



Laws of Desire: The films of Pedro Almodóvar



VISUAL ARTS
TORONTO

Fri, November 01–
Sun, December 29, 2024

Venue

TIFF Lightbox, Reitman Square, 350
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The “Toronto International Film Festival” (TIFF) presents a comprehensive retrospective of one of modern cinema’s most influential auteurs, Pedro Almodóvar.

TIFF invites audiences to celebrate the enduring cultural impact of Pedro Almodóvar, on the occasion of his first English-language feature film, in a [25-film major series](#) running from November 1 to December 29.

Pedro Almodóvar’s films have garnered international acclaim for their unique blend of genres, including thriller, pathos, farce, melodrama, screwball comedy, and film noir. As a prominent Spanish filmmaker, he has been recognized for his subversive and unconventional approach to cinema, contributing to the film industry for over 40 years. The marquee series will feature special screenings, events, and introductions by Almodóvar experts:

ALL ABOUT MY MOTHER

- On Friday, November 1 at 7:00 pm. Introduction by filmmaker Lina Rodríguez.
- On Sunday, December 29 at 6:30 pm.

TALK TO HER

- On Saturday, November 2 at 6:30 pm.
- On Thursday, December 26 at 6:30 pm.

BROKEN EMBRACES, FOLLOWED BY THE CANNIBALISTIC COUNCILLOR



- On Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 pm.

THE HUMAN VOICE AND STRANGE WAY OF LIFE

- On Friday, November 8 at 6:30 pm.
- On Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm.
- Recorded intro by Pedro Almodóvar

DARK HABITS

- On Saturday, November 9 at 4:00 pm.
- Recorded intro by Chema González.

VOLVER

- On Sunday, November 10 at 4:00 pm.
- On Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 pm.

PARALLEL MOTHERS

- On Sunday, November 10 at 7:00 pm
- Recorded intro by Maria Delgado.

PEPI, LUCI, BOM AND OTHER GIRLS LIKE MOM

- On Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm.
- Recorded intro by Maria Delgado.

MATADOR

- On Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm.

PAIN AND GLORY

- On Saturday, November 23 at 1:00 pm.
- Following the screening, Claudio Palomares Salas, Associate Professor of Latin American Studies at Queen's University, will give a talk from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm. He will discuss director Pedro Almodóvar's lasting cultural impact and his masterful use of color and art design in films.

LIVE FLESH

- On Saturday, November 23 at 4:00 pm.

THE SKIN I LIVE IN

- On Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 pm.

TIFF MEMBER TRIVIA: PEDRO ALMODÓVAR

- On Tuesday, November 26 at 8:45 pm.
- TIFF Members are invited for an evening of skill-testing trivia, inspired by *Laws of Desire: The Films of Pedro Almodóvar*.



THE FLOWER OF MY SECRET

- On Friday, November 29 at 6:30 pm.
- Recorded intro by Maria Delgado

TIE ME UP! TIE ME DOWN!

- On Sunday, December 1 at 6:30 pm
- Introduction by film editor Ricardo Acosta.

PAIN AND GLORY

- On Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 pm.

BAD EDUCATION

- On Saturday, December 7 at 4:00 pm.
- Introduction by Inside Out Co-Head and Executive Director Elie Chivi.

KIKA

- On Sunday, December 8 at 3:30 pm.

WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

- On Sunday, December 8 at 7:00 pm. Introduction by film curator Diana Sanchez.
- On Friday, December 27 at 6:30 pm.

HIGH HEELS

- On Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 pm.
- Introduction by film curator Alicia Fletcher.
- Flamenco performance by Lula Music and Arts Centre, featuring Fab Collab, in TIFF's atrium. This event is open to the public before the screening.

LABYRINTH OF PASSION

- On Saturday, December 14 at 4:00 pm.

I'M SO EXCITED

- On Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 pm.

MEET THE EXPERTS, FOLLOWED BY THE SKIN I LIVE IN

- On Thursday, December 19 at 5:45 pm.
- Before the screening, TIFF programmers Keith Bennie and Jessica Smith, along with Inside Out Festival Co-Head and Executive Director Elie Chivi, will hold an in-cinema discussion about this retrospective and Pedro Almodóvar's lasting impact as a groundbreaking and influential voice in queer cinema.



LAW OF DESIRE

- On Saturday, December 21 at 6:30 pm.
- Introduction by film writer and filmmaker Peter Knegt.

WHAT HAVE I DONE TO DESERVE THIS?

- On Sunday, December 22 at 4:00 pm.
- Recorded introduction by film curator Maria Delgado.

JULIETA

- On Saturday, December 28 at 4:00 pm.