

# Broken Embraces

**Los abrazos rotos**

Spain/2009/35mm/Colour/127'/Spanish-English

**Direction, Screenplay:** Pedro Almodovar

**Producer:** Agustín Almodovar

**Cinematography:** Rodrigo Prieto

**Editing:** Jose Salcedo

**Sound:** Miguel Rejas

**Cast:** Penelope Cruz, Lluís Homar, Blanca Portillo, Jose Luis Gomez, Ruben Ochandiano, Tamar Novas

## **Awards/Festivals**

Toronto International Film Festival, Cannes Film Festival,

A man writes, lives and loves in darkness. Fourteen years before, he was in a brutal car crash on the island of Lanzarote. In the accident, he didn't lose only his sight, he also lost Lena, the love of his life. This man uses two names: Harry Caine, a playful pseudonym with which he signs his literary works, stories and scripts, and Mateo Blanco, his real name, with which he lives and signs the film he directs. After the accident, Mateo Blanco reduces himself to his pseudonym, Harry Caine. If he can't direct films he can only survive with the idea that Mateo Blanco died on Lanzarote with his beloved Lena.