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**RECENT CINEMA FROM SPAIN
ANNOUNCES PROGRAM LINE-UP INCLUDING 2 U.S. PREMIERES,
3 MIAMI PREMIERES AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**THE POPULAR SPANISH FILM SERIES RETURNS TO THE OLYMPIA THEATER IN MIAMI FROM
NOVEMBER 16 THROUGH NOVEMBER 19**

**The hypnotic comedy *ABRACADABRA* by Pablo Berger
to open the film series with a Red Carpet Event on November 16**

Miami, Nov 1st, 2017 –

For the past seven years **Recent Cinema from Spain**, produced by **EGEDA & The Olympia Theater** in collaboration with the **ICAA and the CCEMiami** has brought a rich selection of Recent Spanish Cinema to Florida. The annual series delights Miami audiences by celebrating Spanish culture, from art and music to food and film. It's a unique opportunity for movie lovers in Florida to watch Spanish movies on the big screen.

This year's program showcases 7 movies, including 2 US Premieres and 3 Miami Premieres and will bring Spanish filmmakers and actors, amongst them **actors Carlos Santos & Javier Pereira** and filmmaker **Pablo Berger** to Miami.

The program will open with **ABRACADABRA**, the hypnotic comedy by Pablo Berger ("Snow White"). Following the screening will be a gala-reception at the Olympia Theater with the talent and filmmakers in attendance. The Spanish series will continue with the U.S. premiers of **THE MIST & THE MAIDEN (LA NIEBLA Y LA DONCELLA)**, an intriguing dark and mysterious thriller and **DISMISSAL (DESPIDO PROCEDENTE)**, a dark comedy full of twists with a star-studded cast. Furthermore, the Miami premiere of **A STROKE OF LUCK (VILLAVICIOSA DE AL LADO)**, a hilarious movie for comedy lovers, and the box office hit **MAY GOD SAVE US (QUE DIOS NOS PERDONE)**, a suspenseful serial killer hunting during the summer in Madrid. The series will conclude with **THE INVISIBLE GUEST (CONTRATIEMPO)**, a crafted thriller that keeps the audience engaged and breathless.

Further programming includes a special screening for children **OZZY** (Miami Premiere), a panel discussion with the actors and filmmakers at CCEMiami and a special closing night with the musical performance of **MASTRETTA**.

RED CARPET, Thursday, Nov 16th

Check in 5:30 pm

Red carpet: 6:30 pm

Screening 7:30 pm

For red carpet accreditation please contact: Thomas@WhiteBearPR.com

We will send a tip sheet with all confirmed guests two days prior to the event.

For more information on the films and EPK's:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hedmfigistuueip/AADaAUjLCapwosPFRfVISHOCa?dl=0>

RECENT SPANISH CINEMA

Nov 16th – Nov 19th, 2017

Olympia Theater, 174 E. Flagler St, Miami, FL - 33131

To purchase tickets and series passes:

www.olympiatheater.org

For more information: www.miami.recentcinemafromspain.com and www.olympiatheater.org

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FULL FILM PROGRAM

All movies in Spanish with English subtitles

Thursday, November 16th, 2017

7:30 PM OPENING NIGHT

ABRACADABRA

A Hypnotic comedy by Pablo Berger!

DIR.: PABLO BERGER

CAST: MARIBEL VERDÚ, ANTONIO DE LA TORRE, JOSE MOTA

Shortlisted for the best foreign-language film for the Academy Awards.

When a housewife (**Maribel Verdú**) discovers a spirit that has possessed Carlos, her husband (**Antonio de la Torre**), she embarks on a comic and terrifying mission to bring him back with the help of his cousin Pepe (**José Mota**) a hypnotism amateur.

Q&A after the movie with filmmaker Pablo Berger.

Friday, November 17th, 2017

PANEL DISCUSSION at CCEMiami at 5PM

With actors and directors attending this year's Recent Cinema from Spain series.

This is a free event – first come, first serve. In Spanish.

At Centro Cultural Español in Miami, 1490 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL – 33132

(this event only at CCEMiami)

6:45PM MAY GOD SAVE US - QUE DIOS NOS PERDONE

A suspenseful serial killer hunting in summertime Madrid!

DIR.: RODRIGO SOROGOYEN

CAST: ANTONIO DE LA TORRE, ROBERTO ÁLAMO, JAVIER PEREIRA

Madrid, summer 2011. Economic crisis. 15-M movement and 1.5 million pilgrims waiting for the Pope's arrival live side by side in a Madrid that's hotter and more chaotic than ever. In this context, detectives Velarde and Alfaro must find what seems to be a serial killer. Their up against-the-clock hunt will make them realize something they'd never imagined: neither of them are so very different from the killer.

Q&A after the movie with actor Javier Pereira

9:45PM-DISMISSAL-DESPIDO PROCEDENTE – U.S. Premiere

Action Comedy with an amazing ensemble cast!

DIR: LUCAS FIGUEROA

CAST: IMANOL ARIAS, HUGO SILVA, DARÍO GRANDINETTI

Imanol Arias, Dario Grandinetti and Hugo Silva starring in a dark comedy about the dark side of big corporations. Can a good person survive in a big firm?

Javier (Imanol Arias) a Spanish expatriate executive in Argentina makes a fatal mistake ... he gives wrong directions to Rubén (Dario Grandinetti), an unknown passerby walking through the door of the building where Javier works. This anecdote provokes the fury of Rubén, who, having followed these incorrect directions, loses the job offer of a lifetime

Saturday, November 18th,2017

6:45PM- A STROKE OF LUCK (VILLAVICIOSA DE AL LADO) – Miami Premiere

A box office hit in Spain!

DIR: NACHO G. VELILLA

CAST: CARMEN MACHI, MACARENA GARCIA, CARLOS SANTOS

Inspired by actual events, this delightful comedy with a colorful cast is one of Spain's biggest box office hits of the year. The small town of Villaviciosa de al Lado is teetering on bankruptcy when salvation arrives in the form of a huge lottery prize and the accompanying national attention.

Q&A after the movie with actor Carlos Santos

9:45PM - THE MIST & THE MAIDEN-LA NIEBLA Y LA DONCELLA- U.S. Premiere

An intriguing, dark and mysterious thriller!

DIR: ANDRÉS M. KOPPE

CAST: QUIM GUTIÉRREZ, AURA GARRIDO, VERÓNICA ECHEGUI

'La niebla y la doncella' investigates the mystery of a young man whose corpse is found in a forest on the island of La Gomera. Sergeant Bevilaqua (**Quim Gutiérrez**) and his assistant Corporal Chamorro (**Aura Garrido**) are sent to the island to revive the investigation together with Corporal Anglada (**Verónica Echegui**), the last one who saw the young man alive.

Sunday, Nov 19th,2017- Closing night

7:30PM-THE INVISIBLE GUEST (CONTRATIEMPO) - Miami Premiere

A crafted thriller that keeps you engaged and breathless!

DIR.: ORIOL PAULO

CAST: ANA WAGENER, MARIO CASAS, JOSE CORONADO

With strong performances and plenty of plot twists, this superbly crafted thriller shows us a successful businessman who has been discovered in a hotel suite with the body of his lover. Charged with murder, he enlists top-notch witness preparation expert Virginia Goodman.

Special musical performance by Mastretta

Spain's *Mastretta Orquesta* is celebrating 10 years of making music and live performance. Mastretta's 10 musicians all alternate as soloists - taking turns carrying the lead, and jumping from one genre to the other. The magic of this group lies between the score and the improvisation; creating their joyful dance music. Mastretta's closing night jam is a perfect cap on our 7th Annual Recent Cinema From Spain series. **Join us and celebrate Spanish talent, cinema & music!**

ABOUT THIS YEAR'S GUESTS

PABLO BERGER – FILM DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER

Currently, he is one of the most praised filmmakers and screenwriters from Spain. He won the **Goya Award for Outstanding Filmmaking Debut** for **TORREMOLINOS 73**(2003), his first feature film as a director, which was acclaimed by critics and awarded at some of the most illustrious festivals, in Spain and Internationally, including Festival de Cine Español de Málaga, Miami Film Festival and Palm Springs International Film Festival.

His next film, **SNOW WHITE** (2012), obtained **10 Goya Awards, including Best Film**, and was selected for notable festivals such as the Toronto International Film Festival. Furthermore, the movie was **Spain's submission for Best Foreign Language Film for the Academy Awards**. His latest film **ABRACADABRA** (2017) is a comedy starring Maribel Verdú and Antonio de La Torre.

CARLOS SANTOS– ACTOR

Goya Award Winner as Best New Actor for his role as Luis Roldán in **SMOKE AND MIRRORS** (2016), for which he has also won other numerous awards. He is known for his charismatic characters in popular TV shows such as EL TIEMPO ENTRE COSTURAS and LOS HOMBRES DE PACO. Other credits are BRAIN DRAIN (2009), TAMBIÉN LA LLUVIA (2010), MIEL DE NARANJAS (2012) and, most recently the **Spanish box office hit VILLAVICIOSA DE AL LADO** (2016). He has worked alongside British actor Colm Meany in A PERFECT STRANGER.

JAVIER PEREIRA – ACTOR

He is a popular Spanish actor known for his prolific career in both Cinema and TV. He first became famous thanks to his part in the hit TV series AL SALIR DE CLASE. He has also performed in the acclaimed TV shows HOSPITAL CENTRAL and GRAN RESERVA. In 2014, he won the **Goya Award for Best New Actor** for his part in STOCKHOLM (2013), directed by Rodrigo Sorogoyen and winner of the Feroz Award as Best Feature Film. In 2014, alongside actor Juan Diego, he starred in the film NIGHFALL IN INDIA, screening at Festival de Cine Español de Málaga. Peira collaborated in Sorogoyen's second feature film, MAY GOD SAVE US (2016), a thriller awarded in Festival de San Sebastián. Pereira was nominated for the Goya Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in this film.

ABOUT EGEDA

EGEDA (Spanish acronym for the "Audio-visual Producers' Rights Management Association") is a non-profit association and collecting society, which manages the rights of the producers. In addition, EGEDA provides services to producers and the audio-visual industry as a whole. The Association represents and defends the interests of Spanish and Latin American audio-visual producers through all its branches in Latin America.

EGEDA US based in Los Angeles & Miami, was set up in order to serve as a major link between the Spanish film industry and the American and Latino film industries.

Recent Cinema from Spain is the result of an initiative by EGEDA US, with the purpose of promoting Spanish films in the United States and encouraging their circulation to the public at-large and the audio-visual industry.

For more information, please visit www.egeda.com and www.egeda-us.com

ABOUT OLYMPIA THEATER

Built in 1926 by Paramount as a Movie and Vaudeville palace, the Olympia Theater is a beacon for the South Florida arts community. The magnificently restored theater is home to live performances, films, community events, corporate meetings and social affairs. The enchanting Mediterranean courtyard designed auditorium with shimmering stars, floating clouds, velvet seats, majestic turrets and towers recall another era when films and performances were events and grand theaters provided a dreamlike escape from the modern world. The Olympia Theater is not solely a venue, rather than a beautiful facility that supports the entertainment industry in South Florida.

<http://www.olympiatheater.org>

ABOUT THE ICAA:

The Institute of Cinematography and Audiovisual Arts (ICAA) is an independent body ascribed to the Secretary of State for Culture, which programs policies to support the film industry and audiovisual production. The Film and Audiovisual Arts Institute (ICAA) is responsible for films and the world of audiovisuals in Spain, their management, functioning, awards, legislation, agreements, grants and subsidies, etc.

Recent Cinema from Spain is presented & produced by EGEDA ("Audio-visual Producers' Rights Management Association") and the Olympia Theater, with the collaboration of the ICAA (The Institute of Cinematography and Audiovisual Arts) and CCEMiami.

Earlier this month, the 23rd edition of Recent Spanish Cinema was presented in Los Angeles.

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