by Bolivian composer Agustín Fernández composed in memory of Fernando Montes, the screening of a documentary filmed in London in 2006 by Argentinean director Verónica Souto, followed by a wine reception. The composer and director will introduce their works.

**Agustín Fernández** is Professor in Composition at the University of Newcastle. His published works include opera, orchestral, chamber and electroacoustic music. His works have received high-profile performances in Europe and the Americas. The quartet is performed by Rodolfo Richter and Adrian Charlesworth (violins), Sara Jones (viola) and Jennifer Morsches (cello).

**Verónica Souto** has worked in films as assistant director and director of casting with film directors Carlos Sorin and Walter Salles (*Motorcycle Diaries*). She directed the award-winning documentary *Días de Cartón*.

Any profits from the evening will be donated to the Fernando Montes Fund to support young Bolivian artists.

**19.30 pm Thursday 17 January, 2008**  
**Bolívar Hall of the Venezuelan Embassy, 54 Grafton Way, London, W1T 5DL**  
**Nearest underground station: Warren Street**  
**Tickets £12 (Members of the Anglo-Bolivian Society £10)**

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