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LOGLINE: A young girl, Violetta, is coming of age via her voyeuristic obsessions, which transport her out of a tragic home life.



MEDIUM SYNOPSIS: “Violetta” is a story about a young girl who is becoming, yet does not know how to be. Trying to navigate her isolated world, the relationships she has and the behaviors she encounters come to affect the understanding she has towards her own desires.

Violetta is an introverted Columbian girl living in Queens whose home life has become unbearable. During her efforts to escape, she finds herself socially inept and without the skill set to extend herself into the world. Because of this, she has taken up the practice of the voyeur, and when she begins to imitate the behaviors of a Dominatrix who lives across the street, she discovers a way to be that could harness her power.



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LONG SYNOPSIS: "Violetta" is a short film, written and directed by [Aaron Lehmann](#), about a young girl who is coming of age via her voyeuristic obsessions, which transport her out of a tragic home life. It was produced while attending the [Stony Brook University | Killer Films graduate program](#) in New York City. "Violetta" was inspired by, and filmed entirely in Jackson Heights, Queens.



Violetta lives with her father, Diego ([Jorge Alberto Alvarado](#)), in a claustrophobic apartment and neighborhood in Queens, New York City. After the loss of her Mother a few years ago, her Father has developed a drinking problem and she, as a result, has grown increasingly introverted and socially phobic. It is a coming of age story that showcases Violetta's developing obsessions with a Dominatrix, who lives across the street, and a young skater boy, Justin ([Peter Louis Shaw](#)), who practices nearby her home.



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These obsessions may be pathways for her escape, as things becoming increasingly anarchic at home.

The film was beautifully shot by [DoP Marcin Kapron](#) in a documentary-like style inspired by the films of the [Dardenne brothers](#). The lead character of Violetta is passionately and skillfully portrayed by [Patty Santa Cruz](#). "Violetta" is a story about Colombian immigrants and the isolation felt in a foreign land and culture. It is about loss, addiction, obsession and the formation of identity.



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BIOS:

Aaron Lehmann (Director/Writer/Producer): Aaron Lehmann is the founder of Lehmann Film Productions, a visual content provider whose mission is to enable innovative, contemporary storytelling through a variety of visual platforms and mediums. Lehmann Films is dedicated to producing thought-provoking and well-crafted, emotionally driven content. Aaron is a recent graduate of the film directing program at Stony Brook University|Killer Films' graduate program in Manhattan, New York. Previously, he earned a BFA in film production and screenwriting at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. Aaron was a member of the Playwright and Director's Unit of The Actors Studio from 2004 - 2014.

Marcin Karpon (DoP): Marcin Kapron is a NYC based cinematographer. He studied Film and Media Production at the New School University in NYC, and later cinematography at the Polish National Film School (PWSFTViT) in Lodz, Poland. Marcin's body of work includes narrative, documentary, fashion and commercial projects, which brought him to different parts of the world, from medieval castles in Europe, deep into the Amazonian Jungle, to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro. He lensed four feature length and many short films which went on to winning awards in film festivals. His focus is to emphasize a director's vision with a poetic mood for the story and an emotional portrait of a character. In addition to other projects, Marcin is currently working on two feature length documentary films.

Jorge Alberto Alvarado (Actor, Diego): Jorge Alberto is from Ecuador and lives in New York City. He starred in a Turkish coffee commercial that was shot in Romania and aired in Israel. He also starred in a mockumentary short film based on the character in the commercial, which landed Jorge on the red carpet in 2015 Cannes Film Festival. Jorge is a wine aficionado. He is an avid soccer fan, enjoys sailing, and plays squash for exercise. Jorge enjoyed working with Zach Carver, Rob Richert, Brett J. Banakis, J. Wakayama Carey, Raul Torres, Jordi Wijnalda also doing the voice of a marionette, and Alonso Llosa. Jorge cannot wait to stand side by side with Bob D, Danny Devito, and ahh Pacino too-thanking the academy for finally choosing the right one. Living the dream I never had!!!!



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DIRECTOR'S NOTE: "Violetta" is about a young girl striving for human connection in an isolating and dangerous world. It is about the psychological avenues a person might travel when there is an offset of power dynamics within their family, and how Violetta is striving to understand this all; as her soul begins to steer her towards her own independence. Violetta is not aware of her own motivations, and is forced therefore to allow her desires to lead her into strange worlds, interactions, and discovery.



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FULL CAST & CREW:

CAST

Violetta.....Patty Santa Cruz
Diego.....Jorge Alberto Alvarado
Justin.....Peter Louis Shaw
Man 1.....Eduardo Florez
Man 2.....Jayson Molinares

CREW

Writer/Director/Producer/Editor.....Aaron Lehmann
Producer.....Shaniqua Henry-Davis
Associate Producer.....Tamar France
Assistant Director.....Toni Sideco
Director of Photography...Marcin Kapron
1st Assistant Camera.....Borna Jafari
Production Designer.....Danielle Bellucci
Sound Mixer.....Ally Kirkpatrick
Production Assistant.....Alexandra Bourekas
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