

## Press screening of La Plaga (The Plague) Tuesday 17 February 2015 2pm

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The ICA, the Institut Ramon Llull (IRL) and Reel Solutions are delighted to invite you to a press screening of La Plaga (The Plague) 2013, directed by Neus Ballús, to mark the opening of Catalan Avant-Garde, a series of rarely seen new and recent Catalan films from February to December 2015.

Press screening:

La Plaga (The Plague) 2013

Directed by Neus Ballús

17 February 2015

2pm | Followed by coffee and pastries in the ICA bar

Neus Ballús' award-winning La Plaga (The Plague) offers a moving portrait of life on the outskirts of Barcelona. The main characters are non-professional actors and play themselves, following four years of collaboration with the director. The film's plot is a detailed observation of the characters' lives over a prolonged period. Raul, a farmer who wants to grow organic food, hires Lurie to help him in the fields. Lurie is a Moldavian wrestler, who earns a living in whatever comes his way. Slowly, their personal stories intertwine with those of three solitary women: Maria, an elderly lady forced to leave her countryside house for a retirement home; Rose, a Filipino nurse who has just arrived in the country; and Maribel, a prostitute who has fewer and fewer clients. The destinies of all these characters become entwined as the summer unfolds.

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Location:

Cinema 2

Institute of Contemporary Arts

The Mall, London, SW1Y 5AH

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Catalan Avant-Garde

28 February – 18 December 2015

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Notes to Editors

Institut Ramon Llull

The Institut Ramon Llull (IRL) is a public entity funded by the Catalan Government and the Barcelona City Council with the primary aim of promoting Catalan Language and Culture abroad. In addition to its Barcelona headquarters, the IRL has four offices abroad in the cities of London, New York, Paris and Berlin.

Reel Solutions

Reel Solutions is an independent film programming consultancy with a passion for arthouse cinema. It brings the best of both contemporary and archive films to cinema screens and it works for cinemas and festivals to provide audiences with a diverse choice of films.

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