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“LA SIRGA”
CANNES DIRECTORS’ FORTNIGHT SELECTION
AVAILABLE ON DVD AUGUST 6, 2013

Stirring, elegant story from first-time filmmaker William Vega played Toronto, Santa Barbara and Miami International Film Festivals

July 1st, 2013 (NY, NY) – Film Movement (www.filmmovement.com), the distributor of award-winning independent and foreign films, announces today that **LA SIRGA**, the poignant debut feature from Colombian filmmaker William Vega, will be released on DVD on August 6th, 2013 in North America. This quiet, highly-visual narrative centers on Alicia, a war refugee who seeks solace in her uncle’s quiet village in a swampy, misty corner in the highlands of the Andes Mountains.

All Film Movement DVD releases include a short film— this month’s release is **SIMIENTE**, filmmaker William Vega’s short film that served as the inspiration for *La Sirga*. The film is 14 minutes in length; it follows youthful Ana, a young child she discovers while on a quest for candles, and the deafening silence between them.

Nominated for the prestigious Camera d’Or award at Cannes Film Festival, *La Sirga* also screened at the Toronto and Miami International Film Festivals, among others. The film will be available on DVD at Film Movement (www.filmmovement.com), and also through major retailers such as Amazon.com. The film will be available to stream directly from Film Movement for just \$3.99; online streaming begins August 6th and can be accessed [here](#).

Accolades for LA SIRGA:

“Thoroughly engrossing! Critical acclaim awaits.”

- Rob Nelson, **Variety**

“Impeccably elegant [and] quietly devastating... Vega’s mastery of old-school arthouse technique is impressive”

– Stephen Dalton, **The Hollywood Reporter**

“Vega’s sparse direction casts a hypnotic, ominous spell.”

- Loren King, **The Boston Globe**

Synopsis of LA SIRGA:

Alicia is helpless. Traumatizing war memories invade her mind like a ceaseless storm. Uprooted from her destroyed village by the armed conflict, Alicia tries to start a new life in La Sirga, a decadent hostel on the shores of a great lake in the highlands of the Andes. The house belongs to Oscar, her only family member alive, and an old solitary hermit. There, on a swampy and murky beach, she will try to settle down until her fears and the threat of war resurface again.

Acclaim for LA SIRGA:

WINNER of Cinema In Construction Award & Cine Award – **TOULOUSE Latin American Film Festival**

WINNER, Coral Award for Best First Feature Film – **NEW LATIN AMERICAN Film Festival (Havana)**

WINNER, Special Jury Award and Best Photography – **LIMA Film Festival**

WINNER, Best Director – **VLADIVOSTOCK International Film Festival**

WINNER, Best Feature Film – **BRATISLAVA International Film Festival**

WINNER, FIPRESCI Award for Best Feature Film – **MAR DE PLATA Film Festival**

WINNER, Best Director and Best Cinematography – **RIVERRUN International Film Festival**

SPECIAL JURY MENTION, Best First Feature Film – **CUENCA International Film Festival**

OFFICIAL SELECTION

CANNES Film Festival (Director's Fortnight)

SAN SEBASTIAN Film Festival

TORONTO International Film Festival

SAN JUAN International Film Festival

ST. LOUIS International Film Festival

SANTA BARBARA International Film Festival

MIAMI International Film Festival

LA SIRGA | 2012 | Drama | *Spanish with English Subtitles* | 88 minutes | Unrated

Additional information, press kit, trailer and film stills can be found [here](#).

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About Film Movement:

Launched in 2003, Film Movement is a full-service North American distributor of award-winning independent and foreign films, based in New York City. Film Movement has released more than 250 feature films and shorts from 50 countries on six continents, including top prize winners from Sundance, Cannes, Venice, Toronto, Berlin, Tribeca and other prestigious festivals. Film Movement releases its films through numerous distribution channels, including thousands of art-house cinemas, universities and libraries; home video (Netflix and Amazon); television outlets (Sundance Channel, HBO, IFC and Showtime); Cable Video on Demand (including its very own branded cable VOD platform—Film Festival on Demand—available in over 40 million US homes); In-flight Entertainment (Alaska Airlines, Air Canada and United/Continental,) and broadband outlets (iTunes, Hulu, Amazon and YouTube). For more information, please visit www.filmmovement.com

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