



GABO: THE CREATION OF GABRIEL GARCIA MARQUEZ

An Icarus Films Release
Directed by Justin Webster

"The narrative tension of an investigation" –El Espectador

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2015 Lima Film Festival, Peru

2015 Docs DF, Mexico

2015 Kosmopolis, Barcelona

2015 Colombian International Film Festival, New York

2015 Americas Film Festival, New York

IN THE PRESS

"Not only a journey through Gabo's life, but also through Colombia's contemporary history" –Dixon Moya

"A biography of Garcia Marquez with the narrative tension of an investigation" –El Espectador

"The 'rosebud' of Garcia Marquez" –Gregorio Belinchon (El PAIS)

"A documentary that reflects on the idolatry the Nobel Prize laureate inspired" –El Periodico de Catalunya

"An especially emotional testimony from Bill Clinton, who says he was unaware of Colombia's social struggles until he read *News of a Kidnapping*" –Xavi Ayen (LA VANGUARDIA)

LOGLINE

The true story of Gabriel Garcia Marquez, winner of the 1982 Nobel Prize for Literature and author of globally acclaimed books including *100 Years of Solitude*.

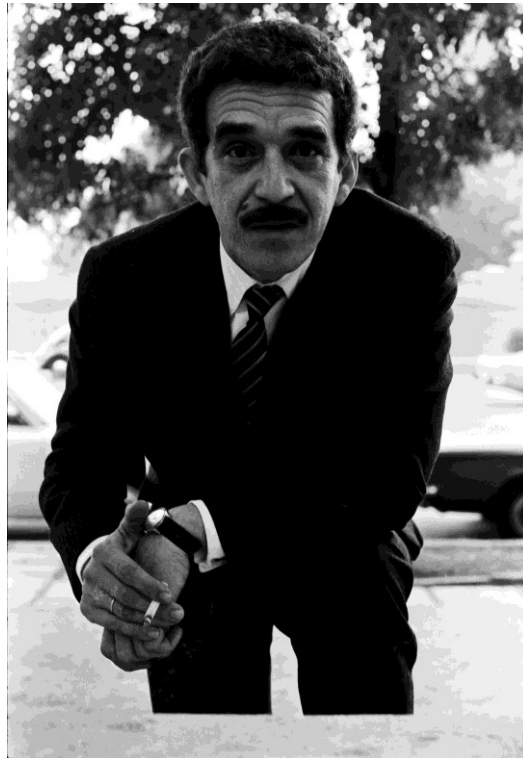
SYNOPSIS

How did a boy from a tiny town on the Caribbean coast become a writer who won the hearts of millions? How did he change our perception of reality with his work?

The answers lies in the incredible story of Gabriel García Márquez, the 1982 Nobel Prize winner in Literature.

A law-school dropout and political journalist who grew up in the poverty and violence of northern Colombia. García Márquez became the writer of the globally celebrated and critically-acclaimed books including *Love in the Time of Cholera* and *100 Years of Solitude*.

Gabo: The Creation of Gabriel García Márquez includes former American president Bill Clinton and former Colombian president César Gaviria among interviewees discussing the writer's life and legacy. The film follows the life of the author, known as "Gabo" to all of Latin America, as his sensual, "magical" sensibility leads him to the forefront of the political struggles of the 1970s and 1980s and into the hearts of readers across the world.



ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Justin Webster has a continuing passion for crafting non-fiction narratives. He developed this first, as a writer, while working as a reporter for The Independent in London the early 90s, having graduated in classical literature from Cambridge University. After moving to Barcelona, as a freelance nonfiction writer, he began working regularly with leading photographers, and at the same time, he became an independent producer/director for news features and short documentaries. In 2004 he directed his first feature length documentary, *FC Barcelona Confidential*, which won several international awards and soon became a classic football film, for its access and character-driven, observational, narrative style.

Since then, Webster has directed a series of award-winning films, all produced by Sumpta Ayuso, founding partner of JWP, on subjects as diverse as the lives of jihadi terrorists, or the inspiring work of a transplant doctor, or the photographic testimony to the drama of African emigration, or a story of love, murder and political conspiracy in Guatemala. The films are either interview-driven and investigative, or observational, following an unfolding story, but are all driven by the passion for discovering the right characters, and finding the compelling narrative through which to tell a real story.

FILM CREDITS

Director:	Justin Webster
Producer:	Kate Horne
Director of Photography:	Lucas Gath
Assistant Director:	Kristina Rodemann
Editor:	Judit Mendez Puig
Line Producer:	Simon Hernandez
Music:	Laro Basterrechea
Executive Producers:	Sumpta Ayuso, Agnus Macqueen
Running time:	88 minutes
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Country:	Spain

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