Looking for the women of copla

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A film by Nina Danino

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Title: I DIE OF SADNESS CRYING FOR YOU

UK, May 2019 Duration: 70 minutes Format: Digital (16:9) Sound: Stereo LT RT 25fps Language: English narration. Spanish songs translated Colour and Black and White

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"So what moves us when we hear copla? Are we weeping for them? Can we hear the residue of suffering in their performance, in the performance of a theatre of tears and sorrow –we don't have to understand the lyrics – is copla the performance of woman's deep seated cry of pain?"

"There are so many strong women characters, *La bien pagá* (The Well-Paid Woman) who doesn't ask for anything and doesn't take anything, the one in *Tres puñales* (Three Knives) who challenges and dares her abuser – the woman who takes pleasure in *Ojos verdes* (Green Eyes) and who lives her truth in *Yo soy ésa* (I Am That One) -my favourites, the singers who perform happiness and entertain in *¿Quien dijo pena*? (Who Mentioned Sorrow?) but who also derive joy from singing in *Vendedora de coplas* (The Seller of Songs) or that formidable outcast, *La loba* (The She-Wolf), a woman who fights, who stands up for herself - inside she is detroyed but she is not a victim - which is one of the strengths of the women of copla"

A personal essay film on copla - a form of Spanish lyrical song which powerfully communicates emotion and the profound sadness of woman. The film combines Nina Danino's interest in the female voice with archive and newly filmed performances. The film sets out to look for copla and the women and singers of copla as she narrates her own memory and experience of it.

Credits

Written and Narrated by Nina Danino Featuring performances by **Marifé de Triana** and live performances by **Yolanda Figueroa, Elena Danino** World Premiere: 2019 Production: Temporal Films Online: Ellie Stiles Grade: Alex Seery Editing: Juan Soto, John Veal Sound Mix: Michael Koderisch Graphic Design: Adrian Curry Produced and Directed by Nina Danino 2019©Temporal Films

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