



new wave *films*

PUZZLE (Rompecabezas)

by Natalia Smirnoff

Argentina, France, 2010, 88 min

Spanish with English subtitles



Official Selection, Competition, Berlin Film Festival

Opens in 2010

It's Maria's fiftieth birthday and she receives a jigsaw puzzle as a present. The discovery that she's good at them sparks a new passion. Responding to an ad, she starts training with a rich bachelor for the national and potentially international jigsaw puzzle tournament. A devoted but slightly alienated housewife, she hides her new activity from her family, until she she has to tell them she is participating in the national tournament.

The film, while story-driven, is particularly strong in capturing Maria's relationships to the men around her, the dynamics at home, as well as her own internal emotional turmoil.

'María Onetto ... excels as a housewife who slowly gains back her personality in this joyful debut feature...wonderful.'

Georgie Hobbs, *Little White Lies*

CREW

Directed and written by Natalia Smirnoff
A Carroussel Films (Argentina)/Las Ninas
Pictures (France)/Zarlek Producciones
(Argentina) production.
Producers: Gabriel Pastore, Caroline
Dhainaut, Luis Sartor, Natalia Smirnoff
Executive producer: Gabriel Pastore.
Camera: Barbara Alvarez
Editor: Natacha Valerga
Music: Alejandro Franov
Production designer: Maria Eugenia Sueiro
Costume designer: Julio Suarez
Sound (Dolby SRD):Fernando Soldevila
Facundo "Paco" Giron
associate producer: Alvaro Urtizbera
Assistant director, casting: Natalie Urruti

CAST

Maria Onetto
Gabriel Goity
Arturo Goetz
Henny Trailes
Felipe Villanueva