DIANY RODRIGUEZ

#### BIGAIL WILLIAMS

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A FILM BY PRISCILA TORRES

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### LOGLINE

Trapped in a never-ending immigration process, a Salvadoran immigrant makes a snap decision that could put her marriage and future in jeopardy.

## **SYNOPSIS**

Carmen Garcia is a Salvadoran immigrant in the United States unable to work due to the slow processing of her work permit application. Her daily routine consists of waking up late in the afternoon, and watching life pass her by. On her typical phone call to the U.S. Immigration Services she is greeted by an apathetic agent that knows everything about her, except the current status of her application.

Carmen finds different ways to keep her mind busy, as she spends most of her time alone in the apartment. After repeated calls, Carmen grows tired of the bureaucracy of immigration services and makes the risky decision to start working illegally



### **DIRECTOR STATEMENT**

There are so many misconceptions regarding legal immigration in the United States. Many people who demand tougher rules and regulations for immigrants have no knowledge of how expensive, complicated, and long the application to become a legal resident can be. Based on my personal experience, I wanted to show this side that is not as often portrayed on the screen, and present a scenario that is becoming more and more common for immigrants during their application process.

#### **SPECS**

Gender: Drama, Comedy Country of production: United States Runtime: 13 minutes 21 seconds Shooting format: Digital Film language: English

## **ABOUT THE DIRECTOR**



#### **PRISCILA TORRES**

was born and raised in El Salvador. In 2013, she earned a BFA in Graphic Design from Universidad Don Bosco in San Salvador. That same year, she was chosen as Robert Redford/Milagro Initiative Unique Voice recipient to study film in Santa Fe, NM. As part of her scholarship program, she was mentored by Joan Tewkesbury (Nashville) and Kathleen Broyles. During that time, she also volunteered on multiple occasions for the Sundance Film Festival and Sundance Institute Summer Labs.

She graduated in 2016 with a BFA in Film Production from Santa Fe University of Art & Design, and since then has worked on a number of productions as a production assistant, and as an assistant for Carmen Ejogo on The Girlfriend Experience S2, and the Netflix feature Rattlesnake.

Her feature screenplay "Undercurrent" was selected for the Sundance Screenwriters Intensive Macon 2019.

### **PRINCIPAL CAST**



#### DIANY RODRIGUEZ as Carmen Garcia,

can be seen in Manifest, Dynasty, Stan Against Evil, and Pitch Perfect 3! Catch her recurring in Lodge 49, in HBO's The Outsider, and TNT's Tell Me Your Secrets, coming up in 2020.



**ABIGAIL WILLIAMS** as The Immigration Agent, is an Atlanta native, actor, musician and comedian working in TV/Film, Theatre, Sketch Comedy, and Voiceover. She also travels nationally as a lead vocalist for various conferences, including Dave Ramsey's Smart Conference. She received her musical theatre concentration from Brenau University alongside completing a 10-Month Acting Apprenticeship with the Horizon Theater Co. in Little 5 Points. Recent credits include Your Worst Nightmare and Swamp Murders on the Investigation Discovery Channel, an international tour of Anne and Emmett where she played the iconic role of Anne Frank, and various sketch comedy shows with her teams The Non-Violet Offenders and Late Night Snack.



## **ADDITIONAL CAST**

Husband NICK BAGGARLEY

Landscaper
ANDRES LUGO

Voice Actors PIERCE LACKEY KEVIN MARSHALL NICK BAGGARLEY



### **THE CREW**

Written and Directed by Priscila Torres

> Sound Mixer Diego Saldaña

Sound Design Fabrizio Ferri Junior Lowis Bianco

Additional Sound Tyler Lynch

> **Gaffer** Brian Tan

VFX Emad Al-Khateeb

"Event Horizon" composed by Sonic Stillness

Instruments by TerraTonz Terra Pan

Props Provided by ATLier Props & Design

Producer Vincent Bates

Cinematographer Travis Sawyer

Production Designer Vincent Bates

> Editor Andrés Lugo