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BEYOND WHAT REMAINS

Más Allá de lo Que Queda

HEARTFELT, CANADIAN INDIE FILMMAKING ... IN MEXICO!

WHO: Toronto Premiere of "Beyond What Remains - Más Allá de lo Que Queda" at the 2016 Toronto Independent Film Festival. (Feature. 96 minutes. Spanish language. English subtitles.)
Produced by: Peter Tharos. Executive Producer: Andrea Lee Fonseca,. Producer: Glenn MacIntosh.
Directed by Peter Tharos and Bassel Martin. Cast: **Peter Tharos** (My Big Fat Greek Wedding 1 & 2), **Nora Median Chávez**. Special Appearance (in the film) by 3-time Best Actress Silver Ariel (Mexican Oscar) Award winner, **Patricia Reyes Spindola** (Griselda in Fear the Walking Dead episodes 1 to 4).

WHEN: Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 9:15 pm

WHERE: Carlton Cinemas (9), 20 Carlton Street, Toronto, Tel: 416 598 5454

September 13, 2016, Toronto -- A family secret and his father's last wish compel a conflicted funeral director to embark on a transformative quest across remote Mexican landscapes with a street-hardened woman he's never known -- but who knows him.

Winner of the 2nd Prize, Best of Canadian Cinema Award at the 2016 Montreal World Film Festival.
Produced from Canada. Shot on location in Mexico City and distant locales. Gorgeous, picturesque black and white cinematography. A courageous absence of dialogue through its first 15 minutes. An inspired score, both delightful and poignant. And a profound, emotional climax. Beyond What Remains is a rare achievement in, and call to awaken to, the art of the possible.

FERNANDO (Peter Tharos) runs a funeral home business in Mexico City, handed down to him through three generations. He's accustomed to the grief of strangers. But not his own. Not when he has to prepare his father's corpse for cremation. And not when his discovery of a family secret calls into question so much about the past.

Compelled to honor his father's last wish, he tracks down TERESA (Nora Medina Chávez), a street-hardened woman he's never known. Despite their palpable contempt for each other, he agrees to drive her (in the cramped quarters of his unreliable VW Bug) to meet up with her daughter in an unmapped mountain village "about two hours away". Or so he's led to believe.

After days of wrong turns and detours across remote, hostile landscapes, their predicament grows treacherous, and Fernando and Teresa must confront their demons, the past, and each other to have any hope to even survive. But if they can somehow reach their destination, the revelations that await them could transform their relationship -- and their lives -- ever after.

Secure Vimeo screener link and password available upon request
Website, Trailer: <http://beyondwhatremains.com/>
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