**BIGAS LUNA TRIBUTE**

Curated by Prof. Santiago Fouz Hernández, University of Durham, and Betty Bigas, multidisciplinary artist and daughter of Bigas Luna.

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**Huevos de oro (18)**
*(Golden Balls)*

**Sat 30 Mar, 17:50 + introduction**
Dir Bigas Luna/ES 1993/90 mins
Javier Bardem, Maria de Medeiros, Maribel Verdú, Elisa Tovatti

Bigas Luna returned straight after *Jamón, jamón* with a melodramatic black comedy about the rise and fall of a loathsome lothario, bringing you plenty more gratuitous sex and absurdity. Benito is an ambitious but lowly construction worker with a big dream – to build an enormous phallic skyscraper in Benidorm. His ticket to victory is his unfathomable success rate with a string of women, whom he enlists in his mission to achieve architectural domination. Through a decade of sexual adventures packed with machismo and misogyny we watch the obnoxious Benito win it all – the wife, the lover, the power, the money – and lose it all again.

**Event/ Introduced by Prof. Santiago Fouz Hernández, University of Durham. This talk will be BSL interpreted.**

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**La Teta y la luna (18)**
*(The Tit and the Moon)*

**Sun 31 Mar, 17:40 + Introduction**
Dir Bigas Luna/ES FR 1994/89 mins/Spanish, Catalan & French w/EngST
Biel Duran, Mathilda May, Gérard Darmon, Miguel Poveda

While maintaining Luna’s characteristically high quota of naked breasts on screen in this third part of the Iberian Trilogy, this coming-of-age comedy is a distinctly gentler affair. In a small town in Catalonia, nine-year-old Tete frets at the arrival of his new baby brother, and jealously dreams of drinking from his mother’s breasts again. Appealing to the moon to send him his own personal mammary glands, an exotic French dancer called Estrellita duly arrives in town. But in a playful love triangle style she has rival claims for her attention – her performing partner Maurice, with some unusual stage talents, and local lovelorn teenager Miguel. This surreal fantasy is a charming fairy tale about love’s young dream.

**Event/ Introduced by Dr Abigail Loxham, University of Liverpool. Join us for a post-screening discussion led by Dr Abigail Loxham and Prof. Santiago Fouz Hernández following the screening. This talk and post-screening discussion will be BSL interpreted.**

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**Free events at the Instituto Cervantes**

Head down the road to soak up more Bigas Luna fun, with a screening of the 2016 documentary *Bigas x Bigas* presented by director Santiago Garrido Rua on Thu 28 Mar at 18:30, and video art exhibition *Comedias Bóbaras* presented by Prof. Santiago Fouz Hernández from the University of Durham. The exhibition runs from Thu 28 Mar to Sat 13 Apr.

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**Plus/ This film will be followed by a drinks reception in the Event Space – free entry with your film ticket.**