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WSRE PBS to host the PSC Spanish Film Festival on April 15

Five free film screenings will be presented as part of the college's International Festival



PENSACOLA, Fla., March 3, 2023 — As part of the Pensacola State College International Festival on Saturday, April 15, WSRE PBS will host the PSC Spanish Film Festival—matinee screenings of five films from the Pragda Spanish Film Club series. The films will be shown on the big screen in the Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio starting at 10 a.m. Admission is free.

The films and showtimes are as follows: “Cacu: A Change for Life” from director Marvin Del Cid at 10 a.m.; “In the Heights” from Jon M. Chu at 11:30 a.m.; “Even the Rain” from Icíar Bollaín at 2:15 p.m.; “My Name is Gennet” from Miguel Angel Tobias at 4:15 p.m.; and “The Queen of Spain” from Fernando Trueba at 6 p.m.

About the films:

- “Cacu: A Change for Life” follows five fishermen from Manresa, a poor neighborhood west of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, as they learn from marine biologist Omar Shamir Reynoso’s one-of-a-kind plan to protect nesting sea turtles. With the scientist’s guidance and the community’s collaboration, the fishermen become sea turtle advocates and custodians in this story of conservation success. Shown in Spanish with English subtitles.

- “In the Heights” is the exuberant musical created by Lin-Manuel Miranda as a love letter to the Washington Heights neighborhood and an homage to the diverse communities of Upper Manhattan. Shown in English with Spanish subtitles.
- “Even the Rain” is the story of a filmmaker and producer who arrive in Cochabamba, Bolivia to make a film about Columbus’ voyage to the New World and the subjugation of the indigenous population. Just as filming begins, the natives face a crisis when the government privatizes the water company and prices skyrocket. Daily protests erupt and the local man cast as a rebellious sixteenth century Taino chief also becomes a leader in the water hike protests. Shown in Spanish with English subtitles.
- “My Name is Gennet” is based on the true story of Gennet Corcuera, from her childhood in extreme poverty in Ethiopia to her achievement as the first deaf-blind woman to obtain a university degree in Europe. Shown in Spanish with English subtitles.
- “The Queen of Spain” is a satiric homage to 1950s Spanish cinema, featuring an all-star cast and intriguing historical references. After enjoying a successful career in Hollywood, Spanish actress Macarena Granada (played by Penélope Cruz) returns home to play Queen Isabella in an epic period film that has the local media buzzing. Shown in Spanish with English subtitles.

The PSC Spanish Film Festival was funded in part by a Spanish Film Club (SFC) grant awarded to Pensacola State College. The films were selected from the Spanish Film Club series made possible with the support of Pragda, SPAIN arts & culture, and the Secretary of State for Culture of Spain.

In addition to the film screenings at WSRE, the Pensacola State College International Festival will include food, music, dance and educational information from cultures around the world at other locations on the Pensacola campus. To learn more, visit pensacolastate.edu.

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Photo Note: Penélope Cruz stars in “The Queen of Spain” as Spanish actress Macarena Granada playing the role of Queen Isabella.

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