

# AMSTERDAM SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL

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# Bienvenidos

to the fourth edition of the  
Amsterdam Spanish Film Festival

After three successful years in the city, this year's festival will be even bigger with more films and more locations! We are honoured to introduce two new festival venues: **Cinecenter**, located in the bustling heart of the city and **LantarenVenster** in Rotterdam! The weekend after the festival, five films from the program will tour to the number-one spot for the best arthouse in Rotterdam.

This year, we will be taking you 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.

Along the way, you will discover a hand-picked selection of films from various genres, demonstrating the compelling variety of Spanish Cinema in all its richness. From engaging thrillers to entertaining comedies, from moving dramas and action movies to documentaries, this selection will once again demonstrate the dynamism and creativity of Spanish Cinema today.

Filmmakers and actors will join us at the festival to present their work and bring some extra background and insight to our screenings. As our guest, you'll be taken on a journey to Spain in May and June without even having to leave our beautiful city, and you can be sure to meet an international array of people. The filmmakers will also be coming to Amsterdam to present their films and chat about them with you after the screenings.

True to tradition, ASFF opens with the powerful film *Escobar / Loving Pablo*, directed by the internationally acclaimed Spanish director Fernando León de Aranoa and the great **Javier Bardem** and the sensational **Penélope Cruz** in the leading roles. The director will attend the opening night to introduce his latest film at Pathé Tuschinski.

The Festival is delighted to welcome filmmaker **Ramón Salazar** to this year's edition, presenting his new extraordinary film *La enfermedad del domingo*, coming straight from Berlinale this year 2018.

Our new section *Spain Laughs* will host actors **Paco León**, **Carmen Machi** and the greatest **Julita Salmerón** who will be attending to present their work in the films *La Tribu*, *Thi Mai* and *Muchos hijos, un mono y un castillo*. We promise that you will not regret meeting them.

Similar to our previous edition, we will also offer a *Focus Latino* this year; a showcase dedicated in this edition to discovering and celebrating Argentinian Cinema by introducing an interesting variety of films.

Following on from last year's music-documentary connection, this edition we bring two revelatory documentaries about the fantastic journey through the successful musical careers of **Alejandro Sanz** and **Diego "El Cigala"**. The live performance will be offered this year after the documentary part of the core program *Luna grande, un tango por García Lorca*. **Almudena Rubio** will be performing some of the Lorca's poems and bring you a bit closer to the great Andalusian poet.

We are also very proud to include *Spanish Cinema Without Fear* once again in our program, a special film section with a variety of Spanish works that have the courage to experiment with something beyond and on the periphery of the Spanish cinematographic industry. Some of the filmmakers will also join us to talk about their creative work. **Elena Martín** will be present to talk about her fantastic debut film *Julia Ist*.

A classic in our festival is the section *Treasure from the Past*, an unmissable opportunity to re-discover some of the forgotten gems of Spanish cinematography. This year *Amantes*, a film based on a real crime that took place in the 1940s, full of intrigue, passions and strong erotic content will be screened at EYE.

Furthermore, in this fourth edition ASFF is happy to introduce another new section: *Spain Meets*, where Spain meets Japan in an exceptional culinary experience.

And last but not least, we must not forget our now incredibly popular Spanish party at Ketelhuis, where we invite you all onto the dance floor on Saturday night. Our tropical Spanish DJ will make it impossible for you not to shake those hips and move your feet. The party gets on its way right after the première of *Thi Mai* and will have you dancing until 3am. The first drink is on us because we can't wait to see you get down on the dance floor!

Tasty ham and drinks will follow most of the screenings: *Jamón ibérico* will accompany Spanish drinks to offer our lovely audience a real Spanish Cinema experience!

**Virginia Pablos – Director**

# Festival Launch Event

A month before the festival kicks off, the program will be officially released, followed by the première of *El Presidente*



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Directed by **Santiago Mitre**  
Cast **Ricardo Darín, Dolores Fonzi, Elena Anaya**

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2017 • Argentina, Spain  
114 mins • Suspense

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Spanish, English subt.

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**DUTCH PREMIÈRE**

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**Special event** Enjoy complimentary wine, beer & *jamón* after the première to celebrate the Festival program launch!

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## **El Presidente** The Summit

From the producers of *Wild Tales*, *El Presidente* is a high-profile suspense movie directed by the Cannes 2015 Critic's Week winner Santiago Mitre. Tense and mysterious, *El Presidente* was selected for the Cannes Official Selection's 'Un Certain Regard'.

At a summit for Latin American presidents in Chile, where the region's geopolitical strategies and alliances are in discussion, Argentine president Hernán Blanco endures a political and family drama which will force him to face his own demons.

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**TUESDAY 01.05.18 • 20:00**  
**PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1 • €12,25**

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# Core Program

A carefully-honed selection of some of the most exciting recent Spanish films from a variety of genres, reflecting the dynamism and creativity of Spanish Cinema today



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Directed by **Fernando León de Aranoa**  
Cast **Penélope Cruz, Javier Bardem**

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2017 • Spain, Bulgaria  
123 mins • Drama, Thriller  
Spanish, English subt.

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**DUTCH PREMIÈRE**

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The première will be followed by a **Q&A with director Fernando León de Aranoa**

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**Special event** Spanish wine, beer & *jamón ibérico* will be served after the première to welcome you to the festival on the opening night!

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## Escobar Loving Pablo

*Loving Pablo* chronicles the rise and fall of the world's most feared drug lord Pablo Escobar, and his volatile love affair with Colombia's most famous journalist Virginia Vallejo throughout the reign of terror that tore a country apart. Bardem and Cruz give outstanding performances, capturing the couple's volatile relationship in all its complexity. Disturbing and thought-provoking, *Loving Pablo* explores the political climate and corrupt society that allowed Escobar's ascent, while forcing us to question our own fascination with this inscrutable persona.

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**TUESDAY 29.05.18 • 20:00**  
**PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1 • €15**

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Directed by Manuel Martín Cuenca  
Cast Antonio de la Torre, Javier Gutiérrez, María León

2017 • Spain  
112 mins • Drama, Comedy  
Spanish, English subt.

#### DUTCH PREMIÈRE

- **Jury Prize best script** San Sebastián International Film Festival
- **FIPRESCI Prize** Toronto International Film Festival

**Special event** Spanish wine & beer will be served after the première.

## El autor The Motive

Searching for literary inspiration, an aspiring novelist in Seville insinuates himself into the lives of his apartment-dwelling neighbours and attempts to instigate drama in this hilarious, thought-provoking, and self-aware meditation on art and authorial intent. This is the latest feature by Manuel Martín Cuenca, whose diverse body of work has continually explored the dark side of human motivation.

**WEDNESDAY 30.05.18 • 21:15**  
**PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1 • €12,50**



Directed by Juan J. Ponce  
Cast Antonio de la Torre, Atxier Etxeandia, Silvia Pérez Cruz, Verónica Forqué

2017 • Spain  
70 mins • Documentary  
Spanish, English subt.

#### DUTCH PREMIÈRE

**Special event** The première will be followed by **live music**. Almudena Rubio will sing some songs from Lorca's poems. Spanish drinks will be served after the performance.

## Luna Grande, un tango por García Lorca Giant Moon, a Tango for García Lorca

*Luna Grande, un tango por García Lorca* gathers the powerful influence of the great Granada author in Buenos Aires and Montevideo with the help of experts, anonymous personages and recognised names of culture like Lluís Pasqual, Juan Echanove, Verónica Forqué, Silvia Pérez Cruz, Paula Ortiz, Asier Etxeandia, Santiago Roncagliolo and Antonio de la Torre. This is the story of how Federico García Lorca conquered "a people for his theatre".

**THURSDAY 31.05.18 • 18:45**  
**PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1 • €15**





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Directed by Ramón Salazar  
Cast Barbara Lennie,  
Susí Sánchez

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2018 • Spain  
113 mins • Drama  
Spanish, English subt.

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DUTCH PREMIÈRE

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Berlinale 2018

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The première will be followed by a **Q&A with the director Ramón Salazar** (both days).

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**Special event** Spanish wine will be served at Cinecenter première on Friday. This première is part of the **Cine Expat meetup**.

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## La enfermedad del domingo

### Sunday's Illness

A perfectly calibrated drama boasting exquisite attention to detail, revealing itself through elegant visuals as much as astonishing performances. With breathtaking elegance and stunning assurance, Ramón Salazar takes a melodramatic chestnut and makes it flower with unexpected emotion in *La enfermedad del domingo*, one of the genuine discoveries of the 2018 Berlin Film Festival. In this film Salazar sends his charismatic lead actors Bárbara Lennie and Susi Sánchez into an extraordinary family conflict from his very own script. Impressively composed pictures depict an existential trip with unexpected twists and a disturbing climax.

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**FRIDAY 01.06.18 • 21:15**  
**CINECENTER 1 • €11**

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**SATURDAY 02.06.18 • 16:00**  
**PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 2 • €10,75**

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Directed by Lino Escalera  
Cast Nathalie Poza, Juan Diego, Lola Dueñas

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2017 • Spain  
96 mins • Drama  
Spanish, English subt.

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DUTCH PREMIÈRE

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## No sé decir adiós Can't Say Goodbye

Balancing a barrage of unruly feelings with an air of philosophical wisdom, Spanish director Lino Escalera's feature debut and winner of four awards at last year's edition of Málaga Film Festival is an emotionally searing portrait of family strife. Carla gets a call from her sister: her father, whom she hasn't spoken to for years is given only months to live. She refuses to accept this and decides to take him to Barcelona for treatment where the two of them share a journey of discovery, regret and final closure.

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WEDNESDAY 30.05.18 • 19:00  
HET KETELHUIS 1 • €10

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Directed by Daniel Calparsoro  
Cast Raúl Arévalo, Aura Garrido, Belén Cuesta

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2018 • Spain  
92 mins • Thriller  
Spanish, English subt.

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DUTCH PREMIÈRE

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The première will be followed by a **Q&A** with director **Daniel Calparsoro**. *TBC*.

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**Special event** Spanish wine, beer & *jamón* will be served after the première.

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## El aviso The Warning

A breathtaking supernatural thriller from the director of *To Steal from a Thief* and the producers of *Cell 211*. Chris Sparling, the screenwriter of *Buried*, plays with space and time in true *12 Monkeys* style in *El aviso*. Nico, a ten-year-old kid, receives a letter with a death threat, but no one in his entourage seems to believe him. Jon (Raúl Arévalo), a young man obsessed with numbers, investigates a series of deaths in the same place along different years that seem to have similar patterns.

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SATURDAY 02.06.18 • 21:15  
PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1 • €12,50

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# Spain Laughs

This new film section will offer you an opportunity to discover the most eccentric, surrealist and funny moments on Spanish Cinema



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Directed by **Santiago Segura**  
Cast **Maribel Verdú, Santiago Segura**

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**2018 • Spain**  
**87 mins • Comedy**

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**Spanish, English subt.**

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**DUTCH PREMIÈRE**

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The première will be followed by a **Q&A with Maribel Verdú. TBC.**

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**Special event** Spanish wine, beer & *jamón ibérico* will be served after the première.

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## Sin rodeos No Filter

Paz has a seemingly perfect life. She has a job, a partner, friends... but something goes wrong. Often there are things in your environment that you do not like. She feels anguished and overwhelmed but does not dare to express her feelings. Until one day, when she resorts to a strange therapy that will make her say absolutely everything she thinks, bluntly putting everyone in their place and telling the truth. What would your life be like if you said whatever you thought?

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**THURSDAY 31.05.18 • 21:15**  
**PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1 • €12,50**

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Directed by **Fernando Colomo**  
Cast **Paco León, Carmen Machi**

2018 • Spain  
90mins • Comedy  
Spanish, English subt.

**DUTCH PREMIÈRE**

The première will be followed by a **Q&A with Paco León and Carmen Machi.**

**Special event** Spanish wine, beer & *jamón* will be served after the première.

## La tribu The Tribe

In the spirit of *The Full Monty*, this female-driven story of family reconciliation is a surefire crowd-pleaser, packed with music and laughs. It doesn't matter if you are out of shape, over the hill or under qualified, come join *La tribu* and dance your troubles away!

**FRIDAY 01.06.18 • 21:15**  
**PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1 • €12,50**



Directed by **Gustavo Salmerón**  
Cast **García Cabanes Salmerón family**

2017 • Spain  
90 mins • Documentary  
Spanish, English subt.

• **Toronto International Film Festival**  
• **San Sebastian International Film Festival**

The screening will be followed by a **Q&A with protagonist Julita Salmerón.**

Co-presented with **IDFA.**



## Muchos hijos, un mono y un castillo Lots of Kids, a Monkey, and a Castle

Julita is a Spanish matriarch whose three childhood wishes have been granted: lots of children, a monkey, and a castle. This unusual old lady is about to discover the meaning of life. A charming and rich portrait of eccentric matriarch Julita Salmerón and her family with hilarious and unexpected turns, we discover just how Julita had her three childhood wishes granted: lots of kids, a monkey, and a castle.

**SATURDAY 02.06.18 • 18:45**  
**PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1 • €12,25**



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Directed by **Patricia Ferreira**  
Cast **Carmen Machi, Aitana Sánchez Gijón, Dani Rovira**

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**2018 • Spain**  
**90mins • Comedy**  
Spanish, English subt.

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#### **DUTCH PREMIÈRE**

**Special event – Spanish party** On Saturday night we invite you all onto the dance floor at Ketelhuis. The party gets on its way right after the première of *Thi Mai* and will have you dancing until 3am. The first drink is on us!

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Both premières will be followed by a **Q&A** with **Carmen Machi**.

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## **Thi Mai: rumbo a Vietnam** **Thi Mai: Road to Vietnam**

After losing her daughter Mary in an accident, Carmen receives a letter in which finally her daughter is granted the adoption of a Vietnamese girl, Thi Mai. With her two best friends, Elvira and Rosa, who have never left Spain, decides to travel to Vietnam to complete the adoption process. Once there, their inexperience, the culture shock, the bureaucratic labyrinths and the peculiarities of each of these three women make the journey in a succession of mistakes, absurd situations and delusional decisions.

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**SATURDAY 02.06.18 • 21:30**  
**HET KETELHUIS 1 • €12,50**

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**SUNDAY 03.06.2018 • 16:00**  
**PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 2 • €10,75**

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**closing film**

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Directed by **Álex de la Iglesia**  
Cast **Belén Rueda, Eduard Fernández**

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**2017 • Spain**  
**99 mins • Black comedy**  
Spanish, English subt.

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#### **DUTCH PREMIÈRE**

The première will be followed by a **Q&A** with **some members of the cast**. *TBC*.

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**Special event** Spanish wine, beer & nibbles will be served after the première to festively bring yet another festival edition to a close!

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## **Perfectos desconocidos** **Perfect Strangers**

Álex de la Iglesia takes *Perfetti Sconosciuti* and gives it an upgrade with his trademark black humor and edgy characters. A group of friends reunites at a house. One of them suggests a game: what would happen if we set our smartphones on the table and read our texts and calls out loud? Our entire lives exposed. An innocent amusement or a dangerous game? The truth is frightening when you've got something to hide.

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**SUNDAY 03.06.18 • 20:30**  
**PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI, 1 • €15**

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# Focus Argentino

A showcase that will  
give you a glimpse into  
Argentinian Cinema



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Directed by Julia  
Solomonoff  
Cast Guillermo  
Pfening, Rafael Ferro

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2017 • USA, Spain,  
Brazil, Argentina,  
Colombia  
102 mins • Drama  
Spanish, English subt.

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#### DUTCH PREMIÈRE

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Co-presented and  
hosted by **Gay Night**  
at **Pathé de Munt** and  
**Roze Filmdagen**.



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Enjoy a glass of wine  
before the screening  
courtesy of the  
Argentinian Embassy.

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## Nadie nos mira Nobody's Watching

In a moving depiction of this vibrant city, director Julia Solomonoff's touching feature presents a portrait of immigrant solitude. Nico faces the difficulty of finding not only a home but also himself amidst this indifferent metropolis. Nico is a famous actor in Argentina, but in New York, nobody takes any notice of him whatsoever. After giving up a successful career in his home country for a chance to make it in the Big Apple, he needs to juggle bartending, babysitting and odd jobs to keep himself afloat.

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**WEDNESDAY 30.05.18 • 18:45**  
**PATHÉ DE MUNT • €10,75**

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Directed by **Nicolás Gil Lavedra**  
Cast **Oscar Martínez** (*The Distinguished Citizen*), **Soledad Villamil** (*The Secret in their Eyes*), **Santiago Segura** (popular in Spain for his pentalogy film series *Torrente*) and **Joaquín Furriel**, among others.

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2018 • Argentina  
84 mins • Drama,  
Suspense  
Spanish, English subt.

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**DUTCH PREMIÈRE**

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## Las grietas de Jara A Crack in the Wall

When Leonor arrives at the architecture studio 'Borla and Associates' looking for Nelson Jara, the three architects claim to ignore the name completely. But they're all lying. The fear and nervousness of the three of them about the arrival of Leonor and his question "What happened to Nelson Jara?" evidence something much darker and much more suspicious than what you can see at first glance.

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**THURSDAY 31.05.18 • 19:00**  
**HET KETELHUIS 1 • €10**

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Directed by **Constanza Novick**  
Cast **Dolores Fonzi**  
2017 • Argentina  
85 mins • Drama,  
Comedy  
Spanish, English subt.

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**DUTCH PREMIÈRE**

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**Toronto International  
Film Festival**

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Enjoy a glass of wine  
after the première  
courtesy of the  
Argentinian Embassy.  
This première is part of  
the Cine Expat meetup.

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## El futuro que viene The Future Ahead

Argentinian filmmaker Constanza Novick captures the strong yet complicated, life-long relationship between two very different women at three transformative moments in their lives: first love, first child, first divorce, and how these milestones have defined their lives. *El futuro que viene* is an emotional journey through the intimacies of friendship.

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**THURSDAY 31.05.18 • 21:00**  
**CINECENTER 1 • €11**

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# Spanish Cinema Without Fear

A special film section which presents Spanish works that defy tradition and have the courage to experiment with something beyond and on the periphery of the Spanish cinematographic industry



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Directed by **Carla Simón**  
Cast **Laia Artigas,**  
**David Verdguer**

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**Spain • 2017**  
**97 mins • Drama**  
**Catalan, English subt.**

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**Berlinale 2017**

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Spanish wine will  
be served after  
the screening at the  
beautiful VIP Room at  
Pathé Tuschinski.

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## **Verano 1993** Summer 1993

Winner of the Best First Feature Award in Berlin, Spanish writer-director Carla Simón's autobiographical coming-of-age tale is delicate, transporting and—in its own confident, unassuming way—profoundly moving.

Sublimely embodied by little Laia Artigas—whose arresting presence at times recalls the young Ana Toront—six-year-old Frida is sent from Barcelona to her aunt and uncle's home in the Catalan countryside. Frida has lost both her parents, and although her new family is welcoming, her new surroundings overturn her inchoate understanding of the world.

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**WEDNESDAY 30.05.18 • 18:45**  
**PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 2 • €10,75**

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Directed by **Adrián Orr**  
Cast **David, Oro, Mia**  
and **Luna Ransanz,**  
**Aurea Reyes, Ester**  
**Blanco**

Spain • 2017  
72 mins • Drama  
Spanish, English subt.

#### DUTCH PREMIÈRE

- **Best Film Award** **Bafici**
- **Jury Prize** **Visions du Réel**

**Special event** The  
première will be  
followed by a **Q&A**  
with protagonist  
and rap singer **David**  
**Ransanz** aka **Niñato**.

## Niñato

David, aka “Niñato”, is a young single father who is unemployed and an occasional rapper. He lives with his parents, his child, his sister and her own child. In this rather peculiar family life, between getting up, meals and homework, he tries to keep a few minutes for himself and his passion for rhyme and music.

In *Niñato*, Adrián Orr continues the work he begun in his short film *Buenos días Resistencia*. Filming the same family from his last short film during four more years, Adrián presents his first feature-length film, in which fiction and documentary are in constant feedback.

FRIDAY 01.06.18 • 19:00  
HET KETELHUIS 1 • €10



Directed by **Manuel**  
**Muñoz Rivas**  
2017 • Spain,  
Netherlands  
93 mins • Documentary

Berlinale 2018

## El mar nos mira de lejos

### The Sea Stares at Us from Afar

The legend of a lost ancient civilisation lies buried beneath a swath of sand dunes in southern Spain. For more than a century, travellers have been drawn to this remote spot in search of its ancient inhabitants. Today this lonely stretch of coastline is home to a handful of almost invisible men among the dunes who know nothing of the myths that fill the heads of dewy-eyed archaeologists and adventurers. *El mar nos mira de lejos* journeys into this unique land and explores its secret rhythms.

SUNDAY 03.06.18 • 13:45  
PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 2 • €10,75



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Directed by **Elena Martín**  
Cast **Elena Martín,**  
**Oriol Puig, Jakob**  
**D'aprile, Laura**  
**Weissmahr**

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Spain • 2017  
96 mins • Romance  
Spanish, English subt.

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#### DUTCH PREMIÈRE

- **Best Director, Best Film** Malaga IFF
  - **San Sebastian International Film Festival**
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The première will be followed by a **Q&A with director Elena Martín & cinematographer/co-guionist Pol Rebaque.** This première is part of the **Cine Expat** meetup.

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## Júlia ist

Júlia, an architecture student from Barcelona, decides to take an Erasmus year in Berlin. This is how—without much consideration and driven by her inertia—Júlia leaves her parents' home for the first time in her life. Full of expectancy and lacking life experience, Júlia finds herself lost in a cold and grey Berlin, undergoing a student exchange year far from that adventure she had initially imagined. Little by little she will build up her life in Berlin and get to know who she is in this new context. And just as she gets to know the city from the inside and lets herself get carried away by its people, this adventure will come closer and closer to an end.

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**SUNDAY 03.06.18 • 19:00**  
**CINECENTER 1 • €11**

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# Music Documentary



Directed by Javier Pareja  
Cast Diego "El Cigala", Jaime Calabuch, Los Muñequitos de Matanzas, Omara Portuondo, Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Bobby Valentin, Jorge Santana, Óscar de León

Spain • 2017  
88 mins • Documentary  
Spanish, English subt.

DUTCH PREMIÈRE

**Special event** The première will be followed by Spanish drinks in the beautiful VIP Room at Pathé Tuschinski.

## Indestructible, el alma de la salsa Indestructible, the Soul of Salsa

This beautifully bewitching musical odyssey takes us from Madrid to various places all over the Americas in search of the sundry sources of that divine tradition we call salsa. This musical documentary follows Spanish flamenco singer Diego "El Cigala" as he embarks on a journey to make a salsa record.

FRIDAY 01.06.18 • 18:45  
PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 2 • €12,50



Directed by Óscar García Blesa, Mercedes Cantero, Alexis Morante, Gervasio Iglesias  
Cast Alejandro Sanz

Spain • 2018  
95 mins • Documentary  
Spanish, English subt.

DUTCH PREMIÈRE

Special video message from **Alejandro Sanz** will be shown to the audience.

## Alejandro Sanz, a Latin Star

Intimate, tender and revelatory, *Alejandro Sanz, a Latin Star* is a documentary about one of the most important Latino singers of all time. This is a journey through the successful musical career of Alejandro Sanz, but above all, it is an intimate, personal portrait of the singer which explores his inner world and reveals details about his personality never seen before by audiences. In May 2017 Sanz has retreated to a small mountain village in order to tackle one of the greatest challenges of his career: prepare in two months for a one-of-a-kind concert that will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the best-selling album in Spanish music history: *Más*.

SUNDAY 03.06.18 • 18:00  
PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1 • €12,25

# Spain Meets: Japan!

Through an exceptional  
culinary experience



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Directed by **Ángel Parra, José Antonio Blanco**  
Cast **Sergio Corrieri, Salvador Wood**

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**Spain • 2016**  
**75 mins • Documentary**  
**Spanish and Japanese**  
**with English subt.**

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**DUTCH PREMIÈRE**

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**Berlinale 2017**

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Co-presented  
with **CINEMASIA**.

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## Soul

In his renowned restaurant 'Azurmendi' in Biscay (Spain), 39-year-old top chef Eneko Atxa is always eager to express new ideas in his dishes. On this cinematic culinary journey, we also travel to Japan, one of the countries with the most Michelin stars, where gastronomy can become almost a mystical experience as it has always been closely related to history, traditions, culture and roots. Here Atxa meets legendary Jiro Ono, a 90-year-old sushi master, and visits some of the city's most emblematic places. *Soul* explores the secrets of gastronomy where two cuisines apparently so opposite in their philosophy, conception and experience, have both earned the highest culinary recognition: three Michelin stars.

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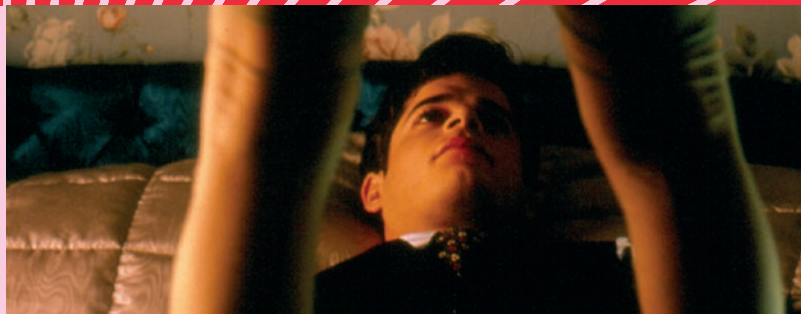
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**PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 2 • €10,75**

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# Treasure from the Past

A chance in our program  
to re-discover forgotten  
gems of Spanish Cinema



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Directed by **Vicente Aranda**  
Cast **Jorge Sanz, Victoria Abril, Maribel Verdú**  
Spain • 1990  
122 mins • Crime, Drama  
Spanish, English subt.

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- **Goya Best Film Award 1991**
  - **Goya Best Director Award 1991**
  - **Silver Bear Berlinale to Victoria Abril 1991**
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The film will be screened in 35mm format thanks to ICAA.

## Amantes Lovers

Based on a real crime that took place in the 1940s, this is a film of intrigue, passions and strong erotic content. It is the story of a young man who, having just completed his military service, looks for work to earn money and marry his girlfriend. While he is looking for work, he takes lodgings in the house of a widow, with whom he begins to have a sexual relationship. From this moment, the main character enters an internal struggle between his two loves.

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**SUNDAY 03.06.18 • 16:30**  
**EYE 2 • €10**

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# Educational Program

ASFF offers the very best in contemporary Spanish and Latin American Cinema to schools with the aim of introducing students to the language and cultures of these territories

ASFF offers this selection for school audiences, from elementary school to high school. A program of two films, accompanied by educational records, is offered to teachers



Directed by **Andoni Canela**

Spain • 2016  
70 mins • Documentary,  
Nature, Photography,  
Travel

30.05.18 • 10:00  
PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1

## El viaje de Unai Looking for the Wild

Unai is a 10-year-old boy who travels with his family on an extraordinary journey around the world. His father, nature photographer, has the mission of searching for seven emblematic animals to photograph and communicate the delicate situation in which they find themselves. Following his footsteps, Unai shares experiences with his sister and mother for over a year that convey an unconditional love for nature.



Directed by **Leticia Dolera**

Spain • 2015  
81 mins • Comedy

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## Requisitos para ser una persona normal Requirements to Be a Normal Person

Maria has turned 30 years old. And now she has an immediate goal in life: to become a normal person. But first of all she has to discover what this implies. Is she already a normal person? What exactly does it mean to be normal?

# Special events

## 01.05.18 • 20:00 • TUSCHINSKI FESTIVAL LAUNCH

The annual celebratory night that brings in ASFF's new edition with our director announcing to the audience and press the new film program with all of its returning, new and amazing sections. The reveal is followed by the première of *El Presidente*, a high-profile suspense movie directed by the Cannes 2015 Critics' Week winner Santiago Mitre. **After the première, we invite you all to enjoy complimentary wine, beer and jamón to celebrate the festive kick-off which will set the tone for the upcoming fourth edition of the festival.**

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## 29.05.18 • 20:00 • TUSCHINSKI OPENING NIGHT • ESCOBAR / LOVING PABLO • PREMIÈRE

Our opening night welcomes everybody to celebrate excellence in all these cinematic achievements that ASFF has brought to Amsterdam, starting with the première of *Escobar / Loving Pablo*. The première will be followed by a Q&A with the internationally acclaimed Spanish director Fernando León de Aranoa.

**Spanish wine, beer & jamón ibérico will be served after the première to welcome you to the festival on the opening night!**

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## 30.05.18 • 18:45 • PATHÉ DE MUNT GAY NIGHT OUT!

A screening dedicated to LGTBQ awareness in collaboration with Roze Filmdagen, to challenge attitudes through promotion and exhibition of films about lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people of all ages, races and abilities. Before the screening we start with a WELCOME DRINK after which we première *Nadie nos mira*, a touching portrait of immigrant solitude. Co-presented and hosted by Gay Night at Pathé de Munt and Roze Filmdagen; Amsterdam LGTBQ Film Festival. **Enjoy a glass of wine before the première courtesy of the Argentinian Embassy.**

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## 31.05.18 • 18:45 • TUSCHINSKI LORCA ON TANGO

Come to discover how the great Andalusian poet experiences the golden age of the Tango! and meets Carlos Gardel and Jorge Luis Borges, and how he forges an unwavering friendship with the future Nobel Prize winner Pablo Neruda. **Special event – Live music Almudena Rubio will perform some songs from Lorca's poems.**

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## 01.06.18 • 19:00 • HET KETELHUIS NIÑATO ON STAGE!

Meet the protagonist of this sincere and genuine documentary who will delight you performing some of his music after the première. Feel the rhythm of rap and experience his passion for music in this unique opportunity.

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## 01.06.18 • 21:15 • CINECENTER LA ENFERMEDAD DEL DOMINGO! PREMIÈRE

Come and meet the fantastic director Ramón Salazar who is bringing his latest film straight from Berlinale this year. **Enjoy a glass of wine after the première at Cine Expat meetup.**

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## 01.06.18 • 21:15 • TUSCHINSKI DANCE WITH PACO LEÓN & CARMEN MACHI

Dance heals everything! So get ready to shake your groove thing with the dance-floor comedy, *La Tribu*, and flow to the rhythm of Funky, Hip-hop and Reggaeton in this film that adapts for the big screen the real story of an extravagant dance group that had a rapid rise to fame in a talent show. Actors Paco León and Carmen Machi will be present for a Q&A after the film.

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## 02.06.18 • 18:45 • TUSCHINSKI THE WISHES OF JULITA SALMERÓN: A LOT OF KIDS, A MONKEY AND A CASTLE

Don't miss it and come to meet the extraordinary and eccentric Julita Salmerón! A genuine Spanish matriarch that engages the audience with her natural eccentricity and that the director Gustavo Salmerón (his son) has managed to pay homage to. After the film there will be a Q&A with the protagonist of the documentary. **This screening is co-presented with IDFA.**

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## AND DON'T FORGET!

ASFF offers complimentary drinks and *jamón* after most of the screenings. Check out the rest of the program for further information!

## 02.06.18 • 21:30 • HET KETELHUIS FILM + SPANISH PARTY!

On Saturday night we invite you all to the dance floor at Ketelhuis. The party gets on its way right after the première of *Thi Mai*, rumbo a Vietnam and will have you dancing until 3am. The first drink is on us because we can't wait to see you get down on the dance floor! The première will be followed by Q&A with the actress Carmen Machi.

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## 03.06.18 • 20:30 • TUSCHINSKI CLOSING NIGHT • PERFECTOS DESCONOCIDOS • PREMIÈRE

ASFF feels honoured to have been able to host its fourth 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 wrapping up the festival with *Perfectos desconocidos* which premières at our festival. The première will be followed by a Q&A with members of the cast. *TBC*. **Spanish wine, beer & some tapas will be served after the première to festively close another festival edition!**

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## COME TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL VIP ROOM

Join us at the beautiful VIP Room at Pathé Tuschinski after the screening of *Verano 1993* and the première of *Indestructible, el alma de la salsa*. We will surprise you with some drinks and nibbles in this amazing ambience.

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# Calendar

		10:00	13:00	14:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00
1 May	PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1									El Presidente + <i>Special event</i>
29 May	PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1									Escobar + <i>Q&amp;A &amp; Drinks</i>
30 May	PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1	El viaje de Unai								El autor + <i>Drinks</i>
	PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 2							Verano 1993 + <i>Drinks</i>		
	PATHÉ DE MUNT							Nadie nos mira + <i>Drinks</i>		
	HET KETELHUIS							No se decir adiós		
31 May	PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1	Requisitos para ser una persona normal						Luna grande, un tango por García Lorca + <i>Live music</i>		Sin rodeos + <i>Q&amp;A &amp; Drinks</i>
	HET KETELHUIS							Las grietas de Jara		
	CINECENTER									El futuro que viene + <i>Drinks</i>
1 June	PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1									La tribu + <i>Q&amp;A &amp; Drinks</i>
	PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 2							Indestructible, el alma de la salsa + <i>Drinks</i>		
	HET KETELHUIS							Niñato + <i>Q&amp;A &amp; Live music</i>		
	CINECENTER									La enfermedad del domingo + <i>Q&amp;A &amp; Drinks</i>
2 June	PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1							Muchos hijos, un mono y un castillo + <i>Q&amp;A</i>		El aviso + <i>Q&amp;A &amp; Drinks</i>
	PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 2			Soul	La enfermedad del domingo + <i>Q&amp;A</i>					
	HET KETELHUIS									Thi Mai + <i>Q&amp;A &amp; Party</i>
3 June	PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 1						Alejandro Sanz, a Latin Star			Perfectos desconocidos + <i>Q&amp;A &amp; Drinks</i>
	PATHÉ TUSCHINSKI 2			El mar nos mira de lejos	Thi Mai + <i>Q&amp;A</i>					
	CINECENTER							Julia ist + <i>Q&amp;A</i>		
	EYE					Amantes				

## Festival locations

### Pathé Tuschinski

Reguliersbreestraat 26-34  
1017 CN Amsterdam  
[www.pathe.nl](http://www.pathe.nl)

Opening hours:  
daily from 9:30  
Bookings: +31 900 14 18

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### Het Ketelhuis

Pazzanistraat 4  
1014 DB Amsterdam  
[www.ketelhuis.nl](http://www.ketelhuis.nl)

Opening hours:  
daily from 9:30  
Bookings: 020 684 00 90

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### Pathé de Munt

Vijzelstraat 15  
1017 HD Amsterdam  
[www.pathe.nl](http://www.pathe.nl)

Opening hours:  
daily from 9:30  
Bookings: +31 900 14 18

### Cinecenter

Lijnbaansgracht 236  
1017 PH Amsterdam  
[www.cinecenter.nl](http://www.cinecenter.nl)

Opening hours:  
daily from 10:00  
Bookings: 020 623 66 15

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### Eye

IJpromenade 1  
1031 KT Amsterdam  
[www.eyefilm.nl](http://www.eyefilm.nl)

Opening hours:  
Sun - Thur: 10:00-22:00  
Fri & Sat: 10:00-23:00

## Ticket prices

Early bookings are highly recommended

### Pathé Tuschinski

€15 Special Event  
*Includes Q&A session, jamón ibérico, Spanish wine and nibbles and/or Live music*

€12,50 Special Event  
*Includes drinks and/or tapas*  
€12,25 Regular Ticket Cinema 1  
€10,75 Regular Ticket Cinema 2  
€8,50 Discounted  
Free Pathé Unlimited  
€5 Special Events

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### Het Ketelhuis

€10 Regular Ticket  
€9 Discounted  
€12,50 Special Event  
*Includes drinks and party*  
Free Cineville Passholders  
€5 Special Events

### Pathé de Munt

€10,75 Regular Ticket  
€8,50 Discounted

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### Cinecenter

€11 Regular Ticket  
€9,50 Discounted  
Free Cineville Passholders

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### Eye

€10 Regular Ticket  
€8,50 Discounted  
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