



21st Havana Film Festival New York



Fernando Trueba’s “El Olvido que Seremos” and Iciar Bollaín’s “Maixabel” will compete in this year’s edition Havana Film Festival New York, which returns to in-person screenings at the Village East Cinema from November 5th to the 11th.

In its 21st edition, the Havana Film Festival New York (HFFNY) showcases films from Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, and the U.S, offering a cinematic window into the multiple perspectives that make up the Latin American diaspora and fostering an environment for industry professionals, film lovers, and Latinos to enrich and expand their vision of Latino culture.

Filmmakers will be there in person to introduce audiences to their stories, interpretations, and approaches to the art of making movies. Two major focuses of this year’s festival are

HFFNY continues enriching and expanding the vision of Cuban and Latino culture in the United States. The films chosen each year reflect strong cultural and social identities rooted in their respective countries. The festival offers the opportunity to see award-winning full-length feature films, documentaries, shorts, animation, and classics as well as new independent films rarely screened in the U.S.

HFFNY has paid tribute to some of the most important directors and actors including: Fernando Birri (Argentina), Eliseo Subiela (Argentina), Walter Salles (Brazil), Silvio Caiozzi (Chile), Victor Gaviria (Colombia), Humberto Solas (Cuba), Juan Carlos Tabío (Cuba), Luis Alberto García (Cuba), Jorge Perugorría (Cuba), Tomás Gutiérrez Alea (Cuba), Senel Paz (Cuba), Arturo Ripstein (Mexico), Jacobo Morales (Puerto Rico), and Estela Bravo (U.S.).

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Fri, November 05–
Thu, November 11, 2021

Venue

Village East by Angelika, 181-189 2nd Ave, New York, NY 10003

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Phone: 212-529-6998

Admission

[Buy festival passes.](#) In accordance with New York City law, all film festival attendees are required to demonstrate full vaccination against COVID-19 before entering the theater. Please bring proof of vaccination plus a photo ID to show to festival staff.

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Spanish movies at HFFNY 2021

EL OLVIDO QUE SEREMOS



- **On Friday, November 5 at 6:30 pm. [Buy tickets.](#)**
- Directed by Fernando Trueba, Colombia, 2020, fiction, 136 minutes.
[Watch trailer.](#)
- Opening night film. New York Premiere. Best Iberoamerican Film at the Goya Awards.

Based on the book of the same name, *El olvido que seremos* (*Forgotten We'll Be*) portrays the life of a good man, Héctor Abad Gómez, a prominent doctor and human rights activist in the violent Medellín of the 70s. The story follows the life of the doctor, a family man worried not only for his own children but for those of the underprivileged classes as well. His home was imbued with vitality and creativity, the result of an education based on tolerance and love. Nothing could foretell that a terrible cancer would take the life of one of his beloved daughters. Driven by sadness and rage, Héctor devoted himself to the social and political causes of the time. But Medellín's intolerant society would harass him until he was finally silenced. An intimate story seen through the eyes of his only male son, Héctor Abad Faciolince.

MAIXABEL





- **On Thursday, November 11 at 6:30 pm.** [Buy tickets.](#)
- Closing night film. Irizar Award for Best Basque Film and SIGNIS Award winner at the *San Sebastián International Film Festival*.
- Directed by Iciar Bollaín, Spain, 2021, fiction, 125 minutes. [Watch trailer.](#)

Acclaimed filmmaker Iciar Bollaín (*Take My Eyes*) returns with the inspiring true story of a politician's widow who, in the face of unspeakable violence, takes a brave step toward forgiveness and healing. Eleven years after Maixabel Lasa's husband was killed by the Basque terrorist group ETA, she receives a shocking request: one of the men responsible for his death wants to meet with Maixabel in the prison where he is serving his sentence.

[View the Festival's full program.](#)