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Ay, Carmela!

SPAIN 1990, 105 min. DIR Carlos Saura

Carlos Saura and Carmen Maura, two of Spain's great national treasures, join up for this now-classic Spanish Civil War satire, which received 13 Goyas (Spanish Oscars) including Best Film, Director and Actress. Maura shines in this rapier-witted farce as half of a partisan husband-and-wife vaudeville team who find themselves trapped behind enemy lines. Republican performers caught in Fascist territory, they are forced to perform Nationalist songs dismissive of the common people. Will they knuckle under to the fascists, or stand up for their ideals? Both funny and poignant, this deeply felt comedy-drama expresses the multiple tensions and conflicts when people are plunged into war.

—John Petrovsky

Invited Guest: David Smith, veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Carlos Saura y Carmen Maura, dos de los más destacados tesoros nacionales de España, se han reunido en esta, ahora clásica, sátira de la Guerra Civil Española que ha recibido 13 Goyas, (Oscars españoles), incluyendo Mejor Película, Director y Actriz. Maura brilla en esta rápida e ingeniosa farsa como parte de la compañía partisana de vaudeville atrapada detrás de las líneas enemigas. Estos artistas republicanos atrapados en territorio fascista, se ven forzados a cantar canciones falangistas peyorativas de la gente común. ¿Se doblegarán a los fascistas o impondrán sus ideales? Divertida e intensa, comedia y drama, esta emocionante película, expresa las múltiples tensiones y los conflictos de quienes se ven sumergidos en la guerra.

Invitado Especial: David Smith, veterano de la Brigada Abraham Lincoln.

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