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## 20,000 especies de abejas

20,000 Species of Bees

2023 / Colour / 128 minutes / Spanish



**Director :** Estibaliz Urresola Solaguren

**Producer :** Valerie Delpierre

**Cinematographer :** Gina Ferrer Garcia

**Editor :** Raul Barreras

**Cast :** Sofia Otero, Patricia Lopez Arnaiz, Martxelo Rubio, Sara Cozar

**Synopsis :** An eight-year-old child struggles with gender crisis and is thus confused about her identity and acceptance in the family. During summer, in a village house related to bee-keeping in Basque, she explores her identity alongside the women of her family. Her self-realization and experience change her life forever.



**Director's Biography :** Estibaliz Urresola Solaguren's in Audiovisual Communication (UPV-Bilbao), Editing Theory (EICTV Cuba), Master in Film Direction and Master in Film Business (ESCAC). She has directed the short films *Adri*, *Ashes and Dust* and the feature-length documentary *Paper Voices* premiered at San Sebastián. Her latest short film *Chords* has been premiered at the Semaine de la Critique Cannes and has won several national and international prizes, including the Best Short Film in the Forqué Awards. In 2023 Estibaliz Urresola has premiered her first feature film *20, 000 Species of Bees*.