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A film by Antonio Hens

2007/Spain/Color/Spanish with English subtitles/ 91 min.

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Cast

Xabi.....Israel Rodríguez
Driss.....Mehroz Arif
Joel.....Hugo Catalán
Germán.....Juan Luis Galiardo
Iñaki.....Luis Hostalot
Fermín.....Antonio Dechent
Edurne.....Ana Rayo
Rebeca.....Inma Cuevas
Marta.....Pepa Anierte

Crew

Director.....Antonio Hens
Writers.....Antonio Hens & Gabriel Olivares
Cinematographer.....César Hernando
Music.....Sergio García
Editor.....Julio Gutiérrez
Sound Designer.....David Machado
Set Decorator.....Vicky Jiménez

Synopsis

Young Xabi has been raised in reformatories after being abandoned by his parents. He has seldom managed to escape , except for one brief time, where he met Iñaki, a middle-aged Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (ETA) terrorist . Iñaki became his teacher and mentor in the passionate fight for Basque independence.

This time, Xabi is in a high security correctional facility, after throwing a gasoline bottle at police during a street raid; nearly burning the officer to death. Along with his cellmates Joel who is Mexican, and Driss who is a Moroccan on the edge of being deported, Xabi manages to escape to the bustling urban sprawl of Madrid. Becoming “Clandestinos,” the trio go into hiding and Xabi begins secret meetings because he wants to carry out his goal to become a terrorist.

Xabi begins to look for Iñaki, because he wishes to join the ETA and seek guidance, but his former mentor is missing. He decides to manipulate his friends to carry out a terrorist mission in the very heart of Madrid; to prove to Iñaki and the ETA that he is prepared to join the organization. With ideological fanaticism clouding Xabi’s brain, he doesn’t realize that the odds are stacked against him.

Biographies

Antonio Hens (Director)

Born in Cordoba, Spain in 1969, Antonio Hens studied English at Granada University and Film Direction at ECAM, the official film school in Madrid. His mentors included directors José Luis Cuerda and Jaime Chávarri. Hens has directed several Spanish television, film and short film productions but made a impression in the film world, as co-writer of the hit film *Bulgarian Lovers* (2004 theatrical and DVD release by TLA Releasing). He also directed the a short film titled *Doors Cut Down* (Malas Compañías), which became the most awarded Spanish short in 2000 and garnered the distinction of being elected as the Best Spanish Short of the decade by Canal+ Spain.

Israel Rodríguez (Xabi)

Born in Madrid in 1982, Rodríguez made his first film appearance in Carlos Saura's *Pajarico* (1997) catching the eye of many critics and film fans. He has acted in films directed by Gracia Querejeta, Pedro Olea and Ramón Salazar (*20 Centimeters*). His first leading role was in *Doors Cut Down* (Malas Compañías), directed by Antonio Hens, for which he collected four national best actor awards.

Juan Luis Galiardo (Germán)

Born in San Roque, Cádiz-Spain in 1940, Galiardo is one of the most popular Spanish veteran actors, appearing in more than 157 productions. Nominated three times for the Goyas Awards, the Spanish equivalent to the Academy Awards, he won the 2001 Best Lead Actor statue for *Adios con el corazón*. Galiardo has had the pleasure of acting with Giancarlo Giannini, Vittorio de Sica, Sophia Loren and Charlton Heston, along with many others.

Luis Hostalot (Iñaki)

Hostalot has just recently begun acting in leading roles, mostly for director Marc Recha, he has appeared in over 45 films, working with such directors as José Luis Cuerda, Vicente Aranda and Pedro Almodóvar.

Mehroz Arif (Driss)

Born in Pakistan Mehroz has just started his career as a comedian and film work includes *SúperRaval* and multiple television appearances.

Inma Cuevas (Rebeca)

After working with directors Gerardo Vera (*Deseo*, 2001) and Achero Mañas (*Noviembre*, 2002), Cueva is currently starring in "Desaparecida," a popular Spanish TV series produced by Almodóvar.

Technical Specs.

Format: 35mm, color

Aspect: 1:2,35

Sound: Dolby SRD

RT: 91 min.