

Sony Pictures Classics Acquires Pedro Almodóvar's

BROKEN EMBRACES

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September 2, 2008. New York, New York. Sony Pictures Classics continues its relationship with 2-time Academy Award-winning director Pedro Almodóvar and will distribute in North America his latest film, BROKEN EMBRACES.

Currently shooting in Madrid and the Canary Islands, BROKEN EMBRACES is a four-way tale of amour-fou, shot in the style of '50s American film noir at its most hard-boiled, and will mix references to works like Nicholas Ray's IN A LONELY PLACE and Vincente Minnelli's THE BAD AND THE BEAUTIFUL, with signature Almodovar themes such as Fate, the mystery of creation, guilt, unscrupulous power, the eternal search of fathers for sons, and sons for fathers. BROKEN EMBRACES is an original screenplay written by the director and joins him again with Penelope Cruz following their successful collaboration on VOLVER, for which she was nominated for a Best Actress Oscar. The films also star Lluís Homar of BAD EDUCATION and Blanca Portilla of VOLVER. Regular Almodóvar contributors, such as Rossy de Palma, Kiti Manver, Chus Lampreave and Lola Dueñas have also joined the cast. Veteran actor Ángela Molina, who starred in LIVE FLESH, will play Cruz's mother.

Broken Embraces will be the tenth addition to the Sony Pictures Classics library, which includes the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar winner ALL ABOUT MY MOTHER, Best Original Screenplay Oscar winner TALK TO HER, the Best Foreign Language Film nominee WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN and his highest grossing film to date in the United States, VOLVER.

Producer Agustín Almodóvar commented, "I am very happy to keep on working with Sony Pictures Classics on this new film by Pedro. We have been working for many years with them and, still, every new film always represents new chances to go beyond our mutual understanding and reliance and deepen even more our extraordinary relationship." In a statement from Sony Classics: "BROKEN EMBRACES promises to be Almodovar's richest work to date. He has surpassed himself here by providing Penelope Cruz with TWO great roles for her to play!

Every new Almodovar film presents us with fresh opportunities to expand his audience. To watch him grow as an artist and help him gain the popularity he

deserves has been very fulfilling for us. Our adventures with Agustin and Pedro Almodovar has been enduring and it is a relationship that is the lifeblood of Sony Pictures Classics."

The deal was made between Sony Pictures Classics and El Deseo.