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Today is Nina's big day. The day when she will tell everyone and no longer hide. But the 8-year-old doesn't yet know that this decision will shake up her family, the neighborhood, and the neatly trimmed front gardens of their picture-perfect suburbia. For Nina was Niklas before. And now she won't be a boy ... ever again.

SIMPLY NINA

Directed and written by **Karin Heberlein**
Starring **Friederike Becht, Arian Wegener, Ulrich Brandhoff**
Producer **Philipp Goeser**
Production **Company Schiwago Film**



■ DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

The film is about the courage it takes to stand up for who we are - who we are versus who we think we need to be. Ninas' disarming honesty, as she struggles to be accepted for who she is, throws the adults around her off balance as they are equally forced to look at themselves and their little lies, which they have become accustomed to.

■ DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Karin Heberlein trained as an actress in London and worked subsequently for various theatres in the UK and internationally. In 2013 she received a scholarship for the "Drehbuchwerkstatt" at the HFF in Munich and since then, she writes screenplays for film and television. Her first feature film as a director was released in 2020 and has since won several awards at international festivals.

Courageous at heart and emotionally touching, SIMPLY NINA follows an 8-year-old who decides to hide no more. Niklas becomes Nina. And a whole new life unfolds...

Original Title: Simply Nina | 89' | German OV
Germany 2022



After losing his parents in a brutal Narco massacre, Felipe and two young siblings set out on a quest for revenge from their peaceful village all the way to Mexico City. But when the tables are turned, they need to fight for their lives.

THE ROUTE TO EL JARDIN

Directed by **Christian Cavazos**
Written by **Tim Hebb, Mattias Westman**
Starring **Plutarco Haza, Israel Islas**
Producers **Mattias Westman, Anders Johan Palm**



■ DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

In a country that seems to have no remedy, the film narrates this to the extreme. A teenage couple and a child survive the loss of their parents at the hands of these evil men. With courage (a consequence of their innocence) and the desire for things to get better, they decide to take justice into their own hands and do the unthinkable. Put an end to these organizations. An example to those who call themselves "Authorities".

■ DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Christian Cavazos started as a production assistant at Univision. As a producer he received three "EMMY Awards" for Documentaries, thereafter he founded the Production House "Dominio Publico". In 2012 he began his career as a Filmmaker and co-founded the "Scumbags Filmmaking Group", making short films such as "New Mexico" and "Valle de las Cabras". The Route to El Jardin is his first feature.

Christian Cavazos' feature directorial debut is a high-octane action thriller with a pulse-pounding twist! Starring renowned Mexican actor Plutarco Haza.

Original Title: El Jardín | 95' | English OV
Mexico 2023