A MARLENE EMILIA RIOS FILM





Lucia & Nicole

ROMANCE SUAREZ CLAUDIA LEVIS





Lucia & Nicole

When Lucia discovers her childhood friend Nicole living on the streets, an invitation into the family home rekindles long-buried feelings—and quietly shifts the foundation of their world.

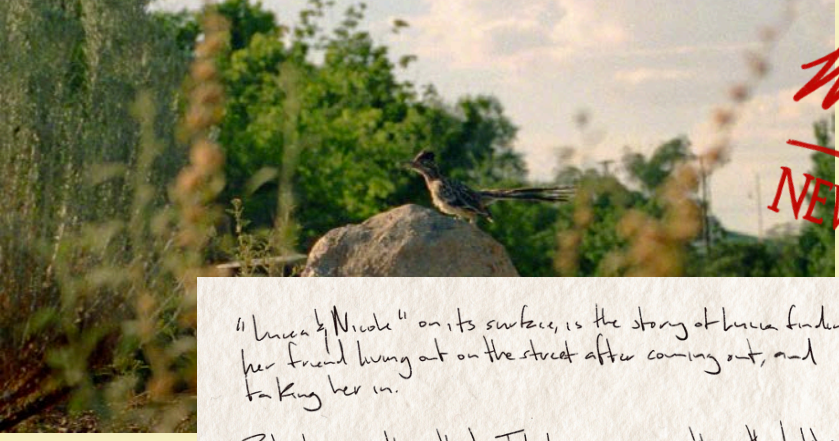








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Welcome to NEW MEXICO

"Lucy & Nicole" on its surface, is the story of Lucia finding her friend hung out on the street after coming out, and taking her in.

But it's more than that. It became more than that the moment I started planning this film. From the start, Nicole is already landing in community, given flowers to survive. As was I, with every collaborator who lent their incredible talents and empathy to make this film. We chose to make this film in Albuquerque, the city I came up as a filmmaker, because I knew we'd find community eager to help us realize "Lucia y Nicole."



Me, directing

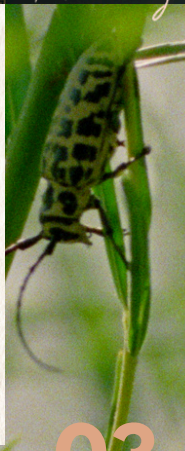
To my cast and crew, I can't thank you enough for helping me tell this story. You are the breath that gave it form, and the soul that gives it meaning.

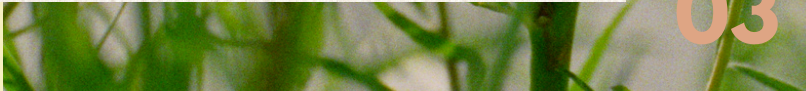
To you, my dear reader, thank you for supporting us. For seeing us when everyone else would rather look away.

Queer joy is resistance.
And I hope you continue to find joy.

-Mahn







Cast & Crew



Romance Juarez • "Lucia"



Claudia Lewis • "Nicole"



Lisette Nichols • "Ximena"



David Arturo Sanchez • "Emmanuel"



Marlene Emelia Rios
Director/Writer/Producer



Aramani Khamsamran
Producer



Sam Gordon
Producer



Brian Mag
Producer



Garrett Smith
Director of Photography



Tyler Meyers
Sound Mixer & Editor



Graciezurra Moreno-Medina
Composer





We were able to shoot this film in scene order. But since we produced from L.A. & only had 2 days to shoot in Albuquerque, that meant we had to meet the crew & hit the ground running starting with our hardest scene.



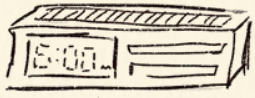












I know this room by memory. The prayer candles, an old alarm clock in a darkened room.

you wanna do something?



Laurie Deegan prepping notes for Romance & Claudia





SHOT IN THE BOSQUE ALONG THE RIO GRANDE

On a punishingly hot day in August

MY PARTNER'S LIVING ROOM







I thought of it often when discussing the last scene of the movie.

"FALLING"

A PLAYLIST FOR LUCIA & NICOLE

1. "MY GIRL" - Animal Collective
2. "LA LUNA ENAMORADA" - Kali Uchis
3. "WHAT KIND OF LOVE" - Childish Gambino
4. "SYCAMORE TREE" - Kali Uchis
5. "ME AND YOUR MAMA" - Childish Gambino
6. "MIRAGE" - Orion Sun
7. "A LENDA DO CABOCLO" - Heitor Villa-Lobos, Yo-Yo Ma
8. "ADORO" - Chavela Vargas
9. "CONTIGO" - Los Panchos
10. "JACARANDÁ" - Los Santos
11. "JABOR A MI" - Eydie Gormé, Los Panchos
12. "FUE MEJOR (FT. SZA)" - Kali Uchis, SZA
13. "WE MIGHT EVEN BE FALLING IN LOVE (INTERLUDE)" - Victoria Monet
14. "LOVERS ROCK" - TV Girl

Lucia & Nicole

Under the blistering Albuquerque sun, on an errand run with her mom, Lucia discovers her childhood friend Nicole living on the streets after coming out to her family. After some hesitation, Ximena extends an invitation to Nicole into their home. As Nicole settles in, old feelings between the two girls begin to resurface, feelings once pushed aside but never forgotten.

Set against the sun-soaked neighborhoods of Albuquerque and shot on 16mm film, Lucia & Nicole is a romantic, restrained story about what becomes possible when we are embraced rather than turned away.







CAST
(in order of appearance)

Ximena Lissette Nichols
Lucia Romance Suarez
Nicole Claudia Levis
Emmanuel David Arturo Sánchez

PRODUCTION TEAM

Production Sound Mixer Caine Deegan

1st Assistant Camera Lane Luper
2nd Assistant Camera Alejandro Torres

G&E Swing Jess Danielle

aound mixed at TMSOUNDHOUSE

camera provided by KESLOW CAMERA, ALBUQUERQUE
grip & lighting equipment provided by SERIOUS GRIPPAGE & LIGHT CO

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