

A close-up photograph of two people's faces, one on the left and one on the right, looking towards each other. The image is cropped to focus on the eyes, noses, and mouths. The background is a plain, light color.

# VULGAR

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A FILM BY SANTIAGO RIVERO

# VULGAR

Latvia 2024, 105 minutes

With Gabriel Agüero, Katrīna Kreile, Āris Matesovičs, Gaile Butvilaite

Premiere: Latvia December 2024



# LOGLINE

A traditional 25 year old gets her principles tested when carefree Simon appears... three years after marrying the love of her life

# SYNOPSIS

Angelika's seemingly perfect life, conceals a lack of passion and fulfilment. While arranging her best friend's wedding in Latvia, she meets Simon, her friend's daring and passionate brother who challenges Angelika's deeply held principles and life beliefs.

# TECHNICAL DETAILS

<b>Original Title</b>	VULGAR
<b>Genre</b>	Romance, Comedy
<b>Country of Production</b>	Latvia
<b>Year of Production</b>	2024
<b>Length</b>	1 hour 45 minutes
<b>Shooting format</b>	4K
<b>Screening Format</b>	DCP, 1:2,39, Dolby 5.1, 24fps
<b>Languages</b>	English [70%], Latvian [30%] English Subtitles

## CAST

<b>Angelika</b>	Katrīna Kreile
<b>Simón</b>	Gabriel Agüero
<b>Norma</b>	Gaile Butvilaite
<b>Dairis</b>	Āris Matesovičs



# CREW

<b>Written and Directed by</b>	Santiago Rivero
<b>Produced by</b>	Annija Anna Cābule
<b>Executive Producers</b>	Annija Anna Cābule Jorge Rosero Santiago Rivero
<b>Production Manager</b>	Aelita Arta
<b>Production Designers</b>	Annija Anna Cābule Kristiāna Baumane Beate Brigmane-Brīge
<b>Cinematography by</b>	Vadim Andrian Smirnov Nikita Krivickis
<b>Edited by</b>	Dāvis Paugurs
<b>Sound Design by</b>	Lucas Pablo Ulecia
<b>Music by</b>	Antoni Mairata
<b>Costume Designers</b>	Annija Anna Cābule Kristiāna Baumane Beate Brigmane-Brīge

# DIRECTOR: SANTIAGO RIVERO

Santiago Rivero studied filmmaking at Tisch School of the Arts, in NYU, where he developed his craft in directing and visual storytelling. He directs feature films, shorts, music videos, and documentaries, crafting bold visuals and emotionally driven stories.

His latest short film CLOSER (2023) got Best Film Nomination at Golden FEMI Film Festival. Rivero has also directed award-winning music videos, including Solito by Los Cadillac's feat. Oscarcito, which won Best Music Video at the Ronda Awards.

His feature directorial debut, VULGAR (2024), is set to premiere on the international festival circuit in 2025.

## FILMOGRAPHY

- 2024** VULGAR (Feature Film)
- 2023** CLOSER (Short Film)
- 2021** PALABRAS MÁGICAS (Short Film)
- 2013** LOVE BUG (Short Film)
- 2012** FOR YOU AND FOR ME (Documentary)
- 2010** LETSEMA CIRCLE (Documentary)
- 2010** MY WIFE CANT COOK (TV Pilot)
- 2008** SILVIO (Short Film)
- 2008** TO BE AN ENTREPRENEUR (Documtary)
- 2007** ILLEGAL LOVE (Short Film)



# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

"VULGAR" was born from the need to explore hidden desires and the choices that force us to question everything we believe about love and life. I wanted to dive into the tension between what is expected of us and what we truly want. Through Angelika, we witness the inner struggle of a woman who begins to realize that what she considers 'right' may not be what makes her happy.

This film is deeply personal, drawn from my own experience of immigrating from my native country and observing how distance warps our perception of relationships, identity, and morality.

My goal was to create a movie that is both intimate and universal, encouraging viewers to look into their own censored desires and the performances they present in their own lives. I believe that film needs to be difficult, uncomfortable, and ultimately raw and honest about the human condition. With VULGAR, I hope to create a setting where the viewers can revel in the richness of their own contradictions, as does Angelika.



# CAST

## GABRIEL AGÜERO

Gabriel Agüero is a Venezuelan actor known for his amazing performances in film, television, and theater. With his performance in Jezabel (2022), he won the Best Actor Award at Barcelona International Film Festival, solidifying his position among the rising actors in Latin America. He also appears in other highly acclaimed movies such as Me & The Beasts (2021) and The Dance (2019).

Agüero delivers a mesmerizing performance in VULGAR (2024) as Simon, a character who pushes the protagonist to understand love and self. His ability to portray deeply rich and emotionally charged characters has established him as a coveted talent in global and indie cinema.

### FILMOGRAPHY

- 2024** VULGAR
- 2024** HAMBRE
- 2022** JEZABEL
- 2021** ME & THE BEASTS
- 2019** THE DANCE
- 2013** THE LONGEST DISTANCE



A close-up portrait of actress Katrīna Kreile with long, dark, wavy hair, looking slightly to the left with a neutral expression. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

# CAST

## KATRĪNA KREILE

Katrīna Kreile is a remarkably talented, character-driven actress who brings depth and fearlessness to every role she takes on. She gravitates toward powerful, complex female characters—showcasing both their strength and vulnerability, as seen in *VULGAR* (2024).

With a foundation in theater acting since childhood, Katrīna has steadily built her presence on screen, gaining recognition in the Latvian TV series *Bezvēsts Pazudušās* (2020) and *Nelūgtie Viesi* (2023). *VULGAR* marks her stunning feature film debut, showing she's an actress to be paid attention to.

### FILMOGRAPHY

- 2024 **VULGAR**
- 2023 **ECSTASIS**
- 2023 **NELŪGTIE VIESI**
- 2023 **NEMĪLĒTIE**
- 2023 **CLOSER**
- 2022 **BEZVESTS PAZUDUŠĀS**

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A romantic couple is shown in a close embrace, kissing, in a room decorated with warm string lights. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with soft lighting and a warm color palette. The couple is positioned in the center of the frame, with the man on the left and the woman on the right. The background features large windows or glass doors, and the overall atmosphere is intimate and celebratory.

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*Giorgio Armani*

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