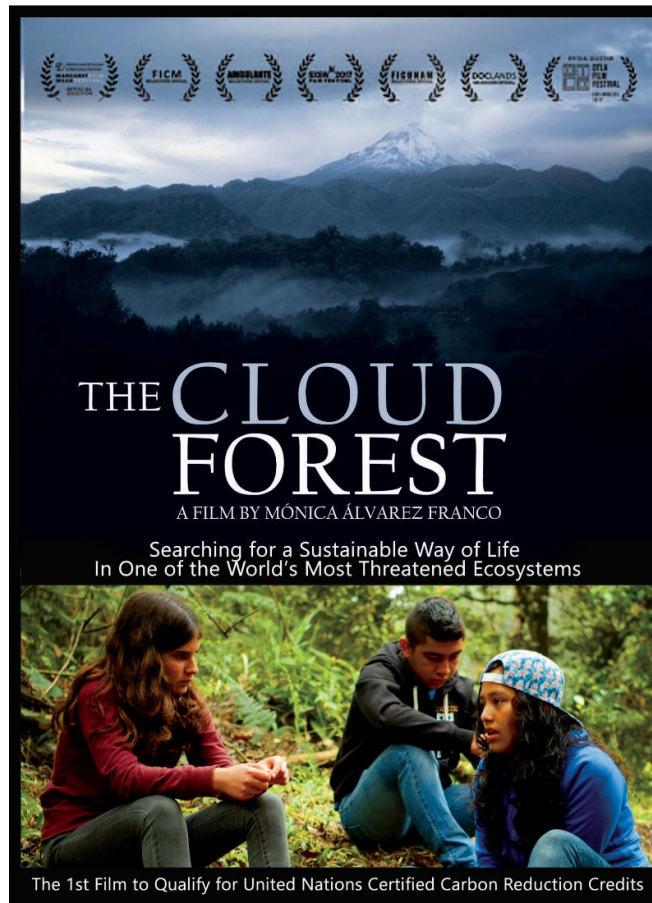


THE CLOUD FOREST (BOSQUE DE NIEBLA)



A FILM BY

MÓNICA ÁLVAREZ FRANCO

95 mins / Color / 2017 / Spanish, English Subtitles / Mexico



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FESTIVALS AND AWARDS

Honorable Mention Director Mónica Álvarez Franco FICUNAM Festival Int'l Film, Mexico

Winner Best Cinematography Downtown Los Angeles Film Festival (DTLA)

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South by Southwest Film Festival, Austin Texas

Official Selection Morelia International Film Festival (FICM)

Official Selection Margaret Mead Film Festival, New York

Official Selection Rio de Janeiro International Film Festival

Official Selection International Film Festival Cultural Tierra Adentro (FICTA)

Official Selection DocLands Documentary Film Festival

Official Selection Ambulante Film Festival, Mexico



SYNOPSIS

Sometimes, ordinary people can create extraordinary positive change. The people of a small community in Veracruz are the guardians of one of the ecosystems facing the most risk in the country: the cloud forest. Hoping to save their sacred and fog-laden land, they work for a simpler and sustainable life. Sixteen families redesign their needs, food, education and relationship with other people and with nature. They create an entirely self-sustaining and independent society. **The Cloud Forest** weaves this community's singular quest with gorgeous scenes of their endangered surroundings.



DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

The birth of my daughter comes with a personal need of getting close to those who are in a constant struggle to generate changes that can break paradigms and then lead us to a “more human” human being, one that has been able to connect with their environment thus being able to question themselves until they can show themselves from their own essence.

Mónica Álvarez Franco

DIRECTOR BIOGRAPHY

After studying AV Media in Mexico and a Master's Degree in Creative Documentary in Madrid, Spain, she wrote and directed several short documentaries, including "Venus y Arturo", which was featured in the Guanajuato International Film Festival and the International Film Festival DOCSDF. She was part of the organization of film festivals such as Guadalajara International Film Festival and DOCSDF. She carried out DocsForum, a formative space within DOCSDF. Finished in 2017, The Cloud Forest (Bosque de Niebla) is her first feature.



PRODUCTION CREDITS

Director Mónica Álvarez Franco

Screenplay Mónica Álvarez Franco

Producers Carlos Sosa, Laura Imperiale

Directors of Photography Carlos Rossini, Luis Montalvo

Additional Photography Marc Bellver, Mónica Álvarez, Yibrán Asuad, Andrew Donaldson, Arturo Jiménez

Production Sound Andrew Donaldson

Sound Design José Miguel, Enríquez Rivaud

Editors Yibrán Asuad, Adrián Parisi

Production Companies Viento del Norte, Cacerola Films.

Co-Production Companies Cooperativa Las Cañadas, Bambú Audiovisual

