

Lo Que Trajo La Marea (What The Tide Dragged In)

Genre: Psychological Horror / Mumblecore Thriller

Language: Spanish with English Subtitles | **Country:** Chile, 2025

Runtime: 78 minutes.

STARRING

María Jesús Marcone, Luna Martínez

SYNOPSIS

After their mother's funeral, sisters Clara and Martina travel to a remote beach to fulfill her final wish: to scatter her ashes in the ocean. But when Martina is swept away by a sudden current and later found by Clara acting inexplicably, their bond is tested amid a growing sense of dread.

CREW

Director & Writer: Patricio Valladares

Producers: Vittorio Farfán, Sebastián Riestra, Patricio Valladares

Cinematography: Vittorio Farfán

Original Score: Luigi Sevioli

Editing: Patricio Valladares, Evelyn Belmar

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Lo Que Trajo La Marea was born from a desire to explore the space where intimate human experiences meet the eerie unknown. Set against the hauntingly desolate beaches of southern Chile, the film merges the emotional immediacy of mumblecore with the slow-burning tension of the paranormal.

With a minimalist approach—both in cast and crew—we sought to strip cinema down to its core, letting emotional authenticity drive the storytelling. Visually, the film draws inspiration from the textured imperfection of 16mm film and the atmospheric dread of classic J-Horror. The result is a fragile, dreamlike tone that echoes the inner worlds of its characters and their delicate connection to forces beyond comprehension.

Nihilistic Horror ‘Tide’s Gift’ is wraps and First Look Revealed.

The team behind the Chilean psycho-drama found footage sensation “Invoking Yell,” one of 2023's hit genre film festival successes, has unveiled a first still of their new film, “Tide’s Gift,” also known as “Lo que Trajo La Marea.”

Production recently wrapped in Cobquecura in the Ñuble Region in southern Chile. The story follows sisters Clara and Martina, who visit a remote beach to scatter their mother's ashes after her funeral. Martina is swept away by a current and later found by Clara, behaving strangely. As the days pass, Clara begins to notice unsettling changes in Martina's behavior, leading to a series of disturbing events that unravel the sisters' bond and plunge them into a nightmarish reality.

Directed and written by Patricio Valladares, “Tide’s Gift” is produced by Vittorio Farfan, Sebastian Riestra, and Loris Curci. The film stars Maria Jesus Marcone and Luna Martinez in lead roles. Marcone, from “Invoking Yell,” and Martinez, from “Sumergida,” deliver gripping performances as Clara and Martina, respectively. Their portrayal of the complex sisterly relationship, compounded by the traumatic events, adds depth and authenticity to the film's psychological horror.

Patricio Valladares describes the film as “an existential horror tale that will make you think twice before taking a trip to the beach.” Valladares aims to explore themes of grief, family, and the unknown through a nihilistic lens.

The film is produced by Vallastudio Films, with executive producers Patricio Valladares, Vittorio Farfan, and Sebastian Riestra, in association with Loris Curci from Nightworld. The project is backed by private equity financing, with a co-production between Chile and Italy.

“Tide’s Gift” is the second feature from this team, following “Invoking Yell,” which will be released by Welcome Villain. “Tide’s Gift” is expected to hit the film festival circuit next year.