



#### MEDIA ALERT

### **19<sup>th</sup> HAVANA FILM FESTIVAL NEW YORK RED CARPET OPENING APRIL 11**

#### **NY PREMIERE OF CUBAN FILM *SERGIO & SERGEÍ***

#### **ACTORS HECTOR NOAS AND TOMÁS CAO IN ATTENDANCE**

*AMC Loews 34<sup>th</sup> Street 14: 312 W 34<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY*

#### ***What?***

The 19th Havana Film Festival New York ([www.HFFNY.com](http://www.HFFNY.com)) rolls out the red carpet with the N.Y. premiere of the latest comedy from Cuba's shores- *Sergio and Sergei* dir. Ernesto Daranas. Winner of the *Premio Coral del Público* at the 39<sup>th</sup> International Film Festival in Havana, this clever, crowd-pleasing delight tells the true story of a Russian cosmonaut trapped in space during the fall of the USSR, and his unlikely friendship with the Cuban philosophy professor who sets out to save him. It's both a laugh-out-loud political satire and a touching tale of personal connections in the face of diplomatic and historical marginalization, featuring NY-based actor Ron Perlman and two of Cuba's hottest actors, Tomás Cao and Hector Noas. Stay tuned after the screening for a Q&A session with Cao and Noas, who play the eponymous Sergio & Sergei.

#### ***Who?***

**Tomás Cao** (Cuba) made his debut as a leading Cuban actor in the 2005 film *Habana Blues*, in which he was also able to showcase his musical talents. Since then, he has acted in a plethora of domestic and international short films and narrative features including *Viva* and *Fátima o el parque de la fraternidad*.

**Hector Noas** is one of the highest acclaimed and best-known actors on the Cuban TV and film scene today. He has worked in his native Cuba as well as abroad on more than a hundred productions, trying his hand at practically every aspect of the industry. This is not his first time working with Daranas. In 2009 Noas won the Caricato Award for his role in Daranas' film *Los dioses rotos*.

## ***When?***

Wednesday, April 11  
4:30pm – Red Carpet Press Call  
5:00pm – Red Carpet Begins  
6:00pm – Event Begins

## ***Where?***

AMC Loews 34<sup>th</sup> Street 14  
312 W 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY

## ***Why?***

The 19<sup>th</sup> Havana Film Festival New York (April 6-17, 2017) features over 25 films from Latin America, including critically-acclaimed comedies, award-winning dramas, box-office hits, recently restored classics, and World, US and NY Premieres plus free programs in partnerships with leading cultural institutions in the Bronx, Queens and Manhattan. Visit us @ [www.HFFNY.com](http://www.HFFNY.com)

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