



X500

(X Quinientos)

Directed by Juan Andrés Arango

CANADA, COLOMBIA, MEXICO 2016

108 minutes

Sunday, April 2

8:30 PM | Code XFIV02

Monday, April 3

2:00 PM | Code XFIV03

In X500 three young migrants struggle to adapt to their new surroundings. Maria arrives in Canada from Manila to live with her grandmother after the death of her mother. Bullied by her classmates for her outdated fashion choices, she finds herself lost in an identity crisis. How far will she go to fit in? Meanwhile, Alex is deported from the United States back to Colombia, where his neighborhood has been taken over by dangerous criminals. In order to protect his family, he must decide where he stands in the brewing battle of good versus evil. Lastly there's David, who left his indigenous village for Mexico City. He now lives with his gang-member cousin, who's forcefully pushing David to join. Instead, he finds himself immersed in the world of punk rock, desperately searching for a way to escape his cousin's plans for him. Though miles apart, Maria, Alex, and David are on a very similar journey. X500 explores self-identity and the human need to belong. Though the trio's circumstances are more dire than most, the film offers a relatable message in its search for inclusion. *(In English, French, Mazahua, Spanish, and Tagalog with subtitles)* —E.F.

Producers—Yanick Létourneau, Jorge Andrés Botero, Edher Campos, Luis Salinas
Screenwriting—Juan Andrés Arango **Cinematography**—Nicolas Cannicconi **Editing**—Felipe Guerrero **Principal Cast**—Jemie Almazán, Jonathan Díaz Angulo, Bernardo Garnica Cruz
Print Source—Visit Films / visitfilms.com

About the Director—Juan Andrés Arango was born in Bogotá, Colombia in 1976. He studied cinematography and television at the National University of Colombia. X500 was nominated for the Bronze Horse for Best Film at the 2016 Stockholm Film Festival. **Filmography**—“La Playa DC” (2012), X500 (2016)

Media Partner:



Community Partner:



You'll Never Be Alone

(Nunca vas a estar solo)

Directed by Alex Anwandter

CHILE 2016

81 minutes

Monday, April 3

9:35 PM | Code YOUL03

Wednesday, April 5

1:50 PM | Code YOUL05

Fueled by the love of his best friend Mari and a passionate romance with his secret lover Felix, Pablo is destined for greatness. He dreams of owning the stage someday, as confident in his choreography as he is in sultry, blue sequins. Those plans are abruptly put on hold when a life-altering run-in with some peers leave him battered and beaten on a quiet city sidewalk. Pablo's distant father Juan, a workaholic determined to get ahead in his career, faces overwhelming medical bills to save Pablo's life. Grateful for the moral support from his beloved neighbor Lucy and a snarky, quick-witted doctor, Juan must figure out a way to make ends meet without putting his job at risk. A heart-wrenching drama, YOU'LL NEVER BE ALONE serves some crushing blows with a young man's passion brutally stifled and a father's relentless will to save him. *(In Spanish with subtitles)* —A.B.

Producer—Isabel Orellana Guarello **Screenwriting**—Alex Anwandter **Cinematography**—Matias Illanes **Editing**—Felipe Gálvez **Principal Cast**—Sergio Hernández, Andrew Bargstead, Gabriela Hernández, Edgardo Bruna, Antonia Zegers
Print Source—Wide / ma@widemanagement.com / widemanagement.com

About the Director—Alex Anwandter was born in Santiago, Chile and is a musician and filmmaker. He has been directing music videos since 2005 and began his filmmaking career in 2012 after one of his fans was killed in a hate crime in his hometown. **Filmography**—YOU'LL NEVER BE ALONE (2016)