

## Popular series brings entertaining Spanish cinema to Miami audiences

Diverse, thought-provoking, entertaining, humorous and unifying — all that is Spanish Cinema. For many years now, the "Recent Cinema from Spain" series has been presenting a selection of the latest, outstanding movies and audience favorites from Spain to Miami audiences.

Spanish movies have been playing an essential role in the world of cinema and have brought forth talents that pushed the boundaries of the art. Whether Luis Bunuel, Fernando Trueba, Pedro Almodovar, J.A. Bayona or Alejandro Amenabar, all have added to the film discourse and have contributed to the significance that Spanish cinema plays today. Recent Cinema from Spain plays a part in introducing Spanish novelties to a wide audience and celebrates Spanish culture, movies and talent once again this year.

The seventh edition of Recent Cinema from Spain will take place from Nov. 16 to 19 at the historic Olympia Theater in Downtown Miami.

Recent Cinema from Spain 2017 begins with an opening night gala, red carpet and VIP reception with some of Spanish cinema's brightest stars. In addition to film screenings, Recent Cinema from Spain will feature conversations with prolific figures from the Spanish film industry. Directors and actors will present their respective films and participate in question and answer sessions. The films will be screened in Spanish with English subtitles.

The series prides itself on being one of the most important Spanish film series held annually in Florida. The previous editions attracted many spectators and is regarded as one of the most respected events in the cultural landscape of Miami.

The series is presented by EGEDA (Spanish Audiovisual Producers' Rights Management Association) and the Olympia Theater, with the special collaboration of ICAA.

This year's poster has been designed by one of the biggest Spanish television stars, Andreu Buenafuente, who has been a late-night television host for more than 20 years, currently hosting Late Motiv. Buenafuente is a multitalented artist, starring in the Spanish box office hit Torrente saga and made his debut as a leading actor in Party Town, which had its U.S. premiere at Recent Spanish Cinema in Los Angeles. Buenafuente attended the 2016 Miami Recent Cinema from Spain series and delighted Miami audiences with his charm and humor. He hosted the Goya Awards twice.

It comes as no surprise that he also is a gifted and passionate painter. As an artist, he collaborated with The New York Times and contributed to projects of UNICEF. Recent Cinema from Spain marks his debut of creating a poster for a film series. Visit <a href="www.andreubuenafuente-artworks.com">www.andreubuenafuente-artworks.com</a>.

The full series program, including film selection and celebrity guests, will be announced soon.

Built in 1926 by Paramount as a movie and vaudeville palace, the Olympia Theater at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts 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 at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts is not solely a venue, rather than a beautiful facility that supports the entertainment industry in South Florida.

For more information visit <u>www.miami.recentcinemafromspain.com</u> and <u>www.olympiatheater.o</u> rg.