

**DETAILS** 

ORIGINAL TITLE

Que Nadie Duerma

INTERNATIONAL TITLE

Something is about to happen

**DIRECTED BY** 

Antonio Méndez Esparza

WRITTEN BY

Antonio Méndez Esparza

Clara Roquet

BASED ON THE NOVEL

Que Nadie Duerma by Juan José Millás

**CASTING** 

Malena Alterio

Aitana Sánchez-Gijón

José Luis Torrijo Rodrigo Posión

Manuel de Blas

Mariano Llorente

Íñigo de la Iglesia

Mariona Ribas

PRODUCED BY

Aquí y Allí Films (SP)

Wanda Visión (SP)

Avanpost (RO)

**PRODUCERS** 

Pedro Hernández Santos

Miguel Morales

Vlad Radulescu

**GENRE** 

Thriller / Drama

RUNNING TIME

122'

**FORMAT** 

16mm - Color

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**NACIONALITY** 

Spain - Romania

INTERNATIONAL SALES AGENT

Film Factory Entertainment

SPANISH DISTRIBUTOR

Wanda Visión

SUPPORTED BY

Amazon RTVE

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## **SYNOPSIS**

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Lucia lives an uneventful life as an IT specialist in Madrid. When the company goes bankrupt due to embezzlement, she decides to make a radical change in her life and become a taxi driver. In the taxi, she meets a series of colorful people, including Roberta, a theatre producer with whom she forms a great friendship, and Ricardo, a journalist who hits on her at the slightest opportunity. Yet, Lucía secretly hopes that, one day, Braulio, an actor with whom she had a fleeting fling and to whom she owes her obsession with the Turandot aria "Nessun Dorma", will jump in her taxi and finally become her prince charming. But reality can be stubborn and people might not really be who they seem to be...

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

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"Something is about to happen" is a road movie about Madrid, conceived in a realistic, direct tone and with the desire to shed light on the world of Lucía - played by a magnetic Malena Alterio - and her chance encounters with the strangest characters. A generational portrait of a woman who, in an unexpected moment, takes the reins of her life at the wheel of a taxi that brakes and accelerates between reality and fiction.

Shot mainly in the neighbourhood of Usera, I co-wrote this adaptation of the novel of the same name by Juan José Millás with Clara Roquet. This novel is a captivating story that transports us to a realistic Madrid from the very first page, with precise, comic dialogues full of uncertainty. After living in Florida for twenty years and shooting three feature films, it was exciting to shoot in my hometown of Madrid for the first time. A vibrant and eclectic Madrid: sometimes delirious, sometimes exciting, but always authentic.

"Something is about to happen," Lucia's character says to herself constantly. And it does happen. Lucía is reborn, like so many anonymous women who walk the streets of Madrid and let themselves be carried away by fantasy, madness and adventure. She, who has always done what she was supposed to do and who thought she was invisible, is now determined to be seen".

ANTONIO MÉNDEZ ESPARZA







## ANTONIO MÉNDEZ ESPARZA



## Scriptwriter and Director

Antonio Méndez Esparza earned an MFA from Columbia University. There he directed his short film "Una y Otra Vez" (2009), with which he won the RTVE award for best Spanish short film.

His first feature film "Here and There" (2012) became the most awarded film of the year. The film won the Grand Prix at the Critics' Week in Cannes 2012 and toured the world with invitations to more than 60 film festivals, including Karlovy Vary, San Sebastian, New York, Mumbai, Busan and Tokyo.

"Life and nothing more" (2017), his second feature film, was the first Spanish production to win the John Cassavetes Award at the Film Independent Spirit Awards 2018, premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and was represented at international festivals such as San Sebastian (FIPRESCI Award), Tokyo, Rome, Sao Paulo, Chicago, Morelia or Thessaloniki, was selected as the opening film for the prestigious Film Comment Selects in New York and received the Feroz Special Award.

"Courtroom 3H" (2020) is his third feature film and his first documentary, which premiered in the official selection of the San Sebastian International Film Festival and was part of the Tokyo International Film Festival or AFI DOCS.

"Something is about to happen" (2023) is his fourth feature film and the first to be shot in Spain.

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