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BELFAST



M, 98 minutes, in cinemas

Director Kenneth Branagh creates a black and white world in *Belfast*, a film inspired by memories of his childhood in Northern Ireland at its most turbulent. Perhaps he has idealised his characters, blessing all of them with charm, sagacity and a droll, self-deprecating wit, but the gentleness of their humour makes the film's dialogue one of its great delights. It's a childhood remembered with a lot of love and a fine measure of sadness and gratitude. **SH**

PARALLEL MOTHERS



M, 123 minutes, in cinemas

Pedro Almodovar's new film revolves around two women, Janis (Penelope Cruz) and Ana (Milena Smit) who strike up a friendship while waiting to give birth in a Madrid maternity hospital. The film's emphasis on moral integrity stamps it as one of Almodovar's most important and engaging films in some time. **SH**



HERE OUT WEST



M, 101 minutes, in cinemas, coming soon to ABC TV.

Here Out West is an absorbing comedy drama set in western Sydney that weaves together eight different stories, with eight writers, five directors and 10 different languages – Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, Kurdish, Kurmanji, Spanish, Tagalog, Turkish, Vietnamese – and English. This must be a record. Parts of it are uneven, but the best bits, such as Leah Purcell's finale, are very good indeed. **PB**

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