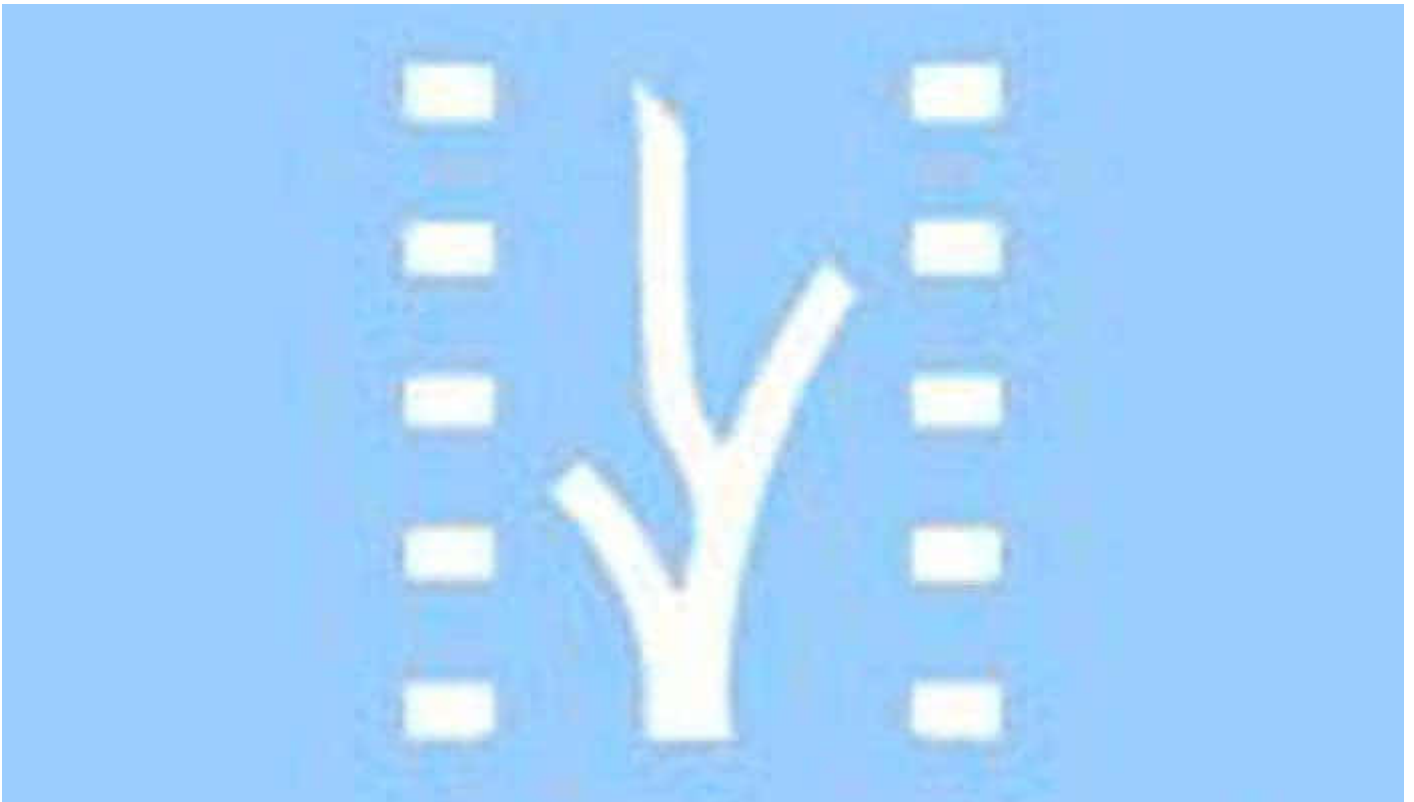


International New Latin American Film Festival in December



Havana's 37th International New Latin American Film Festival is set to be held from December 3rd through 13th, including 37 full-length feature films competing for the coveted Coral Awards.

Opening the much expected event is the Argentinean film *El Clan*, directed by Pablo Trapero, which has been chosen to represent the South American country in the Oscar Awards, and the Venetia, Toronto and San Sebastián Film Festivals. The film is based on the police case of the Puccio clan, where popular actor, Guillermo Francella, plays the part of the Puccio family's sinister patriarch, who in the 1980's decided to start a criminal business of kidnapping businessmen, under the facade of a traditional family.

Twenty two short feature films, 33 animated movies and 36 documentaries are also part of the event's international competition. A total of 444 movies will be screened on the occasion, including a Spanish and German film retrospective, and the screening of HBO documentaries. The festival also includes encounters sponsored by the Sundance foundation on script writing, production and film music with the participation of renowned US producer, Christine Vachon, and actor Ethan Hawke.

Renowned British actress, Geraldine Chaplin, who will head the competition's jury in the category of fiction, is among the movie gathering's guests, along with Brazilian director, Ruy Guerra and Benizio del Toro. Competing for the Coral Awards: *Eva no duerme* by Argentinian Pablo Agüero; *El Club* by Chilean Pablo Larraín, and *Un monstruo de mil cabezas* by Mexican Rodrigo Plá.

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