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BY MARCOS LOAYZA WITH PAOLO VARGAS, LEONEL FRANSEZZE, FRED NUÑEZ

Young bootblack Tupah embarks on a frantic quest to find his uncle lost in the Averno, a place where the Andean inhabitants believe that the dead coexist with the living and where everything finds its opposite face. In a dangerous journey through the underworld, as myth and reality get endlessly intertwined, Tupah has to defeat the worst of his enemies and the greatest of his fears.

Urban legends, grim, magnetic characters, the mythology from the Andes and the Amazonia in a film with sensual images and a brave spirited staging. Winner of Best Latin-American Film at BAFICI 2018, and Best Cinematography and Jury Award at Gramado 2018.



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

The myth of a hero that descends into the underworld to rescue somebody and come back, is very common among many cultures. Averno adapts that myth in order to represent a world that is mainly expressed in the Andean literature, art and folklore, but not in the audiovisual. It is an aesthetic universe never seen before.



DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Marcos Loayza is a Bolivian director who studied under the orientation of Jean-Claude Carrière at the EICTV, Cuba. Most renowned for *Cuestión de Fe/A Matter of Fate* (1995), his previous features have been screened in some of the most prestigious festivals in the world, such as Rotterdam, Berlin or Palm Springs.

CAST BIOGRAPHY

Paolo Vargas is a young TV and film actor and a choreographer. He starred in several short films, *Averno* is his first feature as a protagonist. He is recognized for his role in the ATB TV series *Picante Surtido*.

Leonel Fransezze is an Argentinian TV presenter and actor. He is known in Bolivia for his work in musical theatre.

Director & Screenplay Marcos Loayza | Producer Santiago Loayza | Production Company Alma Films Cinematographer Nelson Wainstein | Editor Fabio Pallero | Sound Designer Sergio Medina Art direction Abel Bellido | Costumes Valeria Wilde | Makeup Paola Romay | Casting Patricia García Music Federico Moreira, Gabriel Estrada

Original Title: Averno | 87' | Colour | Spanish OV | Aspect Ratio I.85:I Shot on RED | Audio 5.I

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