

Lemonade

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“ They say when life hands you lemons, make lemonade. This story, inspired by real events, reveals the true taste of the American Dream. ”



Synopsis

While working in the US on a temporary visa as a caretaker, Mara, a 30 year-old single mother from Romania, marries Daniel, an American. After the arrival of her son Dragos, everything seems to have fallen perfectly into place. When the process of getting a green card veers unexpectedly off course, however, Mara is faced with abuses of power on every level and forced to answer a dark question about herself – how far would you go to get what you want?

The lead role, Mara, is played by Malina Manovici (**Graduation**, 2016) and this first feature by Ioana Uricaru is produced by Palme d'Or winner Cristian Mungiu.

Credits

Director: Ioana Uricaru / **Genre:** Drama / **English title:** Lemonade / **Country of production:** Romania, Canada, Germany, Sweden / **Year of production:** 2018 / **Length:** 88 min / **Color:** colour / **Shooting format:** 2.8K Anamorphic / **Screening format:** DCP 2K (2048x858) (1:2,39; 5.1, un-encrypted) / **Original language:** English, Romanian / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Mălina Manovici, Steve Bacic, Dylan Scott Smith, Milan Hurduc, Ruxandra Maniu / **Scriptwriter:** Ioana Uricaru & Tatiana Ionascu / **Director of photography:** Friede Clausz / **Editor:** Mircea Olteanu / **Sound design:** Kai Tebbel / **Producers:** Cristian Mungiu, Tudor Reu, Yanick Létourneau, Eike Goreczka, Christoph Kukula, Arne Kohlweyer, Sean Wheelan / **Co-producers:** Anthony Muir / **Production company:** Mobra Films, Peripharia, 42film, Filmgate Films / **Co-production company:** Film i Väst / **Supported by:** Centrul National al Cinematografiei, Eurimages, Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung, Telefilm, Société de développement des industries culturelles - Québec, SODEC - Crédits d'impôts - Québec, CAVCO, Film i Väst, Creative Europe Programme - MEDIA of the Europea

Festivals / Awards

Berlinale Panorama, Germany – *World Premiere*; Tribeca FF, USA – *International Narrative Competition*; goEast FF, Germany; Netia OFF Camera, Poland – *Main Competition*; Jeonju IFF, South Korea – *International Competition*; Diaspora IFF, South Korea; Seattle IFF, USA; Provincetown FF, USA; FEST – New Directors, New Films Festival, Portugal – **Golden Lynx for Best Feature Film**; Jerusalem FF, Israel – *International Debuts Competition*; Film and Art Festival Two Riversides, Poland; Fünf Seen Filmfestival, Germany – **Perspective Young Cinema Award**; Sarajevo FF, Bosnia & Herzegovina – **Heart of Sarajevo Award for Best Director**; Taoyuan FF, Taiwan; Dunav Film Fest Smederevo, Serbia – **Danube 2860 for The Best Film**; IFF Film by the Sea, The Netherlands; Oostende FF, Belgium – **UFK-UCC Press Award**; Cinematik IFF Piešťany, Slovakia; International Women's Film Festival of Salé, Morocco – **Grand Prix**; Ars Independent FF, Poland – **Black Horse for the Best Film**; Bergen IFF, Norway; Jagran IFF, India; RAVAC IFF, Moldova – **Best Film**; Festival Indépendances et Création, France; CinEast FF, Luxembourg; Atmosphères Festival, France; São Paulo IFF, Brazil – *New Directors Competition*; Festival du Nouveau Cinema Montreal, Canada – *International Competition*; Mill Valley IFF, USA; Vermont IFF, USA – New England Quebec Regional Competition; Les Films de Cannes à Bucarest, Romania; Cambridge FF, UK; Thessaloniki IFF, Greece; St. Louis International Film Festival, USA; Los Cabos IFF, Mexico – *Official Competition*; Stockholm IFF, Sweden; European Film Forum Scanorama, Lithuania; AFI Fest, USA – *New Auteurs Competition*; Seville European Film Festival, Spain; International Crime & Punishment FF, Turkey – **International Golden Scale Feature Film Competition**; Segovia European FF, Spain; AFI Washington, USA; Golden Scale – **Best Feature Film Award**; Human Rights FF, Zürich; Kerala IFF, India; Premiers Plans Film Festival, France; First Hainan International Film Festival, China; Bengaluru FF, India; Sofia IFF, Bulgaria; Sun Valley Film Festival, USA – **The One in a Million Award**; Febio Fest, Czech Republic; Europe on Screen, Indonesia; Moscow IFF, Russia; Shanghai FF, China; Guwahati IFF, India; Fine Arts International Film Festival, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico; BASTAU International Student and Debut FF, Kazakhstan; MUCES, Spain

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