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# SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

## **SONY PICTURES CLASSICS ACQUIRES PEDRO ALMODÓVAR'S SILENCIO**

*Film marks tenth collaboration with the filmmaker and the Sony Pictures Classics team*

**NEW YORK (June 9, 2015)** – Sony Pictures Classics announced today that they have acquired North American rights to Pedro Almodóvar's SILENCIO from El Deseo.

Directed by Almodóvar and starring Adriana Ugarte, Emma Suárez, Daniel Grao, Dario Grandinetti, Inma Cuesta, Michelle Jenner, Rossy de Palma, SILENCIO charts the life of Julieta from 1985 to the present day. As she struggles to survive on the verge of madness, she finds her life is marked by a series of journeys revolving around the disappearance of her daughter. SILENCIO is about destiny, guilt and the unfathomable mystery that leads some people to abandon whom they love and about the pain that this brutal desertion provokes.

The Sony Pictures Classics team has a long history with Almodóvar that began with WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN at Orion Classics and has continued with eight films at SPC, including I'M SO EXCITED, THE SKIN I LIVE IN, BROKEN EMBRACES, VOLVER, BAD EDUCATION, ALL ABOUT MY MOTHER, TALK TO HER and THE FLOWER OF MY SECRET. SILENCIO marks Almodóvar's 20<sup>th</sup> feature.

In tandem with the 2006 release of VOLVER, Sony Pictures Classics also released VIVA PEDRO, the theatrical re-release of Almodóvar's greatest films including WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN, ALL ABOUT MY MOTHER, TALK TO HER, FLOWER OF MY SECRET, LIVE FLESH, LAW OF DESIRE, MATADOR and BAD EDUCATION.

### **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 32 Academy Awards® (28 of those at Sony Pictures Classics) and have garnered 158 Academy Award® nominations (132 at Sony Pictures Classics) including Best Picture nominations for WHIPLASH, AMOUR, MIDNIGHT IN PARIS, AN EDUCATION, CAPOTE, HOWARDS END, AND CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON.

## **ABOUT SONY PICTURES ENTERTAINMENT**

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