

The Director



Maite Ruiz de Austri is a writer, screenwriter and film and television director, who specialises in programmes for children and young people. She is the only female feature animation director in Spanish cinema to have won two Goyas. Maite has directed six films, two series and a children's TV programme. She is a member of the Spanish Academy of Cinematographic Arts and Sciences, and the Spanish Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. She belongs to CIMA, the Association of Female Filmmakers.

Among the numerous awards she has received during her career are two Goyas for best animation feature film, for 'The Return of the North Wind' (1995) and 'Our Neighbours are such Animals!' (1999); two Gold awards and a Platinum one at the Houston International Film Festival, and Silver and Bronze awards at The New YorkTV Festival. Her productions have been sold to hundreds of countries and watched by millions of children and young people in more than fourteen different languages.