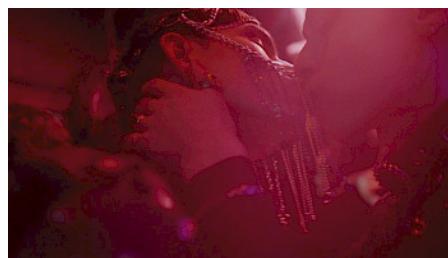


ANHELL69

by Theo Montoya



SYNOPSIS

A few years back, director Theo Montoya cast several people from Medellín's queer scene for his first feature film, a vampire movie about a dystopian city where ghosts coexist with the living. He chose charismatic 21-year-old Camilo Najar for the starring role, but a week later Camilo died of an overdose. The director lost many friends in the same manner.

Montoya previously filmed a portrait of Camilo in his powerful, punky short *Son of Sodom* (2020). In *Anhell69*, he dives deeper into a no-future generation torn apart by drugs and suicide in a city defined by violence. All hope is gone, and getting stoned is all that's left. Montoya sees Medellín as a ghost town lost in the mountains, a place where you can't see the horizon, and from which you can never escape.

After attending more funerals than birthdays among his circle of friends, Montoya descends into an existential void. But he picks up the camera again anyway, and—in emulation of his great inspiration Victor...

FESTIVALS

2022

Verona Film Club Award for most innovative film in the section
& Mario Serandrei - Hotel Saturnia for the best technical
contribution & Jury Special Mention - Venice International Film
Critics' Week, Italy

Golden Dove - 65 DOK Leipzig, Germany

35 IDFA - Best of Fests Selection, Netherlands

Zinebi, Bilbao, Spain

Gijón IFF, Gijon, Spain

Festival Internacional de Cine de Mar del Plata - Latin
American competition, Argentina

RIDM, Montréal, Canada

2023

20 CPH:DOX, Denmark

25 TIDE - 25th Thessaloniki International Documentary Festival

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72 min

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Gender, Conflicts

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES
Spanish

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