

The Realm of Fortune

El imperio de la fortuna

Mexico/1985/ Colour/ 35mm/135'/ Spanish

Direction: Arturo Ripstein

Producer: Hector Lopez, Rafael Arrillaga

Screenplay: Paz Alicia Garcíadiego

Cinematography: Angel Goded

Editing: Carlos Savage

Sound: Lucia Alvarez

Cast: Ernesto Gomez Cruz, Blanca Guerra, Alejandro Parodi, Zaide Silvia Gutierrez, Margarita Sanz, Carlos Cardan, Socorro Avelar

Awards/Festivals

San Francisco International Film Festival 1987, Los Angeles International Film Festival 1987, London Film Festival 1987. Munich Film Festival 1989.

In this is an adaptation of the story, *El gallo de oro* written by Mexican Novelist Juan Rulfo, which saw many screenplays based on it, Ripstein explores the aesthetics of hunger, destitution and decline. Dionisio Pinzon looks after a cock wounded in the cockfighting arena. The bird rewards him with a series of victories, thanks to which his master becomes wealthy. His life changes when he meets the beautiful La Caponera, but he has to fight for her with the powerful Lorenzo Benavides. The two men come face to face in the cockpit and at the card table, the region's two major vices. But, like gambling, love doesn't always have to lead to ruin.