



EVEN THE RAIN

Autumn
Season
2012

Release: 2011

Cert (UK): 15

Runtime: 103 mins

Director: Iciar Bollain

Screenwriter: Paul Laverty

Cast: Luis Tosar, Gael Garcia Bernal, Juan Carlos Aduviri, Karra Elejade

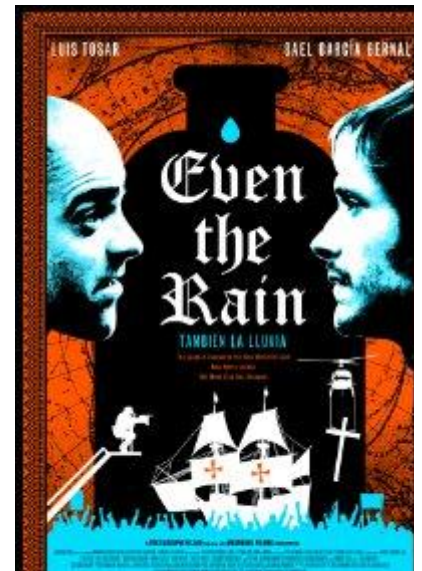
Written by Paul Laverty (Ken Loach's scriptwriter) and directed by Spanish filmmaker Iciar Bollain (ex-actress, notably in Ken Loach's *Land and Freedom*), is a piece of fascinating story telling, engaging the audience dramatically every step of the way. It is a terrific yarn, skilfully told.

The story follows a film crew remaking the arrival of Columbus and the conquistadors on the Caribbean island of Hispaniola in 1492, filming in Bolivia with Quechua extras rather than in the Caribbean where the Taino natives of yore are now extinct

The idealistic director, Sebastián, (Gael García Bernal) is anxious to stress the Spaniards' exploitation and cruelty in their obsession with gold but fails to see the parallel between this and the producer Costa's (Luis Tosar's) desire to pay his local extras \$US 2 a day in order to come in under budget.

This tale is set against a background of the struggle of the population of Cochabamba in 2000 to resist the privatization of their water supply by a multinational, which in the process prevents the community from using its own pipeline, years in the making, in order to up the rate by 300%.

This is a brave and thoughtful piece of political cinema with some beautiful Loach-esque scenes.... It's nice to see Loach's influence on a new generation.



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