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Another meeting of Miguel Ángel Muñoz and Mónica Cruz due to the international success of “Un paso adelante”



Miguel Ángel Muñoz and Mónica Cruz

“I laughed a lot in Germany when I was in Hamburg, and I saw myself on TV speaking German,” Mónica Cruz assured us in an interview with Efe. *Un paso adelante*, after being broadcast by Antena 3 in Spain, was exported with success to France, Italy, Germany and even Serbia, where Muñoz was surprised to see himself on screen “speaking Spanish with English subtitles.”

“Almost five years have passed [since the series began], but when it is such a positive experience in your life, it is nice, because it is like remembering again this whole stage, which, in addition, gave us many opportunities to work,” Cruz assured us. The experience, in addition, made her and Muñoz a couple for a time.

“El síndrome de Ulises”

As a result of the popular success, the musical group UPA Dance developed, and Miguel Ángel had to learn to sing – now that he had learned to dance for the dance numbers in the series – in which Mónica was responsible for some solo dance numbers. Now Cruz, at the age of 30, is lining up film projects in Spain, Germany and the US, where she is preparing “*Aloe Vera*,” which began shooting in April.

Meanwhile, Muñoz, who recently turned 25, has just finished the third season of another television success, *El síndrome de Ulises* (*The Ulysses Syndrome*), and he announces that he will make a special appearance in the series *Cazadores de hombres*, playing “a very entertaining bad guy” with necrophiliac tendencies.

MAM, however, will cease to exist as a musician, since after the good sales results of the record *Pensarás que estoy loco* – for which he was also awarded the Border Breakers Prize for international success at Cannes – he believes that the music was the result of his character in *Un paso adelante*, and he wants “return to the seven years before that.”

Families prominent in the media

Muñoz, who like Cruz comes from a family prominent in the media since his mother Cristina Blanco is a futurologist on TV, made his film debut at the age of 12 in *El palomo cojo* (1985), and he has made brief appearances in *Los Borgia* (2006) and *Desde que amenece, apetece* (2005). In the theater, he starred in *El cartero de Neruda* (*The Neruda's Postman*), and he considers acting his true path.

Mónica, although she says that where she learns the most is on stage due to the pressure of performing live, considers acting in the word’s broadest sense. “Everything goes together. The life of a dancer is getting up on stage and narrating something with her body. It is not verbal, but it is also acting,” she asserts.

“We are very fortunate to continue working in what we like with all the very talented people out there who are not working,” reflects Muñoz. Cruz agrees, and she adds that “the success of the series is only part of it, since the most important thing is the satisfaction that daily life brings us.”

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