



José Luis Guerín at National Gallery of Art



FILM
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sun, July 17, 2016
4:00 pm

Venue
National Gallery of Art, 6th &
Constitution Ave NW, Washington,
DC 20565

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Admission
Free

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Credits
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The Academy of Muses, the latest film from eclectic Spanish filmmaker José Luis Guerín, will be screened at National Gallery of Art preceded by his short film, *Le Saphir de Saint-Louis*.

Catalan director José Luis Guerín (*In the City of Sylvia*) appealingly combines narrative and nonfiction in new ways, creating evocative works that both enlighten and entice. For his latest film, the fictional documentary *The Academy of Muses*, Guerín collaborated with Barcelona literature professor Raffaele Pinto and a group of actresses (playing Pinto's students) to stage a class in literary criticism. Together, they debate the role of the muse. The plot develops, the professor slowly becomes part of the women's lives, and, at random moments, cut-away segments tell personal tales and fanciful fables.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSES

- Preceded by *Le Saphir de Saint-Louis*, 2015.
- Directed by José Luis Guerín, Spain, 2015, 92 minutes.
- In Spanish with English subtitles.

When he returns from teaching class, a professor of philology is interrogated by his wife, who distrusts his pedagogical approach, and his *Academy of the Muses* which, inspired by classical references, is intended to regenerate the world through poetry.





This controversial project sets off a series of situations dominated by language and desire.