



# The Visitors

written and directed by SAMINA AKBARI



POLYGLOT PICTURES PRESENTS A SAMINA AKBARI FILM VISRA VICHIT-VADAKAN AND SEBASTIAN BEACON  
*THE VISITORS* DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY KRISTINA NIKOLOVA AND SAMINA AKBARI SOUND DESIGN BY SCOTT HIRSCH PRODUCTION DESIGN BY LISA MEYERS

“(One of) thirteen truly remarkable student films.” Kim Adelman, *Indiewire*



## “The Visitors”

**Running Time:** 6 minutes

**Genre:** Drama

**Format:** HD

### **SYNOPSIS:**

Nisa keeps her boyfriend Daniel a secret. When mice invade their apartment, Nisa must face what she’s really hiding from.

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### **CAST/CREW BIOS:**

**Samina Akbari (writer / director / producer)**

Samina Akbari was born in Chicago to an Indian mother and a Pakistani father. She earned degrees in photography and social history from Carnegie Mellon University and La Universidad Politecnica de Valencia. A mid-westerner at heart, she’s taken pictures throughout Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and South Asia, where she spent two years living with artists in the Kutchi Indian desert. With deep roots in photography, Samina is both a writer/director and cinematographer. She is currently writing her 1st feature-length script and editing her short film *A Size Too Small* while completing her MFA at NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts. *The Visitors* is Samina’s second short film. Sundance is her first submission and acceptance into a festival, and her world premiere on the narrative film scene. (SaminaAkbari.com)

## CAST / CREW BIOS CONT.

### **Visra Vichit-Vadakan (Lead Actress)**

Splitting her time between Bangkok and New York, Visra is both an actress and director. Her film "In Space" is screening at the shorts program at the Slamdance Film Festival and at the Rotterdam Film Festival this year. She is part of a new wave of Thai artists passionate about art but also dedicated to shaping a community of young people who encourage social responsibility, compassion and action through their work. Visra is completing her graduate degree in filmmaking at NYU's Tisch School of the arts.

### **Sebastian Beacon (Lead Actor)**

Sebastian is an actor born and raised in England and now based in New York City. After studying theatre at Eton College and Edinburgh University, he studied at The Webber Douglas Academy in London and the Lee Strasberg Institute in New York. His recent film credits include Ang Lee's *Taking Woodstock, Oka Amerikee!* and the feature film *The Imperialists Are Still Alive!*, also in competition at Sundance this year.

### **Emily Ray Reese (Co-Producer)**

Based in New York, Emily Ray Reese is both a producer and director. Her short film *Cecilia* has recently toured the festival circuit including the Boston Latino Film Festival and Outfest. Raised in a New Mexican ghost town of six inhabitants, Reese is developing several films based on her experiences in Nepal and El Salvador as a Peace Corps volunteer. The recipient of an Albuquerque Community Foundation grant in filmmaking, she is currently completing her MFA at NYU's graduate film program.

### **Kristina Nikolova (Cinematographer)**

Born in communist Bulgaria, Kristina grew up in a family of prominent Bulgarian cinematographers. Kristina's first 35mm feature film was the award-winning *Goodbye Hello*. She collaborated with a well-known Bulgarian director on two award-winning feature documentaries, for which they spent months living in drug communes in the Bulgarian mountains. In 2006 she co-produced *When Nietzsche Wept* (Bulgaria) starring Oscar nominee Ben Cross and based on the best selling novel. She has written and directed four award-winning shorts while at NYU's graduate film program, (KristinaNik.com)

### **Scott Hirsch (Sound Design)**

Scott Hirsch is a sound designer, editor and mixer for film and video, musician, and audio engineer. His audio post production credits include: Zero Film Festival Short Film Winner *Signal From Shore*, *Boobie* a comic short starring Elijah Wood, *Solitary Release*, starring James Franco and Holmes Osborne, the PBS documentary *Alcatraz Is Not an Island*, indie favorite *Plagues & Pleasures of the Salton Sea*, and *Out of The Poison Tree*, a feature documentary by award winning director Beth Pielert. (ScottHirschSound.com)

"The Visitors" STILLS



## Full Cast / Crew List

### CREW:

Written / directed / produced by  
Co-producer  
Directors of photography

SAMINA AKBARI  
EMILY RAY REESE  
KRISTINA NIKOLOVA  
SAMINA AKBARI  
SCOTT HIRSCH  
BRIAN BRACKEN  
LISA MEYERS  
KIM PARKER

Sound designer  
Re-recording mixer  
Production designer  
1st assistant director

1st AC  
Additional camera op  
Gaffer  
Key grip  
Sound recordist  
Boom operator  
Colorist  
Post-production assistant  
ADR engineer  
Graphic design  
Animal wrangler

BEN RODRIGUEZ  
SHAKA KING  
ALAN BLANCO  
CHLOE ZHAO  
MICHAEL MATTHEWS  
PERRY BLACKSHEAR  
ROGER H. DORAN  
DENIZ BUGA  
ALAN BLANCO  
JOEY KUHN  
CHLOE HANNAH - KORPI

### CAST:

Nisa  
Daniel  
Mother's Voice

VISRA VICHIT-VADAKAN  
SEBASTIAN BEACON  
TOI VICHIT-VADAKAN