

basque film series



The Basque Educational Organization and the Basque Cultural Center presents the next installment of the Basque Film Series this Spring with a special screening of renowned Basque director **Julio Médem's** 1992 debut film: **VACAS**. The showing will be hosted by **Dr. Oscar Alvarez**, the William Douglas Distinguished Scholar of the Center for Basque Studies, University of Nevada at Reno, who will introduce the film, provide the historical context of the film and stories and lead a discussion afterwards. A Basque short film will precede the main feature. For more information on VACAS & the Basque Film Series and to see the trailer, please check www.BasqueEd.org.



Dr. Oscar Alvarez



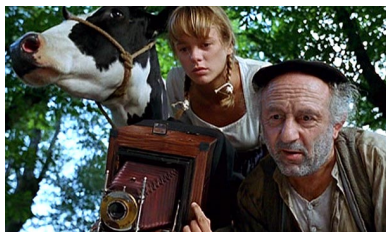
A film set in the Basque region of Gipuzkoa, beginning in the Carlist war of 1875 and ending during the Spanish Civil war of 1936. The film portrays how one single act of cowardice shapes the life of the next three generations of two families and fuels the intense rivalry which will span the next sixty-one years.

Friday, April 1st, 7:30pm

1992 directed by Julio Médem, 96 minutes, color, in Castilian with English subtitles.

Free Admission

Basque Cultural Center - 599 Railroad Ave, SSF, CA 94080



Julio Médem

From the day he was born in 1958, Julio Médem was constantly playing around with his father's Super8 Camera. Following a privileged upbringing, he went on to study medicine but never lost that constant nagging feeling that his true passion for film stirred in him. During the 1970's and 1980's, Médem got his feet wet directing short films, constantly learning, and writing full-length screenplays that he hoped to one day direct.

1992 saw the premiere of Julio Médem's first full-length film, *Vacas*, for which critics immediately - and correctly - coined him as the next big force in Basque & Spanish film making. Naming him the cinematic heir to Spanish greats like Luis Buñuel, Iván Zulueta, and Víctor Erice, Médem certainly

has not disappointed. Boasting admirers around the globe like Steven Spielberg, he's considered one of the most original, important, and promising directors of Basque & Spanish cinema.

NORTH AMERICAN BASQUE ORGANIZATIONS BASQUE LECTURE SERIES



The Basque Educational Organization and the Basque Cultural Center in conjunction with the North American Basque Organizations is proud to present the Basque Lecture Series, hosted by Dr. Oscar Alvarez, the William Douglas Distinguished Scholar of the Center for Basque Studies, University of Nevada at Reno. Dr. Alvarez will be accompanied by Mr. Imanol Murua, author of several books, the most recent being Loiolako Hegiak (Negotiations in Loyola), about the last Basque peace process (2005-2007).

The two lectures will be presented twice at the Basque Cultural Center, once in a morning session and once in an afternoon session. A complimentary brown bag lunch will be provided for registered attendees in between sessions and you will have the chance to speak with the presenters in a more informal setting.

Saturday, April 2nd, two sessions 10:00am & repeated at 1:00pm

Complimentary brown bag lunch at 12:00pm for registered attendees

Free Registration is required.

To register please contact Nicole Sorhondo & indicate which session:
euskalduna@comcast.net or at 415-285-0748.



Oscar Alvarez

**Before the Ikurriña was the Basque Flag.
Icons of Basque Identity in the Americas
(1880-1935)**

Presentation on Basque flags and other similar symbology that were used or proposed by Basque immigrants in several countries of the Americas to denote Basque identity. Most of them are almost unknown.



Imanol Murua

Walking Toward Peace: New Political Scenario In The Basque Country

The politics in the Basque Country are changing drastically. ETA has just declared a ceasefire and this has brought very high expectations about a lasting peace, although not everybody trusts that the ceasefire is truthful, given the failure of past similar experiences. He will argue that this time there is evidence that the violence of ETA is definitely coming to an end.



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