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Take a journey through Spanish cinema, Spanish culture and Spanish gastronomy at the **Amsterdam Spanish Film Festival (May 28th June to June 2nd)**

This year the Amsterdam Spanish Film Festival (ASFF) celebrates its fifth anniversary. The festival shows the latest in Spanish cinema from the past year through a selection of the most original, the most interesting, and the most impressive Spanish films. There will be numerous Q&A's, workshops, live music and parties to attend. After most of the films, you will be able to enjoy Spanish drinks and tapas. This year, the festival will take place in Pathé Tuschinski, Pathé de Munt, EYE, and Cinecenter. You can buy your festival tickets on the websites of the participating cinemas.



Highlights

The ASFF opens on Tuesday, May 28th with the mysterious drama *Quien te cantará* about a successful Spanish singer in the 90's who mysteriously disappears one day and wants to return to the theater 10 years later. The political thriller *El Reino* (The Realm) about a politician that winds up in a corruption scandal, will close off the festival on the 2nd of June.

During the festival, the successful hit TV-series from Spain, *Arde Madrid*, will be screened. In a double bill, you will be able to watch the entire first season of the series with Spanish drinks and tapas during the breaks. Actresses Inma Cuesta and Ana Castilla and actor Moreno Borja will be present for a Q&A after the screening. Afterwards, you can dance in *De Bajes* (Rembrandtplein) at the *Arde Amsterdam Party*!

The music documentary *Ara Malikian: Una Vida Entre Las Cuerdas* (Ara Malikian: A Life Among Strings) will have its European première. The film tells the story of Ara Malikian, a talented and versatile violinist of Lebanese and Armenian origin, who combines classical music with rock, flamenco, and various other genres. The film shows his career as well as his private life. Afterwards, the audience can enjoy a live performance.

During the ASFF, the Dutch premiere of *Elisa & Marcela* will take place. The film tells the true story of a Spanish lesbian couple in 1901 that seduced a priest into marrying them. Director Isabel Coixet created a special photo exhibition that you can visit from April 26th to June 13th in the public library of Amsterdam (OBA).

In the special double bill program *The Passage of Time*, ASFF pays tribute to Isaki Lacuesta by screening two of his films: *La leyenda del tiempo* (The Legend of Time) and *Entre dos aguas*

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(Between Two Waters). *La leyenda del tiempo* is a mix of documentary and fiction. We follow the life of two boys, Isra and Cheíto, their expectations, desires, and development, along with the two grand masters of flamenco in the (musical) background. In *Entre dos aguas*, we once again see the two boys, but 12 years later this time.

A summary of the highlights:

- Opening film *Quién te cantará* | Tuesday May 28th 20:00h | Pathé Tuschinski
- Closing film *El Reino* | Sunday June 2nd 20:30h | Pathé Tuschinski
- Double bill *Arde Madrid* | Saturday June 1st 18:00h | Pathé Tuschinski – followed by Q&A and a party
- *Todos los Saben* | Friday May 31st 21:30h | Pathé Tuschinski – followed by Q&A and tapas & drinks
- *Ara Malikian: Una Vida Entre Las Cuerdas* | Thursday May 30th 21:15h | Pathé Tuschinski
- *Elisa & Marcela* | Wednesday May 29th 21:15h | Pathé Tuschinski
- *La leyenda del tiempo* | Friday May 31st 12:00h | EYE
- *Entre dos aguas* | Saturday June 1st 16:00h | EYE

Special guests

During the festival a number of special guests will be present. An overview below:

- Eva Llorach and Najwa Nimiri (TBC) during opening night.
- Carolina Yuste and Moreno Borja (*Carmen & Lola*)
- Bárbara Lennie and Inma Cuesta (*Todos lo saben*)
- Anna Castillo, Inma Cuesta and Moreno Borja (*Arde Madrid*)
- Leticia Dolera and director Inés de León (*¿Qué te juegas?*)
- Bárbara Lennie during closing night.
- Ana Castillo (*Viaje al cuarto de una madre*)

Practical information:

The Amsterdam Spanish Film Festival takes place in Amsterdam from May 28th until June 2nd in Pathé Tuschinski, Pathé de Munt, EYE and Cinecenter. Afterwards, the festival will continue its journey to cinema LantarenVenster in Rotterdam where Spanish cinema will dominate from June 4th to June 9th.

After most of the films, the audience will have the opportunity to reflect and discuss while enjoying some Spanish tapas and drinks, which will create a unique Spanish film experience.

[Ticket sales](#) for the Amsterdam Spanish Film Festival have started via de websites of the participating cinemas. The full program will be announced very soon.



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About the Amsterdam Spanish Film Festival (ASFF)

Amsterdam Spanish Film Festival is a unique initiative that gives a broad audience in The Netherlands the opportunity to immerse themselves in a careful selection of Spanish cinema and Spanish-language films from Latin-America. ASFF is organized and programmed by SIN FIN CINEMA and offers visitors not just an overview of the newest trends in mainstream Spanish cinema but also considers independent, artistic and experimental Spanish and Spanish-language films.

Thanks to the support granted by [Acción Cultural Española \(AC/E\)](#) within the framework of its Program for the Internationalization of Spanish Culture (PICE) in its modality Mobility -which aims to facilitate the international mobility of Spanish professionals, artists and creators-, the ASFF has been able bring the following artists: Najwa Nimri, Eva Llorach, Carolina Yuste, Moreno Borja, Anna R. Costa, Anna Castillo, Inma Cuesta, Inés de León and Bárbara Lennie.

For more information: www.amsterdamspanishfilmfestival.com

NOTE TO EDITORS

The stills depicted above are from *Quién te cantará* and *Arde Madrid*.

Interview requests

If interested please register with charlotte@triplepentertainment.nl

Upon registration please indicate how much time you think you will need and your deadline.

Images

You may download a selection of film stills [here](#).

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