



Chico & Rita

A film by Fernando Trueba and Javier Mariscal

Genre: Animated feature film

Running time: 90 min. approx.

Target 'G' rated film

Spain - U.K.

Language: Spanish-English

Story line

Havana 1948. Chico is a young Cuban pianist who dreams of making a place for himself in the jazz world. Rita is a singer with an extraordinary voice which captivates everyone. Music brings them together and they embark on a passionate and tormented love affair. With a soundtrack of latin jazz as background to their love story, we're immersed in the world of Cuban passion, sensuality and music.

Global concept

Fernando Trueba and Javier Mariscal are united by many elements, but if one takes precedence over the rest, it would be the great passion they share for the music and culture of Cuba. *Chico & Rita* arises from this passion and from their delight in working together. Trueba has written, along with Ignacio Martínez de Pisón, a beautiful love story. It could be made with actors, but in bringing it to the screen through animation, the story gains from Mariscal's unique aesthetic and the poetry of this medium. Mariscal's recreation of the exuberant Havana of the late 40's is full of light and colour. He contrasts this with winter land New York, and the decadence of places such as Las Vegas, Paris and Beverly Hills. The film is packed with scenes of great Beauty and visual richness. After the unexpected and global success of "Lágrimas Negras" (Grammy Award recipient with more than 1 million CD's sold worldwide) featuring legendary Cuban pianist and band leader Bebo Valdes, Fernando Trueba continues rewarding us with his extraordinary knowledge of latin jazz, providing scores of essential themes and unknown jewels for the public. Trueba is collaborating once again with Bebo Valdes to create the soundtrack for *Chico & Rita*.

Production: Fernando Trueba PC / Estudio Mariscal / Magic Light Pictures

Executive producers: Cristina Huete, Santi Errando, Michael Rose, Martin Pope

Directors: Fernando Trueba, Javier Mariscal, Tono Errando

Script Fernando Trueba, Ignacio Martínez de Pisón

Musical producer: Fernando Trueba

Production period: 2008-2010

Chico & Rita is currently in full production, and will be released in the UK next year. For further details please contact Gemma Spector at gemma.spector@cinemanx.com.