

## Pedro Almodóvar's latest film opens Transilvania IFF 2013

***Los amantes pasajeros / I'm So Excited!*, distributed by Independența Film, will premiere nationally in Cluj**

Pedro Almodóvar's comedy, ***Los amantes pasajeros/ I'm So Excited!***, opens this year's 12<sup>th</sup> edition of Transilvania International Film Festival (TIFF). This "moral, oral and surreal, or unreal" – as described by its author – comedy will premiere in Romania with a single screening, on **May 31, 8:45 PM**, in Cluj-Napoca's **Unirii Square**. The film will screen during Transilvania IFF thanks to its distributor, **Independența Film**.

After a series of "dark" melodramas such as ***Volver, Broken Embraces*** or ***The Skin I Live In***, with ***I'm So Excited!***, Pedro Almodóvar finally returns to comedy, the genre which made him a staple of 80s cinema. The story takes place on a plane from the moment the aircraft breaks down and all the way to its emergency landing, while the passengers on board, "stripped of iPhones, films, Internet and iPads, are damned to being themselves, surrounded by unfamiliar faces" says Almodovar.

„There are many films made about people trapped in certain places (and television is packed with claustrophobic survival shows), starting with Buñuel's ***El ángel exterminador*** and ending with Rodrigo Cortés' ***Buried***, where everything happens in the smallest and tightest space ever imagined – a coffin. The challenge is intricate both for the person buried and for the story-teller – the director, that is – ", says Almodovar about his 19<sup>th</sup> film.

The passengers are played by some of Spain's most famous actors: Javier Cámara, Cecilia Roth, Hugo Silva, Guillermo Toledo, Lola Dueñas, Raúl Arévalo – whom the audience saw at TIFF in films such as ***AzulOscuroCasiNegro, Gordos*** or ***Primos*** - or Blanca Suárez.

Penélope Cruz and Antonio Banderas, two of Almodovar's most beloved actors, also cameo.

***I'm So Excited!*** will premiere in Spain in March. The film was sold in many territories before production even started, so that the producers were able to make it independently, without any aid from other production companies. The film will premiere officially in Romania on June 7.

For the first time ever, tickets for the opening gala will be put on sale in advance, on March 15,

exclusively online, on [www.biletmaster.ro](http://www.biletmaster.ro). Price per ticket is 30 lei. Thus, this year, TIFF launches



the electronic system of ticket-checking, and those who bought tickets online will enter the auditoriums based on the printed proof.

The 12th edition of Transilvania International Film Festival (TIFF) will take place between **May 31 and June 9 in Cluj-Napoca**. It will be followed shortly after by **TIFF Sibiu** (June 19-23).

Transilvania International Film Festival is organized by Romanian Film Promotion (APFR).