Huachicolero - The Gasoline Thieves

A Film by Edgar Nito

Technical Details
Mexico / Spain / United States / United Kingdom, 2019, feature film, 93 minutes, color, digital 5k (Red), DCP, 1:2:35, 5.1 surround, original language: spanish, subtitles: english

Short Synopsis
An innocent crush propels fourteen year old Lalo’s descent into the criminal underworld of illegal gasoline extraction. What begins as a fast track for the latest smartphone quickly veers into a deadly fight for his life.

Long Synopsis
Lalo, a fourteen year old farmhand daydreams about his classmate Ana. In an effort to win her affection, he decides to buy her the latest smartphone. His hard work goes down the drain when his mother takes his savings to help her sick cousin’s hospital expenses. Lalo’s urgency for cash leads him to local gangsters, who siphon gasoline from government pipelines and sell it on the black market. His plan backfires when he realizes that one of the gasoline thieves has feelings for Ana as well.

Crew:
Director: Edgar Nito Arrache
Script: Alfredo Mendoza, Edgar Nito Arrache
Cinematographer: Juan Pablo Ramírez A.M.C.
Editor: Sam Baixauli
Producer: Víctor Léycegui, Annick Mahnert, Joshua Sobel
Sound: Omar Juárez
Music: Carlo Ayhllón

Cast:
Lalo - Eduardo Banda
Ana - Regina Reynoso
Don Gil - Fernando Becerril
Mariano - Pascacio López
Rulo - Pedro Joaquin
Detective - Leonardo Alonso
**Production Company:**
Nobody (Mexico)
Sur 88-A #123-2, Col. Asturias
Ciudad de Mexico, 06850

Various Lobos (Mexico)
Screen Division (Spain)
Alliance Media Partners (UK)
Harriet (USA)

**Director’s Biography:**
Born in 1986 in Irapuato - Mexico, Edgar Nito graduated with honors from the Centro de Capacitación Cinematográfica (CCC) in Mexico City. In 2011, his short film Y Volveré ... won Best Short Film at the International Film Festival of Guanajuato. Next he was tapped to participate in the anthology feature, México Bárbaro with his segment Jaral de Berrios. The film screened at more than 30 festivals around the world and was distributed in the United States by MPI.

In 2015, his graduation thesis Masacre en San José won awards for Best Director, Best Latin American Short, Best Short Film, Best Photography and Best Mexican Short at the Mórbido Film Festival, Screamfest LA, Macabro Film Festival and Feratum Film Festival. Huachicolero – The Gasoline Thieves, a coproduction between Mexico, Spain, the United States and the United Kingdom, is his first feature length film.

**Director’s Statement:**
A few years ago I went to visit a friend’s farm and he was telling me stories about these guys who were breaking onto his land and stealing gasoline from the Pemex pipelines. The Huachicoleros or gasoline thieves are a big deal in Mexico today, but a couple of years back no one heard of them. I thought about what it would be like to construct a film about these young kids that smell like gas and walk around small towns with a disposable income. It is changing the society of rural Mexico and I wanted to tell a story about this developing criminal network.

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