

Fidelio: Alice's Journey

A film by Luci Borleteau

France, 2014, 95 minutes, Scope

French with English subtitles



Winner, Europa Cinemas Label, Locarno Film Festival 2014

Pardo for Best Actress, Locarno Film Festival

Best Actress, Palm Springs Film Festival 2015

55th Thessaloniki International Film Festival

Jameson Dublin International Film Festival

Alice is a 30 year-old sailor, in love with Félix who waits for her ashore as she unexpectedly sets off as second mechanic on the Fidelio, an old freighter. On board, she discovers not only that she replaces a recently deceased mechanic, but also that the Captain is none other than her first great love, Gaël. In her cabin Alice comes across the diary of the former mechanic, and by reading its content –accounts of technical problems, sexual conquests and lovelorn emotions – she finds, oddly, that they echo her own journey. As the ship calls on various ports, Alice deals with life aboard with an all-male crew, the notion of desire in such an environment and the swings of her romantic feelings, while trying to stay the course. *Fidelio* is Lucie Borleteau's first feature-length film.

'A true discovery'

Aurélien Ferenczi, *Télérama*

'Easily the most fascinating film to come along and challenge traditional gender roles in the past year... emotionally complex, logistically daunting debut.'

Peter Debruge, *Variety*

CAST

Alice **Ariane Labed**
Gaël **Melvil Poupaud**
Felix **Anders Danielsen Lie**
Antoine **Pascal Tagnati**
Constantin **Corneliu Dragomirescu**
Barbureau **Jean-Louis Coulloc'h**
Vali **Bogdan Zamfir**
Frédéric **Nathanaël Maïni**
Felizrdo **Manuel Ramirez**

CREW

Directed by Lucie Borleteau
Screenplay Lucie Borleteau, Clara Bourreau
Cinematography Simon Beaufils
Music Thomas de Pourquery
Costumes Sophie Begon
Set Design Sidney Dubois
Sound Marie-Clotilde Chéry, Edouard Morin,
Mélissa Petitjean
Editing Guy Lecorne
Produced by Apsara Films & Why Not
Productions
Coproducer ARTE France Cinéma