"Los Silencios" wins the European Distributors & Exhibitors Prize at Cine en Construcción Toulouse

From March 21 to 23, Europa Distribution was in Toulouse to award along with the CICAE the European Distributors and Exhibitors Prize for the 2018 edition of <u>Cine en Construcción</u> whose aim is to present top Latin-American films in post-production phase.

The jury was composed of two ED members, Ivana Horvat (2i Film, Croatia) and Marie Strauss (Folkets Bio, Sweden) and of Maren Wiese (Zoom-Kino, Brühl, Germany) for the CICAE. They awarded the film LOS SILENCIOS by Beatriz Seigner, co-produced by Brazil, Colombia and France. The film shows the difficulties of a Colombian family united by a secret, trying to emigrate to Brazil to start a new life.

« Nuria and Fabio arrive with their mother Amparo in an unknown island on the border between Brazil, Colombia and Peru. They are fleeing armed conflicts in Colombia. Fearful of betraying family secrets, Nuria goes silent. In the midst of this, the family tries to receive compensation for the father's death and to obtain a visa to emigrate to Brazil... »

The jury of European Distributors & Exhibitors explained their decision arguing that "from the local and personal to the global and universal, through colors and female strength, in Los Silencios Beatriz Seigner and her team talks about forgiveness and hope and we leave the film believing in a future".

Note that the film also won the Films in Progress Toulouse award.



Los Silencios Director: Beatriz Seigner Country: Brazil, Colombia, France Original version: Spanish Year of production: 2018 Cast: Marleyda Soto, Enrique Diaz

(As a reminder, international distributors can get support from Cinema do Brazil when they release Brazilian films. They award up to US\$ 15,000: more info on their <u>website</u>. The film also applies for the ACM support to distribution, more info <u>here</u>)