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Festival of New Spanish Cinema set for AFI in Silver Spring

Five films will be screened Nov. 1-7

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The psychological thriller "Sleep Tight," starring Luis Tosar, will launch a series of five movies from Spain from Nov. 1-7 at the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring.

In "Sleep Tight," Tosar plays the part of César, a doorman in a Barcelona apartment complex who doesn't like to see the tenants happy, including a cheerful, optimistic tenant named Clara.

Director Jaume Balagueró will be present at a reception following the Nov. 1 screening.

Also on the schedule is "Iceberg," shot in the wintry Spanish countryside and weaving together a story about three young people facing adulthood.

"The Double Steps" by Catalan filmmaker Isaki Lacuesta is about an eccentric who paints and buries a bunker in the Mali desert south of Algeria.

In "Madrid, 1987," a journalist and a young journalism student are accidentally locked in a bathroom. Naked, the two are also locked in "a duel of age, intellect, ambition and experience," according to program notes.

"Wilaya" is the story of a refugee woman living with foster parents in Spain who returns to her Sahrawi community in the Algerian desert.



Photo from PRAGDA "Sleep Tight" starring (from left) Luis Tosar, Marta Etura and Alberto San Juan, is one of five new films from Spain screening Nov. 1-7 at the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring. Director Jaume Balagueró will be present at the Thursday, Nov. 1 screening.

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The diverse selection of movies is intended to represent a variety of styles and subjects, says Marta Sanchez, executive director of PRAGDA, an organization based in Brooklyn, N.Y., that presents recent Spanish movies at venues around the country.

"Some are independent and some are big budget," she says. "Sometimes the actors are very famous and others have first-time actors."

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