

InDirectFilm presents:

SOFÍA WILL RETURN

The first enviromental refugee
from the Mar Menor



A Joaquín Lisón documentary

WITH ESTHER EU, FERNANDO CARIDE, FRAN ROS, NURIA MALVADO WITH THE SPECIAL COLLABORATION OF TERESA VICENTE Y JOAQUÍN ARAÚJO

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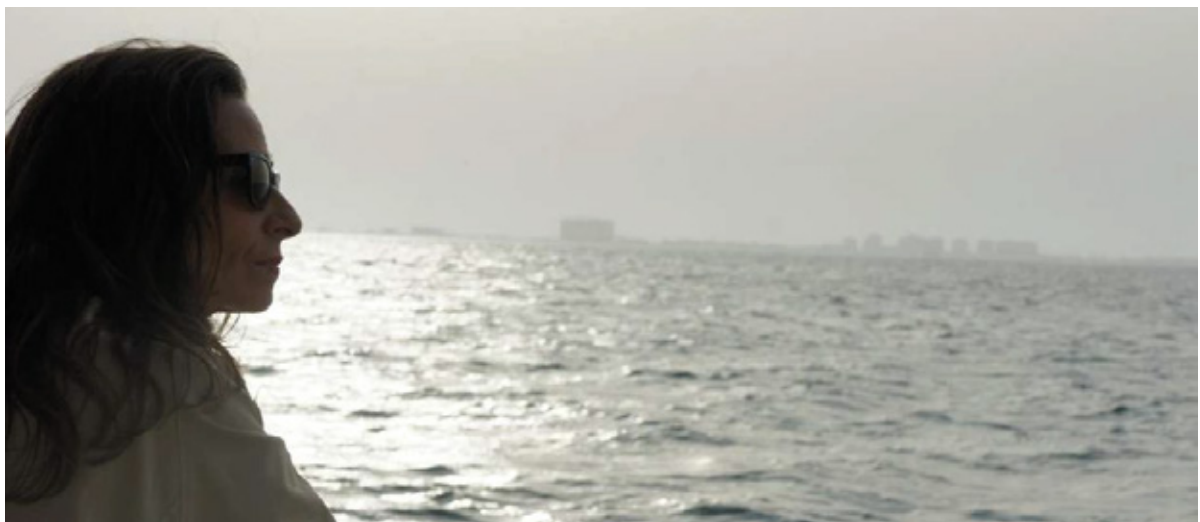
SYNOPSIS

Sofia is 12 years old when, in October 2019, fish mortality in the Mar Menor changes her life forever. Her father, a fisherman affected by the fishing halt, decides to sell his boat and start a new life in Canada. Sofia becomes the first environmental refugee from the Mar Menor. She will return in 2056.

THE FILM

Sofia Will Return is the first film made in the Mar Menor.

This project was born from the urgency of giving visibility to the socio-ecological crisis that the Mar Menor has been enduring since the DANAS of 2019, and the will and desire of the population to protect the ecosystem of Europe's largest saltwater lagoon.





The film brings us closer to the profile of environmental refugees and climate refugees, and to the possibility of a forced migration phenomenon in the Mar Menor region due to the environmental degradation of the area.

The film is produced in parallel to the Popular Legislative Initiative (ILP), which seeks to endow the Mar Menor with legal personality, and in doing so, make it the first ecosystem in Europe with this recognition.

With our gaze fixed on the year 2056, and through real and fictional characters, the film shows a hopeful future for the recovery of the Mar Menor. Ecocentrism shows its first glimmers and images.

Sofía Will Return is documentary film with a pressing sense of urgency, with traces of fiction and eco-social realism, centred on the conservation of the Mar Menor and, more broadly, on the preservation of nature and human rights.

FILM TRAILER:

https://youtu.be/3ZL_fR7dRpM





SOFIA WILL RETURN AND THE POPULAR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE

The Mar Menor is the largest saltwater lagoon in Europe.

Located on the coast of the Region of Murcia, it is a natural treasure enjoyed by the inhabitants of the area and the thousands of tourists who visit it every year.

It is currently under serious threat from an excess of nutrients in its waters (eutrophication) due to the impact of agricultural activity and urbanization pressure. It is an ecological and social crisis that, far from being solved, highlights the failure of the current legal protection system.

InDirectFilm has followed the entire process of citizen mobilization and has captured with its cameras the protests, lectures, speeches and even the ILP's presentation in front of congress and the subsequent approval of the law in the senate, thus generating audiovisual material that will culminate in a documentary set to be released soon.

At the same time we have created the feature film Sofia Will Return, a hymn of hope for the protection and environmental regeneration of the Mar Menor and its adjacent population of inhabitants.

Sofia Will Return gives a face and voice to the Mar Menor and promotes the conservation and restoration of its biodiversity, and the ecological and environmental integrity of this irreplaceable ecosystem and its social importance for the surrounding population.

This film aims to be a tool for dissemination and awareness; to highlight the importance of heritage conservation and to contribute to the recovery of the Mar Menor ecosystem and its historical and cultural value. We hope it reaches the greatest possible number of spectators through the national and international distribution of the film.



CAST



The Fiction-Documentary genre of *Sofia Will Return* has as its main characteristic a cast composed of non-professional actors from the Mar Menor region along with professional actors.



María Araque, María Peñalver and Alberto López are from Los Alcázares and they portray themselves in the film. They have suffered first-hand from the consequences of the environmental crisis, and they show us their reality through a fresh lens and natural discourse.



The professional portion of the film's cast consists of Fran Ros, Fernando Caride, Esther Eu and Nuria Malvado.



Other collaborators include Teresa Vicente, who introduces the ILP, and the renowned Spanish writer and naturalist Joaquín Araújo. Several fishermen and inhabitants of the lagoon also participate.



The soundtrack features the work of Murcian composers Jesús Victoria and Pedro Guirao.





With the objective of opening an active space of debate and reflection with the public.

A representative of the team that made the film will participate in our film forum. We invite specialists on the topics that the film deals with in relation to the Mar Menor and a moderador who mediates the session.

To this end, there exists a reduced 60-min version of the film that is more suitable in the case of working with a young audience or students.

Our film forums can be held in primary schools, secondary schools, universities, cultural centres, women's centres, senior citizens' centres, congresses, conferences, etc.

We have a vast history and experience with this activity, having carried out a multitude of film forums with all of our films.

We are currently participating in a European project called "Erasmus +" meant for the creation of educational tools in the field of environment and transition.





CREDITS

Duration: 85 min.

Format: Full HD Pro Res / DCP

With: Esther Eu, Fernando Caride, Fran Ros And Nuria Malvado.

Special Collaboration: Teresa Vicente And Joaquín Araújo.

Poemas By Carmen Conde: "Comprobación" And "Ante Tí"

Music And Melodies: "Mediterráneo" By Pedro Guirao, "Piano En Sá Talaia" By Jesús Victoria, "Naturaleza" - Vocal Improvisation By Esther Eu And Accompaniment By Jesús Victoria And "Claro De Luna" By Claude Debussy Interpreted By Jesús Victoria.

Artistic And Educational Mediation:

María Teresa Colomina And Miguel Pallarés.

Direct Sound: José Antonio Hermosilla

Colour: Chema Román

Aquatic Images: Javier Murcia

Poster: Fernando Ordóñez

Music: Jesús Victoria And Pedro Guirao

Production: Concepción Meseguer

Script, Direction, Camera And Staging: Joaquín Lisón



LINKS OF INTEREST

- Poster - Sofia Will Return
- Photographs and stills from the film
- Film trailer
- Press



'Sofía volverá', el filme que imagina cómo será el Mar Menor en 2056

El realizador Joaquín Lisón estrena el próximo 26 de mayo en la Filmoteca Regional 'Francisco Rabal' este largometraje de docuficción con reparto 100% murciano y el apoyo del movimiento que promueve la ILP Mar Menor



Sofía y Hugo mirando el horizonte del Mar Menor, con las islas al fondo. / RETORI 1938

El documental Sofía Volverá sobre los refugiados climáticos, en el Filmoteca de Murcia

Por Nerea García - May 16, 2022

La **Universidad de Murcia**, a través de la Cátedra de Derechos Humanos y Derechos de la Naturaleza y el grupo de Investigación de Transferencia 'El derecho a través de las Artes', llevará entre el 26 y 29 de mayo el debate sobre los refugiados climáticos a la Filmoteca regional. Será en un cinefórum a propósito de la proyección del documental de ficción **'Sofía Volverá'** del director **Joaquín Lisón**, que podrá verse el 26 de mayo a las 20.00 horas.



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Sociedad

'Sofía Volverá', el falso documental del Mar Menor que abre el debate sobre los refugiados climáticos

La Universidad de Murcia reflexionará sobre ella a través de esta película y de diversas charlas y debates entre el 26 y el 29 de mayo



"Sofía volverá." Una película de esperanza para el Mar Menor
Fuente: Agencias
(La primera refugiada por causa medioambiental del Mar Menor.)
La productora murciana IndirectFilm estrena desde el próximo 26 hasta el 29 de Mayo en la Filmoteca Regional Francisco Rabal su último largometraje "Sofía volverá", un film para el Mar Menor.

ABC SOCIEDAD

Una película para concienciar

Dentro de las acciones para sensibilizar acerca del riesgo de la contaminación de la laguna salada más grande de Europa, este miércoles se ha presentado la película **«Sofía volverá»**, protagonizada por **«la primera refugiada medioambiental»** obligada a emigrar por la contaminación en el Mar Menor.

«Sofía tiene 12 años cuando en octubre 2019 la mortandad de peces en el Mar Menor le cambia la vida para siempre. Su padre, un pescador afectado por la parada pesquera, decide vender su barco e iniciar una nueva vida en Canadá. Sofía se convierte en la primera refugiada por causa medioambiental del Mar Menor. Volverá en el año 2056». Así presentan al personaje de esta historia producida por Indirectfilm íntegramente con actores murcianos, desde niños y pescadores a los compositores de la música del film.



Cartel de la película «Sofía volverá» - ABC

El estreno está previsto para los próximos 26 y 27 de mayo en la **Filmoteca Regional Murciana**. Cada sesión tendrá un cinefórum posterior con la intervención de doctores de la Universidad de Murcia (UMU) especialistas en Derecho.

A film to raise awareness

Within the actions to raise awareness about the risk of contamination of the largest salt lagoon in Europe, this Wednesday the film -sofia will come back-, starting "the first environmental refugee- forced to emigrate due to pollution in the Mar Menor.

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Poster of the movie -Sofia will return- - ABC

-Sofía is 12 years old when in October 2019 the death of fish in the Mar Menor changes her life forever. Her father, a fisherman affected by the fishing stoppage, decides to sell his boat and start a new life in Canada. Sofía becomes the first refugee for environmental reasons in the Mar Menor. She will return in the year 2056 - This is how they present the character of this story produced by Indirectfilm entirely with Murcian actors, from children and fishermen to the composers of the film's music.

The premiere is scheduled for the next May 26 and 27 at the Murcian Regional Film Library. Each session will have a subsequent cineforum

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MAR MENOR / "Sofía Volverá", Una Película De Esperanza Para El Mar Menor



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La UMU lleva a la filmoteca el debate sobre los refugiados climáticos con el documental de ficción 'Sofía volverá'



InDirect film



ABOUT THE COMPANY

InDirectFilm is a Murcian production company that makes films to give a voice to concerns expressed by the population, to draw attention to the environment, the landscape and its natural, cultural, social and historical heritage.

InDirectFilm uses its films for cultural and artistic mediation through film forums in educational and cultural centres, congresses, conferences, etc.

In 2019, its project "The Memory of a River" was critically recognized and received the 3rd "CITY, CREATIVITY, CULTURE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP" award from the municipality of Murcia.

In 2021, the production company received the support of the ICA (Institute of Cultural Industries and of the Arts) of the Region of Murcia for the development of its new feature film "The Pardon", scheduled for release in 2024.

InDirectFilm is currently participating in the EduLANDS for Transitions Project, a European "Erasmus +" project, in the creation of educational tools for transition.

PRODUCER OF CINEMA AND EDUCATION

COMMITMENT TO NATURAL, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE

VALUES:

- ✓ Conservation of ecosystems and natural landscapes
- ✓ Transition
- ✓ Intangible culture and education
- ✓ Sustainability and Implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- ✓ Responsible consumption, equality and the role of women



FILM FORUM FOR SOFIA WILL RETURN

26-29 May 2022

Presentation in the Filmoteca of the Region of Murcia

8 June 2022

Presentation in Los Alcázares of the Mar Menor

24-30 June 2022

Premiere. Pequeño Cine Estudio (Small Film Studio), Madrid

13 October 2022

Francisco Salzillo Education Centre, Alcantarilla

14 October 2022

Cartagena Piensa and Ficcmoteca, Cartagena (Spain)

23 October 2022

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

3 November 2022

Law Faculty, University of Murcia

4 November 2022

Education centres of Torre Pacheco and CAES, Torre Pacheco, Murcia

9 November 2022

Zumzeig Cinema, Environmental Migrations. Ecologists in Action, Barcelona

24 November 2022

Centrofama Cinema, Entrepreneurship and Green Economy Week.
Environmental Enterprise Association of the Region of Murcia (AEMA)

1 Diciembre 2022

Cinema and environmental awareness. The role of citizens in the recovery of their ecosystem. Screening and debate "NOCHE EN LA FUENTE MULA".

21 Diciembre 2022

IES Antonio Menárguez, Costa de Los Alcázares

23 Enero 2023

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