One of Woody Allen's earlier, more slapstick-oriented efforts, Bananas tells the story of Fielding Mellish (Allen), a neurotic New Yorker who follows the object of his affections, Nancy (Louise Lasser), to the fictional Central American country of San Marcos, where she is involved in a revolution. Nancy wants nothing to do with Fielding, but he soon becomes a guest of the country's dictator (Carlos Montalban), before accidentally becoming the leader of San Marcos himself. Fielding is eventually shipped back to the US and tried as a subversive, but being that this is a comedy, and an especially light one at that, everything works out in the end. A far cry from Allen's later, more somber films, Bananas stills works as an often hilarious amalgam of sight gags, one-liners, and bizarre asides. Directed by Woody Allen.

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When a group of politically astute squatters are evicted from their "home in Madrid, they decide to barricade themselves in the Cuban Embassy just as Fidel Castro announces free elections in Cuba. An ambitious reporter and a Cuban diplomat with ulterior motives add to the fray and help the squatters create an international scene. Directed by Raimundo Garcia, this raucous political satire stars Mario Arias, Sara Deray, and Daniel Huarte.

Director Luis Mandoki presents a society of innocent victims who are caught in a blinding cross fire, a life-or-death environment in which survival is a daily struggle. Based on the true story of a now-grown Oscar Torres, this moving film set in El Salvador in the mid-1980s follows the drama of a young boy who must choose between enlisting in the Salvadoran army or joining up with a band of guerrillas.

Based on a true story, this is the moving account of the September 1969, kidnapping of the American ambassador to Brazil (played by Alan Arkin). A group of young idealists plans the terrorist act as their only perceived means of voicing their dreams and visions in a military regime. The film delves candidly into their lives and emotions as they begin to question both the depth of their allegiance to the group and the motives of their comrades. Directed by Bruno Barreto.