



Soñadora

Screening Toolkit



About The Film

Runtime: 7 minutes

Directed by: Jr Rodriguez

Logline

As an immigrant, Vanessa Chavarriaga, is used to existing between two worlds: that of where she was born, in Colombia, and where she lives now in the United States. This story is for undocumented kids, immigrants, women, people of color, and all of those who fight to exist in spaces that were made without them. This is her story of being split between two cultures while learning to thrive with her own unique identity, told through running, skiing and poetry.

Synopsis

Soñadora. Visionary. Dreamer. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). These are the definitions the "Soñadora" film crew are grappling with in their film featuring Vanessa Chavarriaga. The film begins by reading Vanessa's own words in Spanish: "I was born in the heart of the world. In a land of abundance and love. There, everything flows. The rivers and the páramos. The laughter of my aunts' follows me like a drop of rain flowing into the sea." Throughout the film, Vanessa's original writing will guide the audience through the complexities of what it's like to be stripped from one place to be dropped in another and asked to excel just to be constantly rejected.

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Soñadora. Visionaria. Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA). Estas son las definiciones con las que el equipo de filmación de "Soñadora" está lidiando en su próxima película con Vanessa Chavarriaga. La película comienza leyendo las propias palabras de Vanessa en español (traducidas aquí): "Nací en el corazón del mundo. En una tierra de abundancia y amor. Allí, todo fluye. Los ríos y los páramos. La risa de mis tías me sigue como una gota de lluvia que fluye hacia el mar". A lo largo de la película, la escritura original de Vanessa guiará a la audiencia a través de las complejidades de lo que es ser despojada de un lugar para ser dejada caer en otro y pedirle que sobresalga solo para ser rechazada constantemente.



Film Resources

Full Film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfxZw2OSES4>

Questions: contact clara@protectourwinters.org and donny@protectourwinters.org

Webpage: <https://protectourwinters.org/grant-project/sonadora/>

Blog: [Soñadora: Vanessa Chavarriaga Posada's Inspiring Journey to Redefine Belonging in the Outdoors](#)



About The Alliance Member

Vanessa is a mountain athlete and environmental sociologist who focuses on the intersection of people and nature. As an immigrant and woman of color herself, Vanessa recognizes the systemic barriers that purposefully keep BIPOC out of outdoor spaces. Taking up space in the outdoor community feels revolutionary.

Vanessa's favorite activities are trail running, mountaineering, skiing, foraging, and swimming in really cold lakes. She speaks up against systemic racism, colorism, anti-Blackness and anti-Indigeneity in the Latinx community and beyond. Vanessa is involved with multiple environmental sociology projects including food sovereignty, education and decolonization and grizzly bear coexistence.

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