## **JUANICAS**

## A film by Karina Garcia Casanova

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**Trailer** 



Wednesday March 11th, 2015 – EyeSteelFilm is pleased to invite you to the theatrical release of JUANICAS, directed by Karina Garcia Casanova, that will be released in theaters on **March 27th, 2015**.

Filmed across a span of over ten years, JUANICAS evokes the difficult relationships between the filmmaker and her mother and brother, both of whom suffer from bipolar disorder.

The film opens with Juan's return to Montreal after having lived in Mexico for several years, and takes a dramatic turn when he suffers a relapse into a desperate bout of depression and paranoia. Witnessing the cyclical nature of her brother's debilitating disease, Karina Garcia

Casanova has transformed a heart-wrenching story into a powerful cinematic narrative. "It is not unusual for a first film to come out of a very personal journey; but rare are those that demonstrate such mature introspection. Here, cinema is nothing less than an essential tool for reconstructing the self" (Bruno Dequen, RIDM).

JUANICAS had its World Premiere at the Rencontres Internationales du Documentaire de Montreal (RIDM), where it received two mentions, for the **Best First Film** and the **Student Award** categories. JUANICAS also won 5 Prizes at the prestigious **Guadalajara International Film Festival's "Doculab.1"** in Los Angeles and received a special mention as Best First Film at the Rendez-vous du Cinéma Québécois in February 2015.

JUANICAS also received the mention for Best Documentary at the Guadalajara International Film Festival in March 2015.

JUANICAS will be released on March 27th, 2015 at Cinéma Excentris, with French and English subtitles. The screenings will be followed by discussions with the filmmaker, Karina Garcia Casanova.

For further information about the film, TV-Show "Enquête" (ICI Radio-Canada) has presented the case on October 23rd, 2014:

http://ici.radio-canada.ca/emissions/enquete/2014-2015/Reportage.asp?idDoc=352875

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Trailer: https://vimeo.com/110497805

High-res downloadable images: <a href="http://www.eyesteelfilm.com/juanicas">http://www.eyesteelfilm.com/juanicas</a>

Press kits, online screeners and film stills are available upon request.

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