

Film title

La Cocina

Tagline

Short synopsis

The life in the kitchen of a NYC restaurant where cultures from all over the world blend during the lunchtime rush.

Long synopsis

It's the lunchtime rush at The Grill, a New York tourist trap that serves thousands of customers on a regular Friday like today. Money has gone missing from the till and all the workers are being questioned. Most of them are illegal immigrants and they struggle to defend their job, their only rightful place in the world, as they prepare an endless array of dishes, trying to keep up with the constant stream of orders coming in from the dining room. One of the cooks is Pedro, a young Mexican who is seeking more from life than this job has to offer. He is a dreamer and a troublemaker, and he is in love with Julia, an American waitress who cannot commit to a relationship with an illegal immigrant. Rashid, The Grill's owner, has promised to help Pedro with his papers, but when Pedro is accused of stealing the money, and then discovers that Julia has had an abortion, he sees red and spirals towards an act that will halt the production line at the kitchen once and for all. Based on the acclaimed stage play by Arnold Wesker, La Cocina is a tragic and comic tribute to the invisible people who prepare our food.

Technical information and credits

Original title: La Cocina
English title: La Cocina
Year: 2024
Country: Mexico, USA
Language: EN, ES
Subtitles: CZ, EN
Running time: 139 min
Dostupnost: 15+

DVD / Blu-ray: DCP
Genre: Drama
Directed by: Alonso Ruizpalacios
Written by: Alonso Ruizpalacios
Edited by: Yibran Asuad
Cinematography: Juan Pablo Ramírez
Sound by: Isabel Muñoz Cota



Awards

Berlin IFF - Main Competition - 2024

Actors

Rooney Mara, Raúl Briones, Oded Fehr, John Pyper-Ferguson, Laura Gómez, James Waterston, Spenser Granese, Lee R. Sellars

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