



***For Immediate Release***

Peru's Selection for the International Feature Film Award  
at the 2021 Academy Awards®

## ***SONG WITHOUT A NAME***

**CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED HEARTBREAKING DEBUT is released Digitally  
on 22nd February 2021**



**Total Film**



**The Guardian**

**"A monochrome gem"**

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Sovereign proudly announces the digital release of director Melina León's unique and heartfelt first film, on 22nd February 2021.

Melina León's debut feature ***Song Without a Name (Canción Sin Nombre)*** has officially been submitted as Peru's **2021 Academy Awards®** candidate in the International Feature Film competition.

**Melina León is the first female Peruvian director to play Cannes** and this, her debut feature, went on to be **nominated for the prestigious Golden Camera at the festival**. Not only is ***Song Without a Name* bruisingly evocative and moving**, it's an important film inspired by a true story of human trafficking.

***Song Without a Name (Canción Sin Nombre)*** is set in Peru in 1988. The country is in the grip of a devastating political crisis. Georgina, a young woman from the Andes, has her newborn daughter stolen, after giving birth at a fake health clinic. The desperate search for her baby leads her to Pedro, a young and tenacious investigative journalist who will stop at nothing to get to the truth.

***Song Without a Name***, nominated for the prestigious Golden Camera at last year's Cannes Film Festival, is a bruisingly evocative and almost unbearably moving first feature film from León. Evocatively filmed in stark black and white, it features a poignant performance from newcomer Pamela Mendoza as the beleaguered mother, with Tommy Párraga beautifully measured as the journalist hitting endless Kafkaesque dead ends, as he burrows into the corruption and strife of a country in turmoil.

As well as being a searing examination of the inequities of class, and the dehumanizing effects of politics, ***Song Without a Name*** is also a nerve-wracking race against time, with Georgina and Pedro on a seemingly futile search for the stolen child. Audiences who relished the Costa Gravas classic *Missing*, or the Oscar-winning *Spotlight*, about the

power of journalism to uncover unpalatable truths, and Alfonso Cuarón's *Roma*, will find themselves haunted and enthralled by this assured, resonant masterwork.

**SONG WITHOUT A NAME WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FROM  
22nd FEBRUARY 2021**

Praise garnered for ***Song Without a Name*** to date:

★★★★★

**Total Film**

★★★★★

**The Guardian**

“An exquisite audiovisual experience”

**The Hollywood Reporter**

“Shot, scored and styled like the most beautiful of bad dreams”

**Variety**

“A potent account of period in Peruvian history which has left scars  
which persist to this day”

**Screen International**

“A monochrome gem”

**Little White Lies**

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**ABOUT SOVEREIGN FILM DISTRIBUTION**

**Sovereign Film Distribution** aims to release auteur driven feature films in the UK from exciting emerging and established international talent. Our carefully curated titles have played to strong critical and audience acclaim, often premiering at renowned international film festivals, including Cannes, Berlinale, Toronto, Venice and many more. The first four titles for release include; Philippine crime drama 'VERDICT', which received the Special Orizzonti Jury Prize at the 76th Venice Film Festival; historical drama 'MALMKROG' which won Best Director in the Encounter section at the 70th Berlin Film Festival; Argentine psychological thriller 'A COMMON CRIME' which received its world premiere at the 70th Berlin Film Festival; and Peruvian drama 'SONG WITHOUT A NAME' which screened in the Directors' Fortnight section at the 72nd Cannes Film Festival and has been the recipient of numerous other festival awards and accolades.

**Sovereign Film Distribution** is a newly formed entity of **Sovereign Media Group**, an experienced and established UK based media and entertainment company committed to telling important and relevant stories across film, theatre, music and the arts with cultural links to our past, present and future. Founded by acclaimed film producers Andreas Roald and Donald Rosenfeld (Former President of Merchant Ivory Productions), Sovereign's management has a combined experience of over 45 years' making award winning films, such as 'Howards End' (9 Oscar nominations) and 'The Remains of the Day' (8 Oscar nominations). Since establishing Sovereign Films, their productions include Palme d'Or winner 'The Tree of Life' (3 Oscar nominations), starring Sean Penn, Jessica Chastain and Brad Pitt; 'Effie Gray', starring Dakota Fanning, Emma Thompson and Julie Walters; and 'Voyage of Time' with Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett. Their upcoming productions including 'Memoria' from Palme d'Or winner Apichatpong Weerasethakul, starring Tilda Swinton; and 'Triangle of Sadness' starring Woody Harrelson from acclaimed director Ruben Ostlund (winner of the Cannes Palme d'Or for 'The Square').

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