



SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS ACQUIRES THE US RIGHTS TO FERNANDO TRUEBA'S SPANISH FILM 'THE QUEEN OF SPAIN' STARRING PENELOPE CRUZ

Los Angeles, CA – June 1, 2017 —Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that they have acquired US rights to **THE QUEEN OF SPAIN**, directed by Academy Award® Winner Fernando Trueba (Belle Epoque). The film stars Academy Award® Winner Penelope Cruz (Vicky Cristina Barcelona), Chino Darín (Pasaje de vida), Cary Elwes (The Princess Bride), Mandy Patinkin (TV's *Homeland*), Clive Revill (Avanti), and Antonio Resines (Cell 211). **THE QUEEN OF SPAIN** will be available Nationwide On Demand August 29th.

In the film, Penelope Cruz stars as the famous movie star Macarena Granada, who flees the glitz and glamour of 1950s Hollywood to return to her roots in Spain where she has signed on to star in an epic film as Queen Isabella of Spain. The film premiered at the 2017 Berlinale as a Special Gala Screening, and was theatrically released in Spain by Universal.

Said Myriad's President, Kirk D'Amico, "We are delighted that our friends at Goldwyn will be distributing this comedy with a terrific cast led by a real-life movie star, Penelope Cruz, from the award-winning director Fernando Trueba."

Said director Fernando Trueba, "This movie captures the era in the middle of 50's where we see the encounter of Spanish Cinema (under Franco) with American Films (at MacCarthy times). It's a comedy that is a tribute to classical comedy, it's my love letter to movies and its people."

Peter Goldwyn, President of Samuel Goldwyn Films said, "It is an honor to be releasing Academy Award winner Fernando Trueba's love letter to the movies and its people. Oscar winner Penelope Cruz brings grace and great comedic timing to this entertaining film."

THE QUEEN OF SPAIN was produced by four-time Goya winner Cristina Huete (*Chico & Rita*) and Anne Deluz (*Girl of Your Dreams*). and executive produced by A3 Media Mikel Lejarza, Mercedes Gamero, Rosa Perez, and Kirk D'Amico.

The deal was negotiated by Peter Goldwyn on behalf of Samuel Goldwyn Films and Kirk D'Amico of Myriad Pictures.

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About Samuel Goldwyn Films

Samuel Goldwyn Films is a major, independently owned and operated motion-picture company that develops, produces and distributes innovative feature films and documentaries.

The company is dedicated to working with both world-renowned and emerging writers/filmmakers and committed to filmed entertainment that offers original voices in uniquely told stories. This is best exemplified by the Academy Award® nominated **THE SQUID AND THE WHALE**, **SUPER SIZE ME**, **AMAZING GRACE** and Julie Delpy's hit comedy **2 DAYS IN PARIS**. Past Goldwyn titles include: **HARRY BROWN** starring Michael Caine, the box office smash **FIREPROOF** and the 2010 independent hit **MAO'S LAST**

DANCER. Samuel Goldwyn Films also released THE WHISTLEBLOWER, a powerful, ripped-from-the-headlines thriller starring Academy Award® winner Rachel Weisz, and the 2012 critics' darling ROBOT & FRANK, starring Academy Award® nominee Frank Langella and Academy Award® winner Susan Sarandon.

Additional Samuel Goldwyn Films releases include: Gilles Bourdos' RENOIR, the lush film about the famous painter's later years and France's official submission for the 2014 Academy Awards®; Jason Wise's films SOMM & SOMM: Into the Bottle; 2015 Academy Foreign Language Film Award® nominee TANGERINES; the Sundance cult-hit LILA AND EVE starring Academy Award® winner Viola Davis and Jennifer Lopez; and Morgan Matthews compelling drama A BRILLIANT YOUNG MIND. Current Samuel Goldwyn Films releases include: festival favorite CHICKEN PEOPLE, directed by Nicole Lucas Haines about three show chicken competitors; TRANSPECOS, the directorial debut and 2016 SXSW Audience Award Winner by Greg Kwedar; Ian Old's award-winning BURN COUNTRY with Academy Award® winner Melissa Leo, James Franco and breakout lead Dominic Rains; Carles Torrens' physiological thriller PET starring Dominic Monaghan; YOUTH IN OREGON, the dramatic comedy of a 3,000 mile journey about life with Academy Award® nominated Frank Langella, Billy Crudup, Christina Applegate, Mary Kay Place, and Josh Lucas; and the contemporary fairy tale THIS BEAUTIFUL FANTASTIC starring Jessica Brown Findlay, Academy Award® nominated Tom Wilkinson, Andrew Scott, and Jeremy Irvine. Upcoming films include Avi Neshet's Israeli box office hit PAST LIFE; Justin Chon's racially charged GOOK; and the British children's classic SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS. www.samuelgoldwynfilms.com

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