

THE ENGLISH TEACHER

(Cuba • 2015)

Written & directed by ALÁN GONZÁLEZ

Short film • Fiction • Drama

Spanish dialogue • English, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese subtitles

15 minutes • Colour • 16/9 • No restriction: general public

Production

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Synopsis

Tired of nursing her husband through his terminal illness, 65-year-old Sonia, a retired teacher, decides to resume giving classes at her Havana home. Like the city, stagnant over time, and in the darkness of her house, Sonia must face her feelings in order to regain her freedom.

Cast CORALIA VELOZ, HECTOR ECHEMENDIA & ROQUE MORENO

Crew

Director of Photography JAVIER PEREZ

Art Director & Costumes RUBEN CRUCES

Editor LENIA DELGADO

First Assistant Director MARIANELA JORGE DONATE

Post Production NANCY ANGULO / LENIA DELGADO

Music RAYMEL CASAMAYOR

Make Up YAINE ALDANA

Credits Design & Poster JULIO ALBERTO PEREZ PENICHER

Sound Engineer ALFONSO CASTELLANOS

Sound Design HEIDY CARRAZANA

12 Awards, including

- Best Fiction Short Film at Construir Cine (Argentina)
- Best Short Film at Festival Cine Pobre Gibara (Cuba)
- Best Cuban short film screened in 2015 by Cuban Association of Film Critics (Cuba)
- AHS Caracol Award 2015 by Asociacion Hermanos Sainz (Cuba)
- Best Fiction Short Film at Muestra Joven ICAIC 2015 in Havana (Cuba)
- Best Script, Director, Photography, Sound Design at Muestra Joven ICAIC 2015 in Havana (Cuba)
- PEGUIN COSUDE Prize by Switzerland Embassy at Muestra Joven ICAIC 2015 in Havana (Cuba)
- Grand Prize award at Almacen de la Imagen 2015 in Camaguey (Cuba)

21 Festival Selections, including

- FICAE - Diseases International Short Film and Art Festival (2017) – Valencia (Spain)
- FECISLA - The Island Film Festival (2017) – Isla Fuerte, Bolivar (Colombia)
- International Film Festival Golden Anteaters (2016) – Lublin (Poland)
- Tetova International Film Festival ODA (2016) – Tetovo (Macedonia)
- Odense Film Festival OFF16 (2016) – Odense (Denmark)
- Festival Construir Cine (2016) – Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- Festival of Fines Shorts (2016) – Sao Paulo (Brazil)
- Festival Cine Pobre Gibara (2016) – Gibara (Cuba)
- London Short Film Festival (2016) - London (UK)
- Havana Film Festival (2015) - Havana (Cuba)
- Bahamas International Film Festival (2015) - Nassau (Bahamas)
- Aesthetica Short Film Festival (2015) – York (UK)
- Corto Circuito. The Latino Short Film Festival of New York (2015) – New York (USA)
- Woodstock Film Festival (2015) - Woodstock, NY (USA)
- Trinidad+Tobago Film Festival (2015) Port of Spain (Trinidad & Tobago)

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