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ARROW GOES IN SEARCH OF *THE SACRED SPIRIT*



ARROW PREMIERES AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD DEBUT

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"A magical, bewitching space oddity" - Leonardo Goi, The Film Stage

*“An original auteur vision”- **Martin Kudlac, Screen Anarchy***

*“An immaculately framed feature” - **Jay Weissberg, Variety***

*“An unsettling amble towards a horrifying conclusion” ★★★★★ - **Joseph Owen, The Upcoming***

On April 15 2022, the essential, alternative streaming service [ARROW](#) premieres **THE SACRED SPIRIT**, an astounding, one-of-a-kind masterwork from Spanish writer/director Chema Garcia Ibarra.

The film starts out as a kooky comedy about a seemingly-harmless group of eccentric UFO spotters thrown into disarray when their founder dies, then takes a truly unexpected turn into much darker material. Ibarra, a director of award-winning shorts, making his feature debut here, manages to balance this uneasy mix of the quirky and downright disturbing. Composing scenes with a Wes Anderson-esque attention to detail, and shooting in luminous 16mm, he draws marvellous performances from a non-professional cast in the city of Elche (Ibarra’s hometown).

THE SACRED SPIRIT has wowed festivals, winning the prestigious Golden Leopard at the 2021 Locarno Film Festival and Best Film at the 2021 Berlanga Awards among others, and Ibarra has been described by *Variety* as having a “flair for quirky storytelling combined with a terrific eye.” It is a truly unique, powerful and eventually extraordinarily moving film that needs to be watched twice. It also features the most outlandishly appropriate cover of Dolores O’Riordan’s *Zombie* you’ll ever hear.

Synopsis:

José Manuel and the other members of the ufology association Ovni-Levante meet weekly to exchange information about extraterrestrial messages and abductions. Julio, their leader, dies unexpectedly, leaving José Manuel as the only person who knows about the cosmic secret that could alter the human future. Meanwhile in Spain a search is going on for a little girl who disappeared some weeks before.

Watch **THE SACRED SPIRIT** first: head to **ARROW** and start your 30-day free trial. Available on the following Apps/devices: Xbox, Roku (all Roku sticks, boxes, devices, etc), Apple TV; iOS devices, Android TV and mobile devices, Fire TV (all Amazon Fire TV Sticks, boxes, etc), and on all web browsers at www.ARROW-Player.com.

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Specially curated by members of the **ARROW** team, **ARROW** will be home to premium film and TV entertainment, exclusive new premieres, cutting edge cinema, international classics and cult favourites - such as the works of Lars Von Trier, Brian De Palma, Dario Argento, David Cronenberg and Park Chan-wook - plus the very best in acclaimed TV series, including *The Bridge* and Italian crime series *Gomorrah*, and brand-new short films from both new and established filmmakers. In the coming months, **ARROW** will be adding Oscar-winning hits, European classics, Asian cinema masterworks, rediscovered Westerns, offbeat gems and much more, along with such festival favourites *Dementer* and *Dinner in America* as part of **ARROW**'s international strategy to support and celebrate the medium of film.

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