

THE TOWROPE

La sirga (original title) 2012

19 juli, 18.00 Örebro läns museum

Director: *William Vega*

Genre: *Drama*

Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnKG52g3FSY>

SYNOPSIS:

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 dilapidated hostel on the shores of a great lake in the highlands of the Andes. The place belongs to Oscar, her only surviving relative. There, on a swampy and murky beach, she will try to settle down until her fears and the threat of war resurface again. "La Sirga" translates to "Towrope" in English.

Fleeing from a vaguely explained war that has destroyed her village and decimated her family, 19-year-old Alicia (Joghis Seudyn Arias) arrives at the ramshackle lakeside guest house run by her middle-aged uncle Oscar (Julio Cesar Robles). He reluctantly offers her shelter, recruiting her to help with renovating the houses rickety wooden framework in preparation for tourists that never come. The sleepwalking Alicia soon becomes a focus of sexual interest among the local menfolk. Both Oscar and his adult son Freddy (Heraldo Romero), who returns home with mysterious injuries and murky intentions following a long absence, spy on her at night.

NATIONAL AWARDS

- Production of Feature Films, Fund for Film Development - FDC-, 2010.
- Script Writing for Feature Film, Fund for Film Development - FDC-, 2008.

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

- First Choir Opera Prima, 34 International Festival of New Latin American Cinema of Havana, Cuba, 2012.
- Best Photography and Special Jury Prize, 16 Lima Film Festival, Peru, 2012.

- Cinema in Construction 21, San Sebastian International Film Festival and Rencontres Cinémas D'Amérique Latine de Toulouse, France, 2012.
- Production, Fonds Sud Cinéma, France, 2011.
- Development of Cinematographic Projects (2009) and Co-production (2011), Ibermedia Program, Spain.
- Scholarship Course for the Development of Iberoamerican Cinematographic Projects, Fundación Carolina - Casa América, Spain, 2009.

PARTICIPATION IN FESTIVALS

- Discovery Program, Toronto International Film Festival -TIFF-, Canada, 2012.
- Horizontes Latinos, Festival of San Sebastián, Spain, 2012.
- Directors' Fortnight, Cannes Film Festival, 2012. (World Premiere)