



# TANIA LIBRE

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## SYNOPSIS

In December 2014, internationally renowned artist Tania Bruguera announced her intention to provide an open, uncensored platform for citizens in Havana to freely express their views in public for one minute. Before the performance took place, she was arrested. After three consecutive detentions, Bruguera was held for treason and her passport was revoked. Her imprisonment lasted eight months.

Within days of her release she returned to the United States and visited noted psychiatrist Dr. Frank Ochberg, founding father of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Stockholm Syndrome to acquire the skills necessary to process the invasive infringement wrought by the paranoid machinery of the people's dictatorship, including the revocation of her right to practice her art.

Their intimate and profound conversation shows how film can become a medium of empathy. It reveals the relationship of the artist to her family that mirrors the subversive surveillance culture that many Cubans encounter...

## FESTIVALS

67th Berlinale PANORAMA  
SFFilm Festival

## CAST AND CREW

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