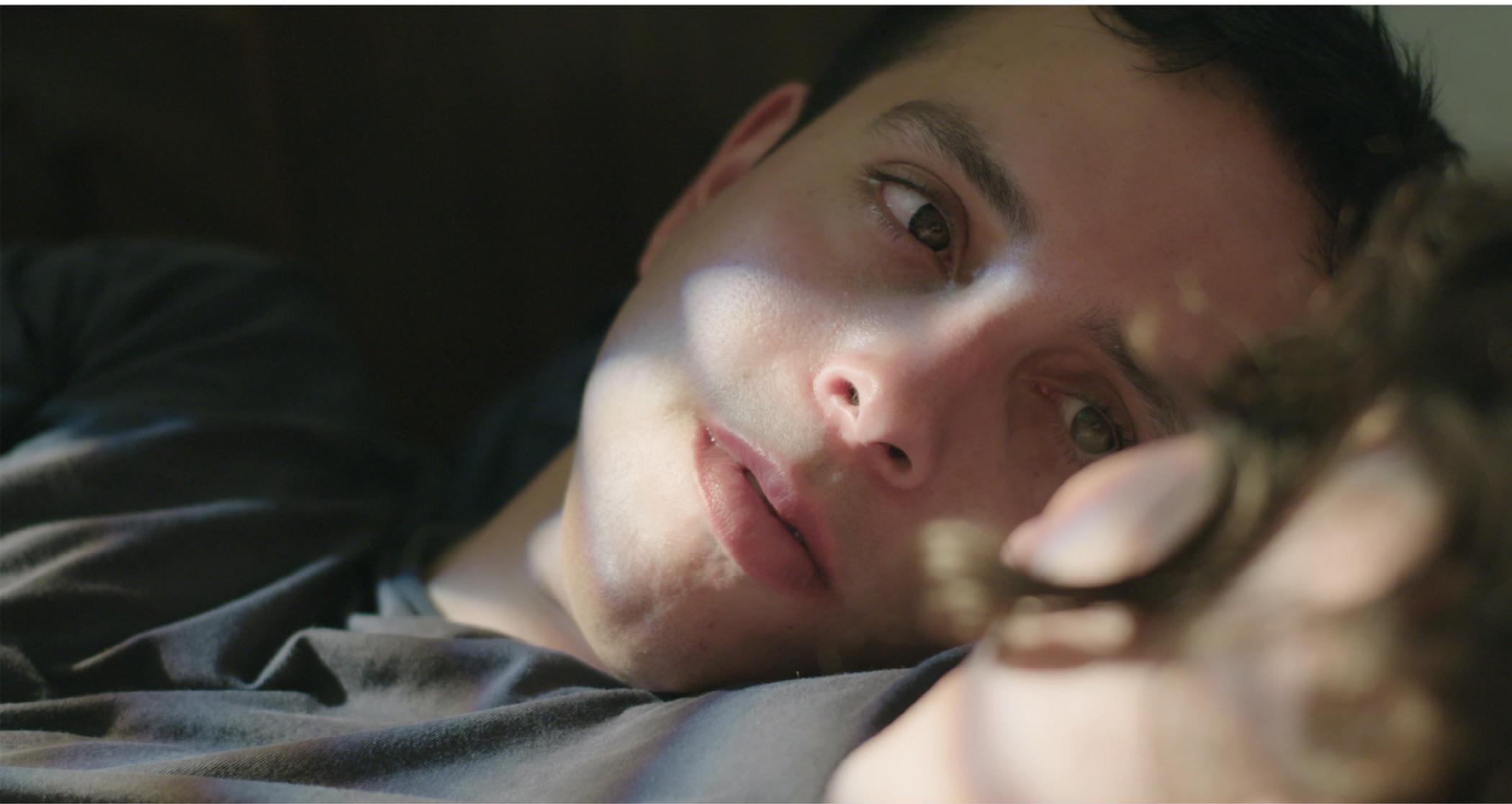


# GUARDIAN

A FILM BY NICOLAS JARA











# DIRECTOR BIO

Nicolas Jara is a Bay Area native director and producer, whose formal education and on-the-job experience within the fields of anthropology and film production helped him develop his artistic focus. His interest is in making realistic character-driven narrative and documentary films focused on disenfranchised and marginalized peoples. He received the Barbara Hammer Award for his short "Guardian", which allowed him to complete festival distribution and is a finalist for the CSU Media Arts Film Festival.



# PRODUCER BIO

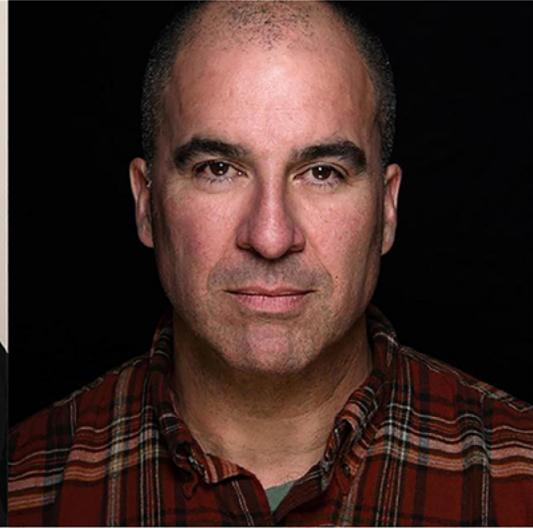
Ksenia is a writer, filmmaker, and political dissident living in San Francisco. Her focus is on creating visual media that explores the topics of LGBTQ+ and women's rights and raises scientific and environmental awareness. She recently graduated from San Francisco State University with B.A. in Cinema, receiving Achievement Awards for Special Recognition as Department Honoree and Academic Excellence. "Guardian", which received over a dozen laurels and won the Barbara Hammer Award, is her first producing and co-writing credit. She also produced an award-winning short documentary "Let's Go to the Movies" (2018). Her other credits include internships at the DocFilm Institute and at the feature documentary "Madame Mars", which premiered at UNISPACE+50, a UN Conference held in June 2018.



Carlos Flores, Jr.  
*Manuel*



Virginia Blanco  
*Anna*



Roy Manzanares  
*Howard*



Gretchen Klein  
*Carol*



Connery Morano  
*James*



Jeremy Champ Morales  
*Young Manuel*



# GUARDIAN

WHO WATCHES OVER YOU?

CARLOS FLORES JR. & VIRGINIA BLANCO EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS LUPE GONZALES & THE GREENE-JOHNSON FAMILY EDITOR JOEY TAMUSATTIS DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY CHRIS TIPTON-KING  
WITH MUSIC BY THE SEA THIEVES EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS STEVE CARTER EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS ALLOX WOODFORK PRODUCED BY RAQUEL RAMIREZ WRITTEN BY ANTHONY JOSEPH SPAZIANO  
PRODUCED BY KSENIA FIRSOVA & NICOLAS JARA EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS CLEO LAGRANGE DE CARVALHO WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY KSENIA FIRSOVA WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY NICOLAS JARA

# GUARDIAN

*A short film about life after death.*

**Writer, Director, & Producer**

Nicolas Jara

**Producer & Co-Writer**

Ksenia Firsova

**Starring**

Virginia Blanco

Carlos Flores

**Executive Producers**

Lupe Gonzales

The Greene-Johnson Family

**Associate Producer**

Cleo Lagrange de Carvalho



## CREW

**DIRECTOR** NICOLAS JARA  
**PRODUCER** KSENIA FIRSOVA  
NICOLAS JARA  
**ASSOCIATE PRODUCER** CLEO LA GRANGE DE CARVALHO  
**CO-WRITER** KSENIA FIRSOVA  
**DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY** CHRIS TIPTON-KING  
**1ST ASSISTANT CAMERA** RIKUTO SEKIGUCHI  
**2ND ASSISTANT CAMERA** JUSTIN VONG  
**CAMERA PA** RILEY OLSON  
SPENCER CROSS  
**1ST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR** ALLIX WOODFORK  
**2ND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR** JULIA ANDERSON  
**SCRIPT SUPERVISOR** CELINA GARCIA  
**FILM EDITOR** JOEY TAMUSAITIS  
**ASSISTANT EDITOR** SREANG HOK  
**SOUND EDITOR & DESIGNER** JON ROWLAND  
**COLORIST** CHRIS TIPTON-KING  
**PRODUCTION DESIGNER** RAQUEL RAMIREZ  
**JAMES PAINTING BY** STEPHEN MCDERMOTT  
**GRAPHIC ARTIST** YIWEN FENG  
**HAIR & SFX MAKEUP** ANTHONY JOSEPH SPAZIANO  
**GAFFER** JUSTIN ARAGON  
**KEY GRIP** MARK JAYSON QUINES  
**GRIP** DUDI ZVEDENIUK  
**PRODUCTION SOUND MIXER** PABLO RIVERA  
**BOOM OPERATOR** MORGAN RUSSEL  
**SECOND ASSISTANT SOUND** AARON DAVIS  
**BEHIND-THE-SCENES PHOTOGRAPHER** NIKO LARA  
**PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS** SUFIAN ALANI  
NELSON DIAZ  
RYAN WEAVER  
RYAN MCGINLEY  
SYDNEY REDD  
ISAAC ZEPEDA  
ANDY COURTNEY  
LOGAN MURRAY  
MONICA CASTRO

## CAST

**ANNA** VIRGINIA BLANCO  
**MANUEL** CARLOS FLORES, JR  
**YOUNG MANUEL** JEREMY MORALES  
**HOWARD** ROY MANZANARES  
**JAMES** CONNERY MORANO  
**CAROL** GRETCHEN KLEIN

## SPECIAL THANKS

ARLEEN GONZALES  
THE LAGRANGE DE CARVALHO FAMILY  
TERESA & NICOLE RONDONE  
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EMMANUEL OGA  
32K PRODUCTIONS  
FRAME STORY  
SCOTT BOSWELL  
PAT JACKSON  
BRIAN BENSON  
MYRA PACI  
THE SCHOOL OF CINEMA AT SFSU  
THE NURSING SIMULATION PROGRAM AT SFSU  
THE CCSF POLICE DEPARTMENT

## “DRAG YOU IN”

WRITTEN & PERFORMED BY THE SEA THIEVES

## ORIGINAL MUSIC BY

STEVE CARTER

# SCREENINGS & AWARDS

## OFFICIAL SELECTIONS

**MAY 17TH, 2018 / LOS ANGELES, CA**  
INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS SHOWCASE

**JUNE 23RD, 2018 / MCALLEN, TX**  
LA FRONTERA QUEER FILM FEST

**JUNE 23RD, 2018 / KANSAS CITY, MO**  
OUT HERE NOW

**AUGUST 20TH, 2018 / DURHAM, NC**  
NORTH CAROLINA GAY & LESBIAN FILM  
FESTIVAL

**SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2018 / ATLANTA, GA**  
OUT ON FILM

**OCTOBER 6TH, 2018 / SANTA CRUZ, CA**  
SANTA CRUZ FILM FESTIVAL

**OCTOBER 13TH, 2018 / COACHELLA, CA**  
OFFICIAL LATINO SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

**OCTOBER 13TH, 2018 / TULSA, OK**  
TULSA AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL

**OCTOBER 16TH, 2018 / LOS ANGELES, CA**  
CSU MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL

**TBA / REDWOOD CITY, CA**  
BRAVE MAKER FILM FEST 2019

**TBA / SAN FRANCISCO, CA**  
LGBTQ+ COMING OF AGE SHORT FILMS  
FESTIVAL

## ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS

**MAY 9TH, 2018 / SAN FRANCISCO, CA**  
SFSU UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SHOWCASE

**JULY 5TH, 2018 / SAN FRANCISCO, CA**  
SFSU ASSOCIATED STUDENTS' CINEMA SOCIAL

**JULY 22ND, 2018 / RODEO, CA**  
BASH BAY AREA SHORT FILMS FESTIVAL

CURRENTLY IN CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER  
FESTIVALS

## AWARDS

THE SFSU QUEER CINEMA PROJECT'S BARBARA  
HAMMER AWARD

CSU MEDIA ARTS FINALIST



# GUARDIAN

