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Amsterdam Spanish Film Festival gets bigger, better and even bolder

24 screenings, 17 premieres, first row actors and directors, Spanish food and drinks will complete the 6-day experience

After a successful edition last year, Amsterdam Spanish Film festival (ASFF) will take us on another exciting and heart-warming journey through the world of Spanish cinema, music and gastronomy; presenting the most powerful, thought provoking, original and enjoyable Spanish language films made over this past year. The Amsterdam Spanish Film Festival that will run from May 30th till June 4th in Pathe Tuschinski, Pathe de Munt, Eye, het Ketelhuis and Bimhuis. In 2017 we will be bigger, better and even bolder with our film selection, stars, filmmakers, live music events, bites, wines, Q&A's, workshops and exhibitions.

Highlights

First of many highlights during this year's edition is the opening film *Tarde para la ira/ The Fury of a Patient man*. Spanish actor Raul Arévalo makes his feature debut with this gritty score-settling thriller that played at the Venice Film Festival and Toronto International Film Festival. This beautifully polished vengeance-laden movie is authentically Spanish and took away four out of its eleven Goya nominations this year. It's a taut little story of devolving nastiness, uncompromising in its relentless, western-influenced linearity, and yet Arévalo still finds time for the most elusive attribute in the familiar territory of the lean revenge thriller. Actress Ruth Díaz will join the Dutch premiere at Amsterdam Spanish Film Festival for the Q&A onstage in Pathe Tuschinski after the screening.

The welcome award-winning filmmaker **ALEX DE LA IGLESIA** will close the 3rd edition Festival with **EL BAR**, his latest film. ASFF feels honored to have been able to host its third edition in Amsterdam once again and we couldn't have done it without our amazingly dedicated audience. Therefore we want to give you all a night to remember by going out with a bang in the form of Alex de la Iglesia's latest intense thrill ride that premieres at our festival.



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After **La chana**'s enormous success and subsequent audience award win at IDFA 2016 newcomer Lucija Stojevic's documentary on the legendary flamenco dancer will get a chance to wow even more film lovers during our festival. This documentary is a portrait of the eponymous living legend of Spanish flamenco dancing. La Chana is an admiring, even adoring portrait of a strong-willed female performer rising above the restrictions of the patriarchal society into which she was born. La Chana will join the Dutch premiere at Amsterdam Spanish Film Festival for a **live flamenco performance** and Q&A onstage in Pathe Tuschinski after the screening.

Audiences will have the privilege of attending a Q&A session with **Eduardo Casanova**, the director of **PIELES**, and actress **Carolina Bang**, producer of this provocative film. Eduardo Casanova, an up-and-coming director who is well-known in Spain for his work as an actor, will also make us laugh as lead actor in **SEÑOR DAME PACIENCIA**, where inherent family tensions portray a clash between generations in Spanish society.

Two new festival venues for this edition. Another fantastic cinema house, **Het Ketelhuis**, joins the festival on this journey, located inside Westerpark and surrounded by nature. And for the first time and to continue beating the drum for Spanish culture, the festival introduces an emblematic music location in Amsterdam, **Bimhuis**, where one of their music documentaries **OMEGA** will prove that Cohen, Lorca, rock and flamenco are perfectly capable of being blended together. **Soleá Morente** and **Antonio Arias** from the **rock band Lagartija Nick**, both protagonists in this documentary, will burn the stage after the screening.

This year, ASFF wants to reflect some social issues that they believe are important. **ASFF cares** about and celebrates the power that film has to communicate, inspire and empower society. The war correspondent and documentary filmmaker **Hernán Zin** will join the festival to present his documentary **NACIDO EN SIRIA/ Born in Syria** with a panel discussion afterwards.

Tasty food will follow most of the screenings: **Jamón Ibérico**, and other **Spanish nibbles** will accompany **Spanish drinks** to offer the audience a real Spanish Cinema experience!

ASFF 2017

Spring is coming and with that of course the annual return of the most original Spanish focused film festival in Holland. ASFF not only treats its amazingly dedicated audience to the best in contemporary, experimental and classic Spanish cinema. Again we will be showcasing a wide selection of high quality Spanish spoken cinema that the public has come to expect from us. This edition we expand our film selection even more by including an **educational programme** for several schools, this year and raises awareness for human rights & social issues, a live music event after the related documentary at Amsterdam's music hub Bimhuis is new, and the more heterodox section under the name of Spanish cinema without fear will be returning. In collaboration with Roze Filmdagen and Gay Night at Pathé de Munt there will be a **screening especially dedicated to LGTBQ awareness**, and we have a new section that incorporates Spanish artists based in Holland by collaborating with **Mokum Gallery**. Like our previous editions we include professional introductions to the premieres, Q&A's with the filmmakers, actors and actresses, the possibility for the public to interact with them afterwards, and enjoy Spanish wines and Spanish food in a gezellig atmosphere.

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