



Special Feature (Spain)

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2023 / Colour / 99 minutes / Spanish



Director : Alvaro Gago

Producer : Daniel Froiz

Cinematographer : Lucia C. Pan

Editor : Ricardo Saraiva

Music : Patricia Cadaveira, Marcel Pascual

Cast : Maria Vazquez, Santi Prego, Tatan, Susana Sampedro

Synopsis : Matria is a vibrant portrait of a woman who, after playing the role of a mother for years, realizes that it is time to do something for herself. Ramona, in her Galician fishing village, has two jobs, which require both hard work and assertiveness. She earns extra money on a mussel boat, and also energetically drives a team of women in an industrial cleaning company as their supervisor. Ramona adopts a similarly determined approach towards her 18-year-old daughter who hardly ever comes home anymore. After eight years of service, when the employer tries to force the women to return to a minimum wage Ramona decides she has had enough. The search for a new job soon sets motion in her life.



Director's Biography : Alvaro Gago was born in 1986, at Vigo, Spain. He studied audiovisual communication and music in Spain, theatre in Chicago and filmmaking at the London Film School. He also works as an editor and is the co-founder of Galician Film Forum. *Matria* is his debut feature film, which won the Grand Jury Prize at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival.