



GLORIA

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Season
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Release: 2013

Cert (UK): 15

Runtime: 109 mins

Director: Sebastian Lelio

Screenwriters: Sebastian Lelio, Gonzalo Maza

Cast: Paulina García, Sergio Hernández, Diego Fontecilla

The first time the viewer sees Paulina García's Gloria at the bar of a crowded nightclub for middle-aged singles, the sound of Frecuencia Mod's upbeat 'Duele, duele tu amor' ('Your Love Hurts') rings out. With a glass of pisco sour in her hand and her arm positioned confidently on the bar, she casts her eye around the room and then swings purposefully across the dance floor to introduce herself to a potential new partner as Donna Summer's 'I Feel Love' resonates across the room. The sonic commentary offered by the two opening numbers sets the scene for Sebastián Lelio's perceptive and entertaining study of a feisty, free-spirited 58-year-old divorcee, putting aside the pain of past relationships in her search for passion, companionship and a partner who shares her zeal for dance.

Peter Bradshaw



The film made its world premiere at the Berlin Film Festival where it won the Best Actress award. It later went to the New York Film Festival and was later chosen to represent Chile at the Oscars. However, the movie did not get nominated. The film currently has a 97 percent aggregate score on Rotten Tomatoes and critics are raving about it.

David Rooney from the Hollywood Reporter wrote, "Funny, melancholy and ultimately uplifting, Sebastian Lelio's enormously satisfying spell inside the head and heart of a middle-aged woman never puts a foot wrong."