



AQUARIUS

**Autumn
Season
2017**

Release: 2016

Cert (UK): 12A

Country: Brasil/France

Language: Portugese

Runtime: 146 mins

Director: Kleber Mendonça Filho

Writer: Kleber Mendonça Filho

Cinematographer: Pedro Sotero and Fabricio Tadeu

Cast: Sonia Braga, Maeve Jinkings, Irandhir Santos



With 29 wins and over 30 nominations for awards at Film Festivals in South America and the rest of the world this is a highly acclaimed film from Brazil.

Clara, a 65 year old widow and retired music critic, was born into a wealthy and traditional family in Recife, Brazil. She is the last resident of the Aquarius, an original two-story building,

built in the 1940s, in the upper-class, seaside Boa Viagem Avenue, Recife. All the neighboring apartments have already been acquired by a company which has other plans for that plot. Clara has pledged to only leave her place upon her death, and will engage in a cold war of sorts with the company. This tension both disturbs Clara and gives her that edge on her daily routine. It also gets her thinking about her loved ones, her past and her future.

The film offers an analysis of the political realities behind Recife's luxurious facade (that the film was not selected as Brazil's Academy contender this year is widely seen as government retaliation for the makers' protest at Cannes against the impeachment of Brazil's former president Dilma Rousseff).

'Aquarius is a rich and complex character study from the Brazilian auteur Kleber Mendonça Filho: densely observed, scrupulously realised, and with a wonderful lead performance' - Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian