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Restored copy of Strawberry and Chocolate to hit Cuban theaters

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Lea Pintado, head of Communications at the Cuban Institute of Art and Cinematographic Industry (ICAIC) announced that Cuban specialists restored the 1994 Oscar nominee film *Strawberry and Chocolate*, and it will be exhibited in Cuban theaters soon.

The film, directed by Tomás Gutiérrez Alea and Juan Carlos Tabío, was based on the short story "The Wolf, The Forest and the New Man" (in Spanish, *El Lobo, el bosque y el hombre nuevo*) written by Senel Paz in 1990. Senel Paz also wrote the screenplay for the film.

It won several major Cuban national awards and was nominated to the Oscars in the Foreign language category, the only Cuban film up to date to achieve that feat.

Pintado said they still have many films to restore, a very complex process ICAIC is undertaking, but they have already finished some that were exhibited at the last Havana Film Festival.