

ANIARA



Release: 2018 Cert (UK): 18, F Country: Sweden

Language: In Swedish and Spanish with English subtitles

Runtime: 1 hour 46 mins

Directors: Pella Kagerman and Hugo Lilja **Writers:** Pella Kagerman and Hugo Lilja **Cinematographer:** Sophie Winqvist

Cast: Emelie Jonsson, Bianca Cruzeiro, Arvin Kananian



Aniara: the interstellar equivalent of a luxury cruise ship, ferrying the wealthiest survivors of a dying Earth to a new home on Mars. When the Aniara gets knocked off course, a three-week voyage gets an updated ETA of "TBA." While the staff and the customers try to distract themselves with shopping, arcades and discos, as the years drag on, the ship's culture degrades...' - Noel Murray, LA Times.

Not so much a Sci-fi movie as a philosophical look at what humans might do when threatened with disaster (seems appropriate!), this looked too interesting to ignore. Just what

would we do?

'Aniara (the name comes from an ancient Greek word meaning "despairing") is based on a 1956 epic poem from the Swedish Nobel laureate Harry Martinson

and explores the end of humanity in capsule form. And when we go, according to this wildly ambitious debut feature from writing and directing team Pella Kågerman and Hugo Lilja, it will be not with a bang but with a mindless plod of consumerism, a flailing grasp for meaning and the occasional space orgy' – Wendy Ide, Guardian.

