



MITCH: What I love most about Peru are the warmth of the people and, of course, the music and dance. Oh, and the food. But don t ask me to choose my favourite dish, everyone does and I can never decide! Although, yesterday I might have voted for chupe de camararones... As for the best experience during the making of the film... Um, it s like the food question... too many choices! I think overall it has been the opportunity to really see and be accepted by another culture "from the inside". Drinking chicha and dancing huaynos in the homes of my Andean friends. Swinging axes at the yunza fertility ritual in El Carmen [a rural community south of Lima] at 2 a.m. under a moonlit sky... Most of all, meeting people who have become friends and, well, almost family.

MINKA: Aha! So you have a Peruvian girlfriend! What one tip would you give MINKA readers regarding how to promote greater integration with Peruvians?

MITCH: You do know how to read between the lines! You are right about my girlfriend - I met Doris two years ago, interviewed her actually at a Fiesta Patronal in Ancash. As for the tip - you mean in the context of having a Peruvian girlfriend? I was hoping MINKA readers could help me on that one!

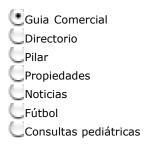
MINKA: Will people living in the UK and Europe, as well as the USA, get to see your film?

MITCH: Of course, and I m counting on MINKA to spearhead the publicity effort! We plan to show Soy Andina in Europe in several ways. First, we will submit Soy Andina to film festivals. Second, we want to sell the broadcast rights to television. And third, we want to present the film - with live dance and discussion whenever possible at schools, cultural events and other community-based settings. The best way to keep track of all this is to go to our web site http://www.soyandina.com and sign up for the free e-Newsletter. MINKA: Have you set a release date for Soy Andina? MITCH: We have set July 2005 as the release date. MINKA: Thanks Mitch, and don t forget to drop us a line at MINKA when the film is showing, so we can alert our readers! MITCH: Send your readers my regards. As they say in Peru, "iSalu con tu!". no se recibe paga alguna pero quien lo encarga tiene la obligación moral de retribuir en igual forma el beneficio recibido; trabajo comunal en Español"



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