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11/10/2017, 10:00 p.m.

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11/13/2017, 4:15 p.m.

DETAILS

Country: Brazil, Argentina, France

Year: 2017

Director: Julia Murat

Screenwriters: Julia Murat, Matias

Mariani

Producers: Julia Murat, Tatiana

Leite

Director of Photography: Soledad

Rodrigues

Editors: Lia Kulaukauskas, Marina

Meliande

Production Designer: Ana Paula

Cardoso

Music: Lucas Marcier, Fabiano

Krieger

Cast: Raquel Karro, Rodrigo Bolzan, Neto Machado, Marcio Vito, Felipe Rocha, Renato Linhares, Larissa Siqueira, Carlos Eduardo Santos, Valeria Berreta, Martina Revollo

Running Time (minutes): 105

Language: Portuguese



Julia Murat's debut feature follows an unnamed young couple, a sculptor and a dancer. They have just moved into a massive loft, with a ceremonial ribbon of tape laid down the center to mark where the sculptures will be displayed and the dances performed. Gradually the young artists' works bleed together and inspire one another, moving the rhythm of the loft back and forth like a body rocking in a chair. PENDULAR is a standout discovery from this year's Berlin International Film Festival that announces the arrival of a powerful new cinematic voice. With intense sexual imagery and unforgettable original art pieces, the film is an incredible collaboration that melds sculpture, dance and film in perfect balance. – Lane Kneedler

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In AFI FEST alumnus Antonio Méndez Esparza's sophomore feature, the gifted director observes the struggles of a family living in northern Florida — working-class mother Regina, and her troubled teenage son Andrew — with a compassionate eye, sharply focused on how their story echoes the systemic injustice directed toward black men and women in America. In a series of expertly framed long takes, Esparza allows the drama to unfold, aided by his cast of uncommonly gifted first-timers. This is, at its core, a story about the complex emotions between a young man whose circumstances may be driving him to the same bleak future as his imprisoned father, and the mother who holds on to her love for her son despite the hardships that ripple through her professional and personal life. — Mike Dougherty

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SCREENINGS

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11/10/2017, 7:15 p.m.

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11/12/2017, 1:45 p.m.

DETAILS

Country: Spain, USA

Year: 2017

Director: Antonio Méndez Esparza

Screenwriter: Antonio Méndez

Esparza

Producer: Pedro Hernández Santos

Executive Producer: Paul Cohen

Director of Photography: Barbu

Balasiou

Editor: Santiago Oviedo

Production Designer: Lara Tejela

Music: Luis Argüelles

Cast: Andrew Bleechington, Regina Williams, Robert Williams, Ry'nesia

Chambers

Running Time (minutes): 113

Language: English