

LA CONDESA



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TÍTULO

Category: Suspense

Co-production United States – Honduras

Running Time: 88 minutes

Script: Oscar Estrada

Director: Mario Ramos

Producers: Juan Pablo Vacatello/Ana Martins Palacios

Production Company: Cabezahueca Films, LLC

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Aspect Ratio: 4K widescreen (2.35:1)

Format: CINE 4K Full HD

Sound Mix: 5.1

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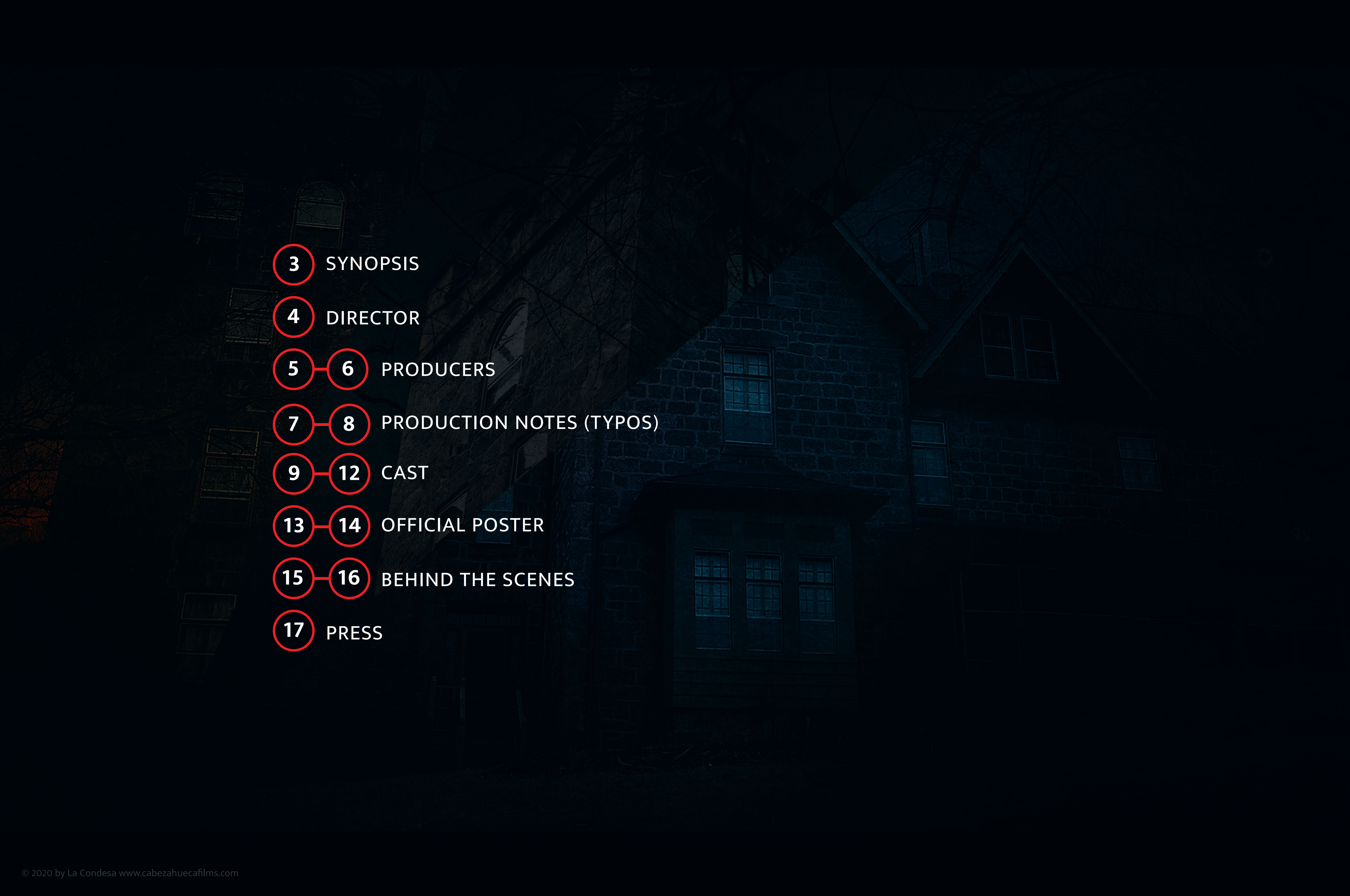
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A movie poster for 'La Condesa' featuring four people in a vintage setting. On the left, a man with glasses and a woman are smiling. In the center, a man with a mustache and sunglasses is looking up. On the right, a woman with sunglasses is also looking up. They are all wearing leather jackets. The background is a textured, light-colored wall with some graffiti. The title 'LA CONDESA' is written in large, white, serif font across the middle.

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SYNOPSIS

Brothers Felipe and Eduardo's relaxing weekend away with their girlfriends in their late grandmother's old home plunges them into a nightmare when they discover a dark family secret hidden for generations in the La Condesa.

Forty years later, the brothers' niece Sandra and her girlfriend Debora return to the house and confront the same struggle to uncover the mystery and the consequences of revealing it, trapping them in a harrowing reality.

MARIO RAMOS

DIRECTOR

(Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1977). Photographer, film and television producer and three-time National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Emmy Award winner (2016, 2017 and 2019). Highlights of his cinematographic career include his short films *Vuelve con nosotros* (2016), nominated and selected in several international film festivals, and *Chocolate* (2017). He produced and directed the documentary *Brigade* (2016), which portrays the work of a group of doctors in a medical brigade fighting to fill gaps in the health system in Roatán, Honduras. *La Condesa* is his debut feature film.

As a photographer, Mario Ramos is the recipient of the José Martí Award, given by the National Association of Hispanic Publishers in the U.S. He was also a bronze medal winner for photo-journalism/human interest by the American Society of Photography. His work has illustrated the covers of multiple books and has been featured in U.S. institutions including *The Washington Post/El Tiempo Latino*, CBS Radio, American University and Univisión.

Mario Ramos has worked as Director of Production for Univisión Washington, and as contributing columnist for the opinion magazine (Casi) *Literal*. His articles and stories have been published in digital magazines and online media such as *Ágrafos* and *El Pulso* and as a book, *Una antología Casi Literal* (2016-2019), his second book after *Framing Time*, a book of photography in 2012.

Currently his is the director and founder of Cabezahueca Films and co-founder of Casasola Editores and *Ágrafos*, a literature, arts and politics magazine. He is also an Honorary Ambassador of Plan International Honduras.



JUAN PABLO VACATELLO

PRODUCER

(Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1976). Master's in Business Administration, University of Buenos Aires. Film Producer. Highlighted among his productions is the short film *Vuelve con nosotros* (2016), nominated and selected in several international film festivals, and *Chocolate* (2017). He also produced the documentary *Brigade* (2016) which portrays the work of a group of doctors in a medical brigade fighting to fill gaps in the health system in Roatán, Honduras. *La Condesa* is his first feature film.

Juan Pablo is an active member of the community. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development and on the Board of Directors of Vida Senior Centers in Washington, DC.

His academic work includes co-authorship of "Building a Lifeline: A proposed global platform and responsibility sharing model for the Global Compact on Refugees", published by *St. Mary's Law Review on Race & Social Justice*, which presents the first global model to measure government capacity to protect and assist refugees and proposes a new platform to achieve it.

Juan Pablo is currently a partner and Director of Business Development at Cabezahueca Films.



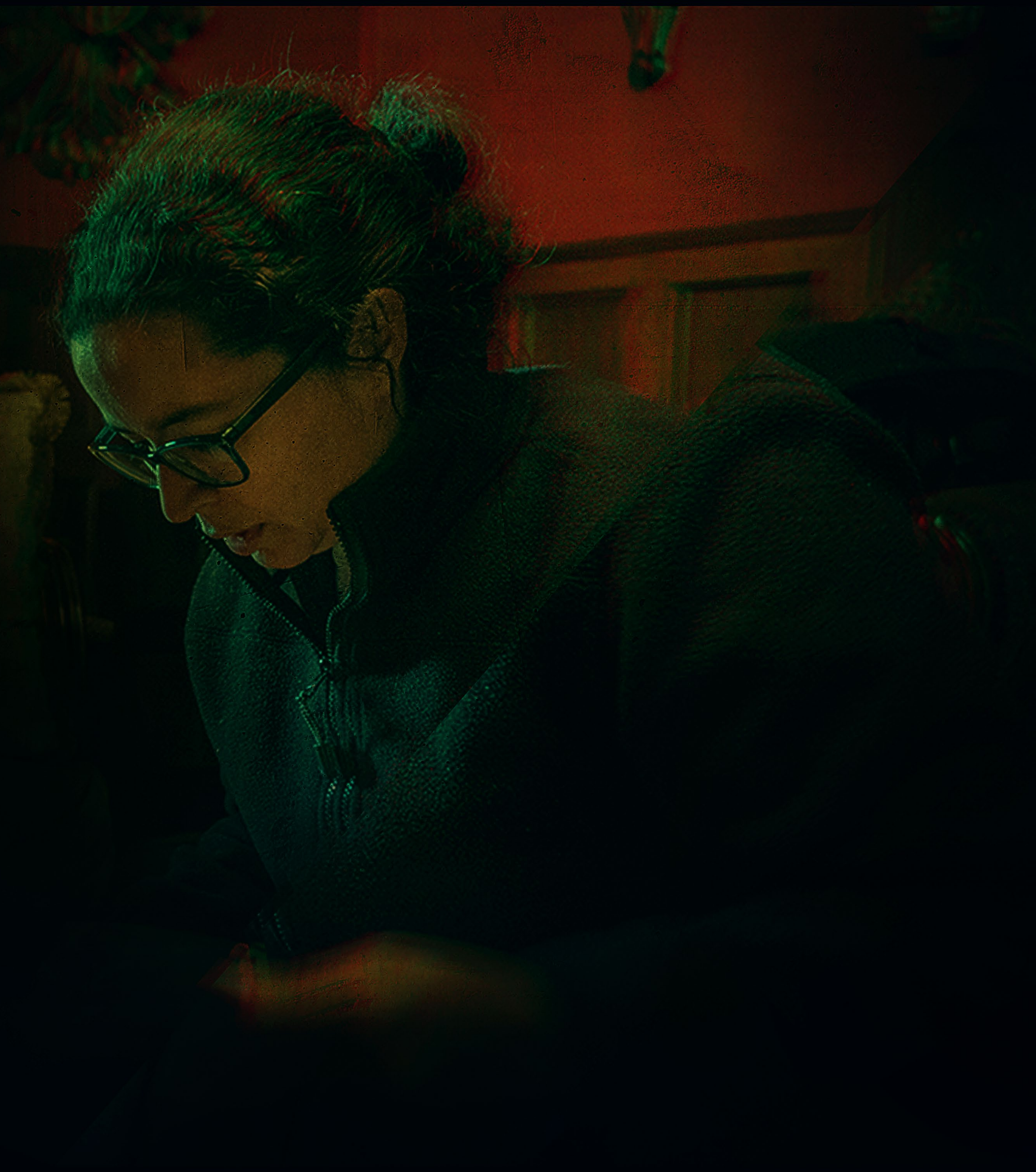
ANA ISABEL MARTINS

PRODUCER

(Tegucigalpa, Honduras). Film producer and professor of Communication and Audiovisual Production at UNITEC, Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Ana leads the Honduran production team of the Ícaro International Film Festival in Central America. She is president of the Magic Lantern Filmmakers Association.

Ana has produced full feature films including *Toque de Queda* (2011), *Amores de Películas* (2015), *El Paletero* (2016), *Un Lugar en el Caribe* (2017) y *Morazan* (2017), which was selected to represent Honduras at the 90th Oscar Awards and won the award for Best Production 2017 at the 2017 Ícaro film festival in Guatemala. In 2017, Ana also won the award for Best Short Film in the International Short Film Festival El Heraldo for the film *Santitos*.

Ana participated in the production of the feature film *Días de luz* (2019) and *90 minutos* (2019), which received the public-choice award in the Miami Film Festival. *La Condesa* (2020) is the latest feature she has produced.



PRODUCTION NOTES

As if producing La Condesa in record time and minimal budget weren't enough of a challenge, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) nearly destroyed the whole project. We still had five critical days left to shoot as the world fell into paralysis. Considering these and other challenges, we finished filming with remarkable success.

La Condesa was filmed in its entirety in the Lilburn mansion in Ellicott City, MD in the United States. Lilburn is the most well-known of the city's several haunted residences. The unexplainable happenings in this place date back more than a century and continue today, according to the owner. No member of the cast or crew heard or saw anything abnormal throughout the entire shooting, which I thought was interesting after the conversation that Juan Pablo (the producer) and I had with the owner, Patricia, the month before. We went to scout the location for the shoot and told Patricia we'd like to use it for the film, but Patricia told us she would have to think about it first and that she would get back to us. Days after confirming we could shoot at the house, Patricia told us she had had to ask permission of the beings that inhabit the place and since they had decided they liked us after our visit, we were good to go. This gave us our access to our ideal location.



La Condesa is a coproduction between Honduras and the United States, led by a mostly Honduran team of cinematographic artists together with a cast and crew of international talents. A highly experienced artistic team joined the post-production. Mikel Castells, is sound designer for our film and for the renowned Netflix production La casa de papel (Money Heist), which is currently the most watched series in Spanish in Netflix history. Musician and composer, Aritz Villodas, has composed more than 50 soundtracks, highlighted by the winning hymn in the BSOSpirit competition, as well as the tracks to Fuego, Pos eso, No me pidas que te bese porque te besaré, which won the two highest 2009 Jerry Goldsmith Awards. Our editing was done by Eloi Tomas, editor of the multi-award winning short film La ruta natural, with 155 selections and 89 awards, including a nomination to the Goya Awards and winner at the renowned Sundance Film Festival.

Beyond this film's unexpected twists and intensity, what makes La Condesa different from other films in this genre is its subtlety and the rhythm with which it develops suspense in the story. The delicacy and elegance of its photography, as well as the choreography of the actors in each of its scenes creates an ethereal atmosphere of suspense and blends this with frightening and grotesque images that submerge the viewer in a chilling story from which neither actor nor viewer can escape. La Condesa is a new take on classic genre.



MARIO RAMOS



CAST
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LUZ NICOLÁS

“ISABEL HARKER”

Born in Madrid, Spain. Actress in movie, television and theater. Winner of the HOLA and ACE awards for her role in *Exquisita agonía*. Luz was also nominated for Helen Hays Award for best actress (2016) and best supporting actress (2017). She worked on the most successful Spanish television series *Cuéntame* and on the Julio Medem movie *Los amantes del Círculo Ártico* and *Entre el cielo y tu*.



A close-up portrait of Soraya Padrao, a woman with dark hair, looking down and to the side with a serious expression. She is holding a phone to her ear. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows.

SORAYA PADRAO

“SANDRA”

Spanish actress, currently living in New York. She has acted in movies including La herencia Valdemar, He matado a mi marido, Casanova was a woman, Anomalous, Where Hearts Lie, and recently Lo entenderán. She is known for her award-winning theatrical performances such as Burundanga, El caballero de Olmedo, El burlador de Sevilla, which have won her the ACE, HOLA and AIT awards in New York.

A close-up portrait of Diana Pou, a woman with dark hair, looking to the side with a serious expression. She is wearing a light-colored top. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows.

DIANA POU

“DÉBORA”

Dominican actress and singer currently living in New York. She is known for her theatrical performances in In the Heights, High School Musical on Stage, En el tiempo de las mariposas (In the Time of Butterflies), La canción, and En el nombre de Salomé. Diana was part of the chorus for Maluma in his performance of Felices los 4 at the MTV Video Music Awards in 2018. She recently launched her own single Pancakes de avena.



SEBASTIAN STIMMAN
“EDUARDO”

Born in Lima, Perú. Sebastian is a theater and movie actor, winner of the HOLA, ACE, ATI and LATA awards given in New York, NY. He is known as the protagonist in the films 1.7 Alpha (2015), Vuelve con nosotros (Return to Us) (2016), directed by Mario Ramos, Apartment 34 (2016), and Yuraq (2018).



YARITZA OWEN
“PAOLA”

Born in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Journalist and television reporter living in the U.S. Yaritza was the first runner up in the Nuestra Belleza Latina (Our Latin Beauty) competition, produced by Univision. She is the spokesperson for several well-known brands in Honduras. La Condesa is her acting debut.



HANNIA GUILLEN

“ANGÉLICA”

Hannia studied acting at Miami Dade College. Her first movie was Mysterious (SAG-AFTRA). She later participated in the television series Burn Notice and CBS/NBC’s Passions. She was the protagonist in The Color of Desire and Bathing in Moonlight, directed by the Pulitzer Prize winner Nilo Cruz.



GONZALO TRIGUEROS

“FELIPE”

Born in Argentina. Gonzalo is a film, television and theater actor, winner of the HOLA and ACE awards in New York, NY for his work on the world premier of Exquisita agonía by Nilo Cruz. Hi is known as the protagonist in Such a Funny Life, directed by Oliver Mann and Hamlet: Son of a Kingpin. Among the highlights of his television work are his roles in the Starz show Power, directed by Mario Van Peebles, Instinct and A Little Late with Lily Singh.

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"La condesa": el detrás de cámaras del filme protagonizado por el peruano Sebastian Stimman

La película tiene en la producción a Mario Ramos, productor de Univision Washington y tres veces ganador del premio Emmy en los Estados Unidos



(1) Ana Madrazo será la protagonista del proyecto que se emitió en Estados Unidos. **(2)** Mario Ramos en la presentación del proyecto cinematográfico con el nombre de Tegucigalpa.

La próxima película hondureña “la condesa” suma entre sus filias al talento hondureño de Yaritza Owen. La multifacética actriz, presentadora de televisión y modelo hondureña formará parte del elenco del largometraje hondureño que estará bajo la dirección de Mario Ramos.

La cinta será rodada en los Estados Unidos. También cuenta con un notable elenco de actores internacionales tanto hispanoamericanos como españoles que le darán vida a este thriller. La cinta, que comenzará a rodarse en el próximo mes de marzo, será producida y dirigida por el cineasta hondureño Mario

Ramos, productor de Univisión Washington y tres veces ganador del premio de la Academia Nacional de las Ciencias y las Artes de la Televisión de los Estados Unidos.

Sobbe ella

Yaritza Owen nació en Tegucigalpa,

SÉPALO Este será el debut de Yaritza en la pantalla grande.

Honduras. Periodista, presentadora de televisión y modelo, radicada en los Estados Unidos. Primera finalista de Nuestra Belleza Latina, concurso de belleza producido por la cadena Univisión. Ha sido imagen de distintas marcas en Honduras. “La Condesa” será su debut como actriz en la pantalla grande

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protagonizará filme hondureño “La
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La película fue rodada en Estados Unidos con un crew hondureño e internacional.

Gustavo Banegas

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"La Condesa", una de las grandes apuestas de la cinematografía nacional para este 2020 debuta con su primer teaser.

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