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ALMODÓVAR GOES MYSTERIOUS WITH SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Film marks tenth collaboration with the filmmaker and Sony Classics

New York (September 16, 2010) – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired all North American rights from El Deseo to the much anticipated new film from Academy Award winning filmmaker Pedro Almodóvar, *THE SKIN THAT I INHABIT (LA PIEL QUE HABITO.)* Agustín Almodóvar will produce through their company, El Deseo. The film will begin production in Spain in August.

With *THE SKIN THAT I INHABIT* Pedro Almodóvar reinvents himself yet again with a gothic tale about a father's avenging his daughter's death. The film is inspired by the novel "Mygale" by Thierry Jonquet.

The film stars Antonio Banderas (*YOU WILL MEET A TALL DARK STRANGER, WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN*), Elena Anaya (*SEX AND LUCIA, TALK TO HER*) and Marisa Paredes (*THE DEVIL'S BACKBONE, TALK TO HER*).

"Almodóvar and Sony Pictures Classics are family and have been for two decades. We are so happy to be together again with Pedro, Agustín, Barbara, and the entire team at El Deseo on this new film which promises not only to be Almodóvar at his most intriguing, but also at his very best." said SPC.

The Director of Photography is José Luis Alcaine (*VOLVER, BAD EDUCATION*) and Almodóvar collaborator Alberto Iglesias (*TALK TO HER, VOLVER, THE CONSTANT GARDENER, THE KITE RUNNER*) is composing the score.

SPC and El Deseo have previously collaborated on nine films including *BROKEN EMBRACES, VOLVER, BAD EDUCATION* and *TALK TO HER*.

ABOUT SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Michael Barker and Tom Bernard serve as co-presidents of Sony Pictures Classics—an autonomous division of Sony Pictures Entertainment they founded with Marcie Bloom in January 1992, which distributes, produces, and acquires independent films from around the world.

Barker and Bernard have released prestigious films that have won 25 Academy Awards® (22 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered over 100 Academy Award® nominations (85 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for *AN EDUCATION, CAPOTE, HOWARDS END, and CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON*.

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