

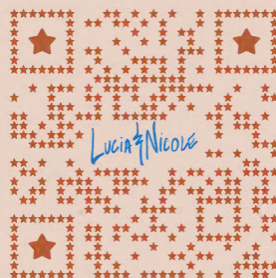
A MARLENE EMILIA RIOS FILM



LUCIA & NICOLE

ROMANCE SUAREZ

CLAUDIA LEVIS



When Lucia discovers her childhood friend Nicole living on the streets, an invitation into the family home rekindles long-buried feelings—and quietly shifts the foundation of their world.





Welcome to NEW MEXICO

"Lucy & Nicole" on its surface, is the story of Lucy finding her friend living out on the street after coming out, and taking her in.

But its more than that. It became more than that the moment I started planning this film. From the start, Nicole is already landing in community, given flowers to survive. As was I, with every collaborator who lent their incredible talents and empathy to make this film. We chose to make this film in Albuquerque, the city I came up as a filmmaker, because I knew we'd find community eager to help us realize "Lucy & Nicole."



Me, directing



To my cast and crew, I can't thank you enough for helping me tell this story. You are the breath that gave it form, and the soul that gives it meaning.

To you, my dear reader, thank you for supporting us. For seeing us when everyone else would rather look away.

Queer joy is resistance.
And I hope you continue to find joy.

-Maha R



Cast & Crew



Romane Jones • "Lucia"



Claudia Lewis • "Nicole"



Lisette Nichols • "Ximena"



David Arthur Janekie • "Emmanuel"



Marlene Escobar Ruiz
Director/Writer/Producer



Aronori Khamsamran
Producer



Sam Brandon
Producer



Brian May
Producer



Garrett Smith
Director of Photography



Tyler Meyers
Sound Mixer & Editor



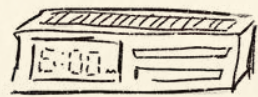
Crasatura Morano-Nibbel
Composer



We were able to shoot this film in scene order. But since we produced from L.A. & only had 2 days to shoot in Albuquerque, that meant we had to meet the crew & hit the ground running starting with our hardest scene.

1st AC had to help & 2nd AC Alejandro Torres setting up the camera cart





I know this room
by memory. The
prayer candles, an
old alarm clock in
a der Kessel room.

you nanna do something?

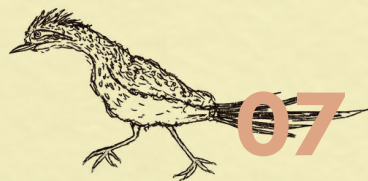


Caine Deigan prepping nucs for Remanie & Claudia



SHOT IN THE BOSQUE ALONG THE RIO GRANDE

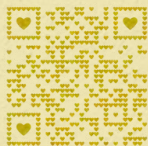
On a punishingly hot day in August



MY PARTNER'S LIVING ROOM



I thought of it often when discussing the last scene of the movie.



"FALLING"

A PLAYLIST FOR LUCIA & NICOLE

1. "MY GIRL" - Animal Collective
2. "LA LUNA ENAMORADA" - Kali Uchis
3. "WHAT KIND OF LOVE" - Childish Gambino
4. "JYUAMORE TREE" - Kali Uchis
5. "ME AND YOUR MAMA" - Childish Gambino
6. "MIRAGE" - Orion Sun
7. "A LENDA DO CAROLLO" - Hektar Villa-Lobos, Yo-Yo Ma
8. "ADORE" - Chavla Vargh
9. "CONTRAO" - Los Panchos
10. "JACARANDÁ" - Los Santos
11. "JABOR AMI" - Eydie Gorme, Los Panchos
12. "FUE MEJOR (FT. JZA)" - Kali Uchis, SZA
13. "WE MIGHT EVEN BE FALLING IN LOVE (INTERLUDE)" - Victoria Monet
14. "LOVERS ROCK" - TV Girl

LUCIA & NICOLE

Under the blistering Albuquerque sun, on an errand run with her mom, Lucia discovers her childhood friend Nicole living on the streets after coming out to her family. After some hesitation, Ximena extends an invitation to Nicole into their home. As Nicole settles in, old feelings between the two girls begin to resurface, feelings once pushed aside but never forgotten.

Set against the sun-soaked neighborhoods of Albuquerque and shot on 16mm film, Lucia & Nicole is a romantic, restrained story about what becomes possible when we are embraced rather than turned away.



CAST

(in order of appearance)

XIMENA Lissette Nichols
LUCIA Romance Suarez
NICOLE Claudia Levis
EMMANUEL David Arturo Sánchez

PRODUCTION TEAM

PRODUCTION SOUND MIXER Caine Deegan

1ST ASSISTANT CAMERA Lane Luper
2ND ASSISTANT CAMERA Alejandro Torres

G&E SWING Jess Danielle

AROUND MIXED AT TMSOUNDHOUSE

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