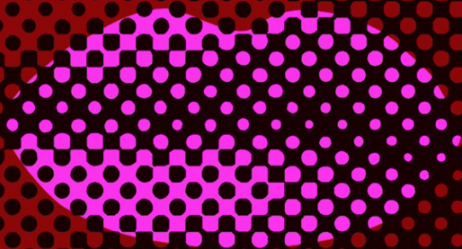


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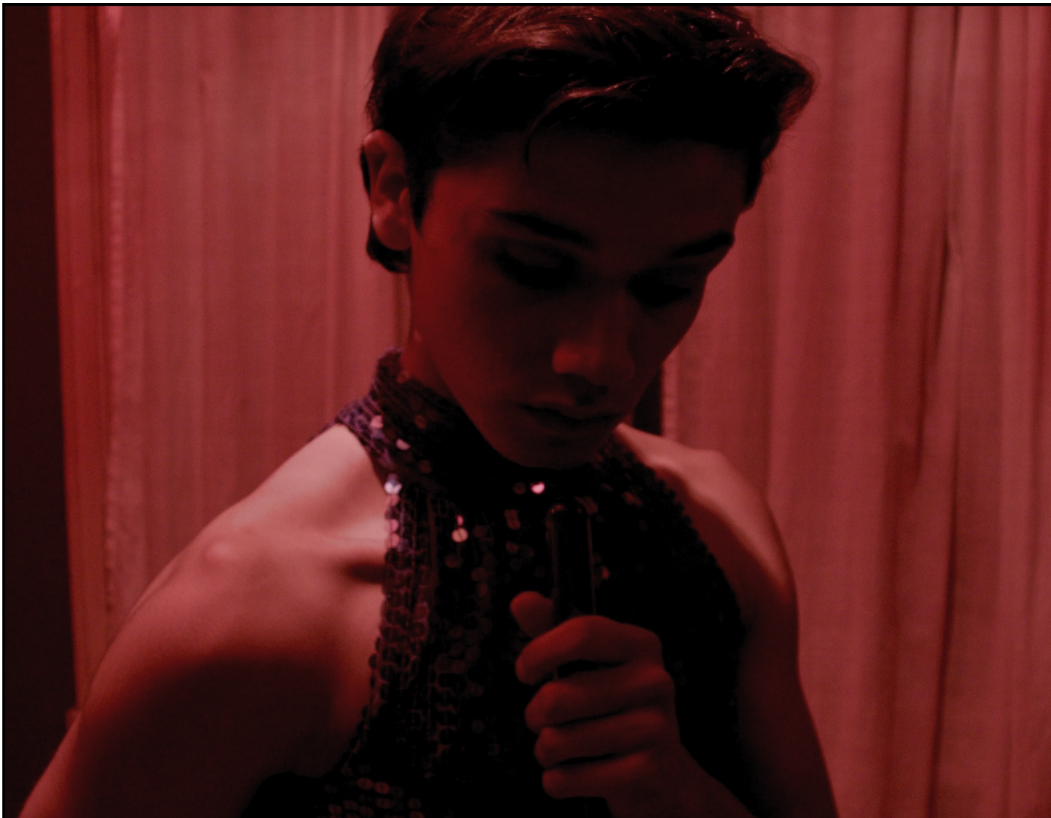
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with Sergio Hernández, Andrew Bargsted, Jaime Leiva, Antonia Zegers, Edgardo Bruna, Gabriela Hernandez, Benjamín Westfall, Octavio Navarrete, Astrid Roldán and Camila Hirane.

CHILE - 2016 - DCP - DRAMA - 81 min.

Produced by Isabel Orellana Guarello
Araucaria Cine - 5 AM Producciones

WORLD PREMIERE: Berlin International Film Festival 2016 - Panorama



Andrew Bargsted as Pablo in You'll never be alone

LOGLINE

A father seeks help in vain when his gay son becomes the victim of a hate crime in their neighbourhood.

SYNOPSIS

After his teenage gay son starts secretly cross-dressing and suffers a violent attack, JUAN, a withdrawn manager at a mannequin factory struggles between paying his son's exorbitant medical bills and his last attempt at becoming partners with his boss. As he runs into dead-ends and unexpected betrayals, he'll discover the world he knew was waiting to be violent with him too. Juan has made too many mistakes, but his son can still be saved.

Director's Statement

“About three years ago, a 20-year-old boy was murdered in Santiago because he was gay. He was tortured for hours: his legs broken, a swastika carved on his stomach using shattered bottles, a piece of his ear torn out. By coincidence, that young boy was a fan of my work as a musician and I knew who he was because we'd spoken a couple of times. I met his family and they urged me to continue “speaking on behalf of boys like him”, not usually represented in the media or even art: in short, a gay and poor kid. This story, however, shifts its focus onto the father of the boy. This is my way of saying: it was not one boy, it's many boys and girls, and women and men. And the life we should examine more carefully is not the boys', it's the rest of us. We who allow this to repeat over and over.”



Still from You'll never be alone

About the director - Alex Anwandter

Alex Anwandter is a Chilean musician and filmmaker born in Santiago, Chile, 1983. His career as a musician started in 2005 to immediate and widespread acclaim in Chile and South America. He went on to publish four albums to critical and commercial recognition and subsequent touring the US, Europe and Latin America, becoming one of Chile's most renowned artists. Growing up as a big cinephile, Alex Anwandter took on directing music videos for his own projects and other artists since 2005 onwards.

Named by TIME Magazine as an artist “poised for US stardom”, his music and videos have been featured everywhere from Billboard to Vice Magazine and MTV, with NPR celebrating his video for *Cómo puedes vivir contigo mismo?*, an homage to *Paris is Burning*, for its courageous message of equality and non-discrimination.

In 2012 Alex Anwandter starts preparing a new phase in his career: moved by the murder of young Daniel Zamudio, a gay boy murdered in a hate-crime in Santiago and fan of his work, Anwandter writes his first script *YOU’LL NEVER BE ALONE*. The film won both SANFIC’s and FICGuadalajara Work in Progress sections and World Premiere at Berlinale’s Panorama.



Photo by Esteban Vargas

CASTING

Sergio Hernández - JUAN

Graduate from the University of Chile in Acting during the year of 1967, early in his career Sergio dabbled in film, theater and television. Being one of the most renowned Chilean film actors, his performances include: "La tierra prometida" (Miguel Littin, 1972), "Diálogo de exiliados" (Raúl Ruiz, 1975), "La Frontera" (Ricardo Larraín, 1991), "Johnny 100 pesos" (Gustavo Graef-Marín, 1993), "La sagrada familia" (Sebastián Lelio, 2006), "Secretos" (Valeria Sarmiento, 2008), "Dawson Isla 10" (Miguel Littin, 2009), entre otras. His latest performances have been Raúl Ruiz's posthumous film "Night across the street" (2012), "No" (Pablo Larraín, 2013, nominated to the Academy Award as best foreign language movie) and "Gloria" (Sebastián Lelio, 2013, Silver Bear award on the 2013 Berlinale). In the field of Theatre it can be highlighted "Fulgur y muerte de Joaquín Murieta" by the Nobel Award Pablo Neruda (1967), "Those who are left on the road" by Isidora Aguirre. Sergio Hernández won the Best Actor Award Altazor 2012. Also, Sergio Hernández was part of the Polish Movement called "Theatre Anthropology" led by Jerzy Grotowski and founded the Wayfarers group that toured Europe and returned to Chile in 1986 presenting "From the darkness, in an act called" at the Trolley Theater, at the heights of Pinochet's dictatorship.



Sergio Hernández as Juan in You'll never be alone

CASTING

Andrew Bargsted - PABLO

Andrew just graduated on 2016 from the Acting School at Universidad de Chile with a final exam based on Pasolini. His most noted performance is the leading role on “Lost Queens” (Ignacio Juricic, 2015), short film winner of the Queer Palm and the second prize on Cinefondation at Cannes International Film Festival.

He is currently shooting “Bichos Raros”, a television show co-produced between TVN (the only chilean public television channel) and Argentina’s public television.



Andrew Bargsted as Pablo in You'll never be alone



Production Notes

Nunca vas a estar solo (You'll never be alone) is a feature film directed by Alex Anwandter, produced by Isabel Orellana Guarello and production companies 5AM Producciones and Araucaria Cine.

During 2013, the project was pre-selected at Screenwriter's Lab at Sundance Institute. Later that year producer Isabel Orellana Guarello came on board to produce the film.

The film tells the story of a father, Juan, fighting for his son after a terrible beat-down of him for being gay, and is starred by one of most prominent actors from Chile, Sergio Hernandez. Alongside with him, playing the role of the son, is Andrew Bargsted, recently seen in Lost Queens (short film, Chile) awarded at Cannes' Cinefondation & obtaining the Queer Palm. Other relevant casting include Antonia Zegers (The Club, No, Post-Mortem). Among its key members of the crew are Matías Illanes, Chilean cinematographer from festival favorites "Naomi Campbell", "White Death" and Chilefactory's "El llano de la paciencia".

Though "Nunca vas a estar solo" is loosely inspired on a real Chilean case (the homophobic attack that killed Daniel Zamudio on 2012) the film shifts its focus onto the father of a boy who suffers the beaten. "This is my way of saying: it was not one boy, it's many boys and girls, and women and men. And the life we should examine more carefully is not the boys', it's the rest of us. We who allow this to repeat over and over", Anwandter has said.

Production Notes

The film was shoot on August 2014, with a cameo of Daniel Jadue, the emblematic Recoleta's mayor and a 16mm Arri Optar lens's suitcase. The film was edited by Felipe Galvez (Princesita by Marialy Rivas, In the grayscale by Claudio Marccone) and Alex Anwandter himself.

The film was presented at SANFIC's Work in Progress at 2014 and Guadalajara's Films in Progress, being awarded at both events, and gaining attention from festival programmers to agents & distributors. In March 2015 the film secured postproduction funds from Cultural National Agency of Chile (CNCA).

Additionally the project has formed part of the portfolio of projects of Araucaria Cine, reaching markets such as Industry Days at Locarno, Curitiba Film Market, Marche du film at Cannes, Producers Network at Ventana Sur 2014, and Guadalajara, among others. Currently, thanks to this support, an international association with USA has been set-up with Daniel Dreifuss, best known for NO (Pablo Larraín, Director's Fortnight) and his company Anima Pictures.

"You'll never be alone" will have its world premiere on February 16th, at Berlinale's Panorama.

For the international circuit the film is being sold by WIDE MANAGEMENT.

Cast & Crew

Original title	Nunca vas a estar solo
English title	You'll never be alone
Written & Directed by	Alex Anwandter
Produced by	Isabel Orellana Guarello
Production Companies	Araucaria Cine – 5AM
Production Contact	isaorellanag@araucariacine.com
Executive Producers	Daniel Dreifuss Fernanda Montesi Alex Anwandter
In association with	Anima Pictures Escuela de Cine UDD Ortega Maniqués
With the Support of	Council for the Arts & Culture (CNCA – Chile) - Municipalidad de Recoleta – Reciclaje I Love – Mac Cosmetics - Municipalidad de Santiago – Cine Sur
Principal Cast	Sergio Hernandez, Andrew Bargsted, Jaime Leiva, Benjamín Westfall, Gabriela Hernandez, Edgardo Bruna, Antonia Zegers, Camila Hirane, Octavio Navarrete.
Production Manager	Mane Garrido
Assistant Director	Antonia Renard
Director of Photography	Matias Illanes
Production Design	Andrea Contreras
Costume Design	Natalia Geisse
Casting	Iván Parra Reinoso
Sound	Diego Aguilar
Editing	Felipe Gálvez Alex Anwandter
Sound Design	Roberto Espinoza
Sound Postproduction	SONAMOS
Color Correction & FX	ATOMICA
Country	Chile
Shooting format	HD FULL
Exhibition format	DCP 2K
Duration	81 minutes

