

## **JULIETA**

Autumn Season 2016

Release: 2016 Cert (UK): 15, F Runtime: 99 mins

Director: Pedro Almodóvar

Screenwriter: Pedro Almodóvar from short stories by Alice Munro

Cinematography: Jean-Claude Larrieu

Cast: Emma Suárez, Adriana Ugarte, Daniel Grao

'After a chance meeting, middle-aged Julieta (Emma Suarez) learns that her long-lost daughter has resurfaced in Madrid. This begins a painful reflection by Julieta into her checkered past, flashing back to the moments of pain that defined her current life' – Rotten Tomatoes.



Having learnt her daughter is still around, Julieta decided to stay in Madrid instead of moving. Using the device of a letter from Julietta to her lost daughter, Director Pedro Almodóvar builds a series of flashbacks into the story of Julieta's life, loves and sorrows...

'An air of mystery feeds the tension: how did Julieta and her daughter part company? And what exactly went on with the father?

Despite this, Julieta's chief pleasures are in simple storytelling and strong characters: this is a film about people, and how they handle the problems in their lives' – Anna Smith, Empire.

As always, Almodóvar makes the whole film shine with colour; even the most everyday scene is transformed with contrasting primaries: Julieta is reading a birthday card behind a large cake. She wears a rich blue dress, the cake is red; the card matches her dress.

Almodóvar has been making iconic movies sinces the 1980s ('Women on the edge of a Nervous Breakdown', 'Law of Desire') through the 90s ('All About My Mother') through to today ('Talk to Her','The Skin I Live in'). He has won 120 awards during that time, including an Oscar. 'Julieta' earnt him a nomination for the Palme d'Or at Cannes this year.

