

I Carry You with Me

I Carry You with Me (*Te Llevo Conmigo*) is a 2020 Spanish-language drama film directed by Heidi Ewing, from a screenplay by Ewing and Alan Page Arriaga. It stars Armando Espitia, Christian Vázquez, Michelle Rodríguez, Ángeles Cruz, Arcelia Ramírez and Michelle González.

It had its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival on January 26, 2020, where it won both the NEXT Innovator and Audience Awards. It was released theatrically during the COVID-19 pandemic on June 25, 2021 by Sony Pictures Classics in the U.S., and on July 8, 2021 by Sony Pictures Mexico in Mexico. It was released on digital and Blu-ray on September 21, 2021.^[4]

Premise

Based on true love, this decades spanning romance begins in Mexico between an aspiring chef (Armando Espitia) and a teacher (Christian Vázquez). Their lives restart in incredible ways as societal pressure propels them to embark on a treacherous journey to New York City with dreams, hopes, and memories in tow.

Cast

- Armando Espitia as Iván
- Christian Vázquez as Gerardo
- Michelle Rodríguez as Sandra
- Ángeles Cruz as Rosa Maria
- Arcelia Ramírez as Madga
- Michelle González as Paola
- Raúl Briones as Marcos
- Pascacio López as César
- Luis Alberti as Cucusa

Production

I Carry You with Me (*Te Llevo Conmigo*)



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	<u>Heidi Ewing</u>
Written by	Heidi Ewing Alan Page Arriaga
Produced by	<u>Mynette Louie</u> Heidi Ewing Gabriela Maire Edher Campos
Starring	Armando Espitia Christian Vázquez Michelle Rodríguez <u>Ángeles Cruz</u> <u>Arcelia Ramírez</u> Michelle González
Cinematography	Juan Pablo Ramírez

The film is a co-production between Mexico and the United States, and was shot in Mexico City, Puebla City, Jilotepec, Zapotitlán, Lerma, and New York City.

Release

The film had its world premiere at the [Sundance Film Festival](#) on January 26, 2020.^[5] Shortly after, [Sony Pictures Classics](#) and [Stage 6 Films](#) acquired worldwide distribution rights to the film.^[6] The film was set to screen at the [Tribeca Film Festival](#) in April 2020, followed by a theatrical release on June 19, 2020, but both the festival and release were cancelled due to the [COVID-19 pandemic](#).^{[7][8][9]}

The film screened at the [New York Film Festival](#) on October 2, 2020^{[10][11]} and other festivals including [AFI Fest](#), [Hamptons](#), [Morelia](#), [Busan](#), [Rome](#), [Zurich](#), [Athens](#), [Bergen](#), and [Golden Horse](#). After several postponed release dates were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the film had an awards qualifying run starting December 4, 2020, and was scheduled to be released on January 8, 2021.^[12] However, it was pulled from the schedule and set for an undisclosed 2021 date.^[13] It was finally released in U.S. theaters on June 25, 2021^[14] and Mexico theaters on July 8, 2021, where it debuted in the top 10 films at the box office.

Critical reception

I Carry You with Me holds a 97% approval rating on review aggregator website [Rotten Tomatoes](#), based on 89 reviews, with an average of 7.9/10. The website's critics' consensus reads: "A remarkable feature debut for director Heidi Ewing, *I Carry You with Me* finds universally resonant themes in a specific, richly detailed time and place."^[15] On [Metacritic](#), the film holds a rating of 76 out of 100, based on 23 critics, indicating "generally favorable reviews".^[16]

Edited by	Enat Sidi
Music by	Jay Wadley
Production companies	<div> <div>Black Bear Pictures</div> <div>Loki Films</div> <div>The Population</div> <div>Zafiro Cinema</div> </div>
Distributed by	<div> <div>Sony Pictures Classics</div> <div>Stage 6 Films</div> </div>
Release dates	<div> <div>January 26, 2020 (Sundance)</div> <div>June 25, 2021 (United States)</div> <div>July 8, 2021 (Mexico)</div> </div>
Running time	111 minutes ^[1]
Countries	<div> <div>United States</div> <div>Mexico</div> </div>
Language	Spanish
Box office	\$192,824 ^{[2][3]}

It was cited on several "Best Films of the Year" lists in both 2020 and 2021, including *The Washington Post*, *The Salt Lake Tribune*, *Remezcla*, *The Film Stage*, *People en Español*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Hollywood Reporter*, and *TheWrap*.

Accolades

Award	Date of ceremony	Category	Recipient(s)	Result	Ref.
<u>Sundance Film Festival</u>	<u>February 1, 2020</u>	NEXT Competition Innovator Award	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Won	[17]
		NEXT Competition Audience Award		Won	
<u>Imagen Awards</u>	<u>September 24, 2020</u>	Best Feature Film	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Nominated	[18]
		Best Director - Feature Film	<u>Heidi Ewing</u>	Nominated	
		Best Actor - Feature Film	Armando Espitia	Nominated	
<u>Key West Film Festival</u>	<u>November 23, 2020</u>	Critics' Award	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Won	[19]
<u>Hawaii Film Critics Society Awards</u>	<u>January 12, 2021</u>	Best Foreign Language Film	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Nominated	[20]
<u>Kansas City Film Critics Circle</u>	<u>January 24, 2021</u>	Best Foreign Film	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Nominated	[21]
<u>Latino Entertainment Film Awards</u>	<u>March 7, 2021</u>	Best Picture	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Nominated	[22]
		Best Actor	Armando Espitia	Nominated	
		Best International Film	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Nominated	
<u>Cinema Eye Honors</u>	<u>March 9, 2021</u>	Heterodox Award	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Nominated	[23]
<u>GLAAD Media Awards</u>	<u>April 8, 2021</u>	<u>Outstanding Film – Limited Release</u>	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Nominated	[24]
<u>Dorian Awards</u>	<u>April 18, 2021</u>	Best Foreign Language Film	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Nominated	[25]
		Best LGBTQ Film		Nominated	
<u>Independent Spirit Awards</u>	<u>April 22, 2021</u>	<u>Best First Feature</u>	<u>Heidi Ewing, Mynette Louie, Gabriela Maire, Edher Campos</u>	Nominated	[26]
		Best Editing	Enat Sidi	Nominated	
<u>Ariel Awards</u>	<u>September 27, 2021</u>	Best Actor	Armando Espitia	Nominated	[27]
		Best Supporting Actor	Christian Vázquez	Nominated	
		Best Supporting Actress	Michelle Rodríguez	Nominated	
		Best Production Design	Sandra Cabriada	Nominated	

Impulse LGBTIQ+ Awards	November 29, 2021	LGBTIQ+ Film of the Year	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Won	[28]
Canacine Awards	December 9, 2021	Best Picture	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Nominated	[29]
		Best Actor	Armando Espitia	Nominated	
<u>Queerties</u>	March 1, 2022	Best Indie Movie	<i>I Carry You with Me</i>	Nominated	[30]

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