

# Teaching "Pan's Labyrinth"

(EL LABERINTO DEL FAUNO)

Friday 23 January, 1000-1530  
Teacher Building, 14 St Enoch Square,  
Glasgow, G1 4DB (near Glasgow Central Station)



**Pan's Labyrinth** (El Laberinto del Fauno) (2007), written and directed by the Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro, has won numerous international awards including three Academy Awards. The story takes place in a dual setting: Spain in May and June, 1944, after the end of the Spanish Civil War (1936-39) during the militarist-fascist repressive dictatorship; and a fantasy world experienced by a 10-year-old girl, Ofelia, who is given three tasks by a mysterious faun.

In the "real world", Ofelia's stepfather, the fascist Captain Vidal, viciously hunts the macquis guerrillas who continue fighting the regime in the region in the hope that an Allied victory in the Second World War will lead to the regime's downfall, while her pregnant mother grows increasingly ill. The "fantasy world" is one that Ofelia enters through an overgrown labyrinth garden, where she meets all manner of strange and magical creatures who become central to her story. The fantasy element is a kind of parable to the all-too-realistic horrors going on around Ofelia and allows her to cope with the misery of her new life.

#### Course Content:

- 1 Film Language
- 2 Historical Context
- 3 Cinematic Context
- 4 Theme, language and meaning

#### Target audience:

- Teachers of English, Film, Media
- Teachers of Spanish

Participants should view the Pan's Labyrinth DVD (available at [www.lovefilm.com](http://www.lovefilm.com), from £3.99) prior to this session

A CD of course materials will be made available including clips from the film and a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, and study guides in English and Spanish resources - plus the screenplay in English and Spanish.

Cost: £110 (includes buffet lunch and CD-ROM of materials)

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