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Actrius

**Mon 17** at 16.00 and 20.30 **NFT2**

Based on a play by the accomplished dramatist Josep Benet i Jornet, Ventura Pons' ninth feature is an intimate, beautifully performed study of the professional and personal rivalries of three middle-aged actresses whose careers have taken very different directions. Gloria Marc (a rare cinematic appearance for actress-director Núria Espert) is now an international diva, acclaimed for her classical roles, Assumpta Roca (the wonderfully abrasive Rosa María Sardà) is a successful television star, and Maria Caminal (Anna Lizaran) a busy dubbing director. A young acting student (Mercè Pons) researching the life of a legendary now dead Catalan actress interviews all three but finds in their conflicting stories of the past a plethora of painful memories, fundamentally different approaches to their craft, and a present in which all are dangerously estranged from each other. Elegant, stylish, and without doubt Pons' most accomplished film to date. *Maria Delgado*  
**Dir Ventura Pons / with Núria Espert, Rosa María Sardà, Anna Lizaran, Mercè Pons / Spain 1996 / 88 mins**