
A Cinema Guild Release



Jauja

A film by Lisandro Alonso

108 minutes / Academy 1.33 / DCP / Dolby Digital 5.1 / 2014
In Spanish and Danish
with English subtitles.

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Synopsis

An astonishingly beautiful Western starring Viggo Mortensen, JAUJA (pronounced *how-ha*) begins in a remote outpost in Patagonia during the “Conquest of the Desert” in the late 1800s. Captain Gunnar Dinesen has come from Denmark with his fifteen year-old daughter to take an engineering job with the Argentine army. Being the only female in the area, Ingeborg creates quite a stir among the men. She falls in love with a young soldier, and one night they run away together. When Dinesen realizes what has happened, he decides to venture into enemy territory, against his men’s wishes, to find the young couple. Featuring a superb performance from Mortensen, JAUJA is the story of a man’s desperate search for his daughter, a solitary quest that takes him to a place beyond time, where the past vanishes and the future has no meaning.

The Legend

The Ancient Ones said that ‘Jauja’ was a fabled city of riches and happiness. Many expeditions tried to find this place. With time, the legend grew disproportionately. People were undoubtedly exaggerating, as they usually do. The only thing that is known for certain is that all who tried to find this earthly paradise got lost on the way.

Director's Statement

by Lisandro Alonso

A few years back I received an email telling me that a close friend had been assassinated in a land far away from her place of birth. She loved to write and to talk about films, a bit too much at times. In any case, I was strongly disturbed and shocked by what had happened to her and I began to think of this story. Following her advice, I have devoted more space to words here, and to my own desires. Oddly enough, I feel that this film has come to me and taken its unreal form as a way of helping me to grasp the world and the time we live in, how we vanish in order to inexplicably return, in utterly mysterious ways.

Lisandro Alonso Filmography

Jauja	2014
Sin Titulo (Carta Para Serra) (Short Movie)	2012
Liverpool	2008
Fantasma	2006
Los Muertos	2004
La Libertad	2001

Producer's Statement

By Viggo Mortensen

When my friend from Boedo, the Argentine poet Fabián Casas, told me in 2011 that he was going to collaborate on a movie project with Lisandro Alonso, I was intrigued. I'd briefly spoken with Lisandro in Toronto a few years earlier, and was familiar with his work, having especially liked "Los muertos". When we met again, on the set of Ana Piterbarg's "Todos tenemos un plan", he told me he wanted to shoot a story set in the 19th century on the Argentine frontier. He said he wanted me to play a Dane who is in the country with his fifteen year-old daughter, working for the military during its genocidal war against the aboriginal population.

It took a lot of patience and hard work by a relatively small but fiercely loyal crew to complete Lisandro Alonso's "Jauja", and this collaborative experience has been one of the most satisfying I've ever been involved in. We have ended up with a movie that is as Danish as it is Argentine; not an easy thing to do! Fabián and I both admire Lisandro's creative impulses, and have striven to live up to his philosophy of story-telling in our work on "Jauja". Lisandro's is a process that constantly seeks distillation, gently but stubbornly insisting on the intrinsic, essential truth of any given moment. It is one thing to want to achieve this sort of "clean" aesthetic, and another to be able to convey it with grace and originality. Directors like Lisandro, who can truly move us with the subtlety and unmistakable authenticity of their story-telling, do not come along very often. I am proud to have been witness to an important creative step forward for this director, and part of the team that produced what surely will be one of the most special viewing experiences at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

CREDITS

Cast

Viggo Mortensen
Viilbjørk Mallin Agger
Ghita Nørby
Adrian Fondari
Esteban Bigliardi
Diego Roman
Mariano Arce
Misael Saavedra
Gabriel Marquez
Brian Patterson

Producers

4L: Lisandro Alonso
Perceval Pictures: Viggo Mortensen
Fortuna Films: Ilse Hughan
Les Films du Worso: Sylvie Pialat
Mantarraya: Jaime Romandía
Massive: Andy Kleinman
Kamoli Films: Helle Ulsrteen
The Match Factory: Michael Weber
Wanka: Ezequiel Borovinsky – Leandro Pugliese
(With the support of INCAA)

Director of Photography

Timo Salminen

Sound

Catriel Vildosola

Director of Production

Micaela Buye

Director

Lisandro Alonso

Written by

Lisandro Alonso
Fabián Casas

Art Director

Sebastián Roses

Costumes

Gabriela Aurora Fernández

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Edited by

Natalia López and Gonzalo del Val

Sound Mix

Carlos Cortes

Original Music

Viggo Mortensen and Buckethead

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