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### **Spanish Film Festival (28 Oct - 8 Nov) announces program and opens tickets sales**

After its cancelation in May, the Spanish Film festival is back and welcomes you to the **6th REVIVED edition**. The SFF has curated a very special program adapted to the current world to enjoy Spanish cinema and culture in a **safe and prudent 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 and action films to entertaining comedies, moving dramas and documentaries, this selection will once again demonstrate the dynamism and creativity **of Spanish cinema today**.

The [full program](#) of the Spanish Film Festival has been announced. [Ticket sales](#) have also started via the websites of the participating Amsterdam cinemas.

Below you can find a few of the program components.

#### **Highlights**

Fresh new voices like Belén Funes, Isabel Lamberti, Pilar Palomero, Leticia Dolera, Lucía Alemany, Paula Cons & Nuria Giménez will shape a program led & mainly represented by women! This 6th edition stands out for highlighting female talent and encouraging it. This program was organically made with **80% of the titles directed by women**.

This year, our **Spanish Cinema Without Fear section meets The Netherlands!** Spanish & Dutch cinema join forces in this intercultural exchange. This breakthrough section meets The Netherlands with a very special showcase focused on Spanish & Dutch co-productions that have the courage to experiment with something beyond and on the periphery of the cinematographic industry. Some of the filmmakers of this section: **Isabel Lamberti & Vanesa Abajo** who are based in The Netherlands, will join us at the festival to present their work and bring some extra background and insight to our screenings.

We are also very proud to announce a program entirely composed by almost all **Dutch premieres!** Most of the films that we bring are fresh titles that come straight from its presentation at the San Sebastian International Film Festival and the Malaga Spanish Film Festival 2020.

#### **Rotterdam and The Hague**

The Spanish Film Festival is coming to **Rotterdam** again for this 2020 edition! Like previous years, this edition will take place in LantarenVenster, and this time SFF is also introducing a new venue: Pathé Schouwburgplein. And if that was not enough, we are getting even bigger... We present a new host city: **The Hague**. The Hague edition will run in Pathé Buitenhof.

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**Lockdown Talent**

Also for this special edition SFF has curated a fresh new section of works made during confinement in Spain. **Lockdown Talent** a very emotional showcase of short films, with the aim of getting the bigger picture of a time when everything seemed uncertain.

- **Opening film: La inocencia** (The Innocence, Lucía Alemany, 2020). Featuring a powerful supporting performance from the great Spanish actor Sergi López, 'The Innocence' is rich in character, detail, humanity, and wisdom.

Lis is a teenager whose dream is to become a circus artist and leave her hometown, even if she knows that to do it she'll have to fight her side against her parents. It's summer and she spends her days playing with her friends and flirting with her boyfriend, a few years older than herself. The lack of privacy and the neighbours' gossip force Lis to keep their relationship secret so that her parents won't find out. A relationship which changes her life forever.

- **Closing Film: La isla de la mentiras** (The Island of Lies, Paula Cons, 2020). In 1921, the steamboat Santa Isabel was carrying 260 Spanish emigrants to America, when it sank just off the island of Salvora in Galicia, Spain. Only three women from the island came to help and managed to rescue 50 of the passengers. While the women are lauded as heroines, the suspicion that the accident was provoked starts to spread like wildfire.

**Practical information:**

- Amsterdam: 28 Oct - 1 Nov
- Rotterdam: 4 - 8 Nov
- The Hague: 4 - 8 Nov

For more information: <https://spanishfilmfestival.nl/>

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**NOTE TO EDITORS**

Interview requests

If interested please register at [coordinator@sinfincinema.com](mailto:coordinator@sinfincinema.com)

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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**About the Spanish Film Festival (SFF)**

Spanish Film Festival is a unique film exhibition initiative allowing people based in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague and broader audiences to discover and engage with a carefully honed selection of cinema from Spain and Spanish speaking Latin America. SFF launched, organised and solidly programmed by [Sin Fin Cinema](#), provides a showcase of new trends of mainstream Spanish cinema as well as focusing on a diversity of films, specially independent, artistic and experimental Spanish films.