



"Ihesaldia" ("THE ESCAPE") will be available in the United States from 27th February

The series produced by Pausoka Entertainment for ETB (Basque public channel) will be shown in its original version with Spanish subtitles on the Flix Latino platform.

Inspired by a real event that took place in Basauri prison (Bizkaia) in December 1976, the 5-episode miniseries narrates the escape of a group of five prisoners from the prison. Some days before the General Amnesty decreed by the Spanish government, two ETA prisoners; one PCE prisoner and two common prisoners joined forces to carry out one of the most bizarre escapes in living memory.

This will be the first time that a series filmed in Basque is shown on a US platform, although previously the series "Aitaren Etxea" ("The Father's House") was shown in Greece on the public channel ERT.

"The Escape" is part of EITB's commitment to quality fiction in miniseries format. While "The Escape" premiered in December 2019, in 2020 ETB-1 has premiered the miniseries "Alardea", "Hondar ahoak" and "Altsasu", this last one in co-production with TV3 and currently being broadcast in Catalonia.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

EPISODES: 5

DURATION: 50 minutes.

MAIN ACTORS: Iñigo Aranbarri ("Patria"), Xabier Perurena ("El secreto de Puente Viejo"), Xabi "Jabato" López, Aitor Borobia ("Amar es para siempre"), Jon Ander Alonso, Aitor Beltrán, Nerea Gorriti, Miren Arrieta ("Las chicas del cable", "Altsasu"), Mikel Laskurain ("Patria"), Jon Olivares ("Patria"), Miren Gojenola and Paco Revueltas.

DIRECTOR: Jabi Elortegi.

SCRIPT: Xabi Zabaleta, Asier Guerricaechevarria and Aitor Eneriz.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCTION: Itziar Zeberio, Xabi Zabaleta.

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Txarli Arguiñano.

MUSIC: Alfred Tapscott.

SYNOPSIS "THE ESCAPE"

1976. Basauri Prison. Peio Arzamendi and Josean Uriondo are two ETA prisoners who, together with another group of prisoners, have just been discovered in the umpteenth escape attempt from the prison. In view of these events, the prison director announces that they will soon be dispersed to other prisons in order to avoid further escape plans that could endanger his imminent promotion.

But Peio and Josean are not willing to give up and will do anything to escape. Josean wants to flee in order to continue his fight in clandestinity, while Peio has just received the news that Ana, his girlfriend, is pregnant and plans to start a new life by forming a family.

In this way, Peio and Josean, friends for years, confront the organisation to set up a new escape plan. In prison, Mikel "Beltza", the leader of the "political" prisoners, is opposed to attempting a new escape, rumours of amnesty are becoming more and more insistent and a new failed attempt could convey an image of desperation among the collective of prisoners.

Despite this opposition, Peio and Josean end up involving other "common" prisoners to carry out one of the most peculiar escapes in history: simulating their own escape and then hiding inside the prison and, from there, digging a tunnel every night until they manage to escape from the prison.

In this way, 5 prisoners join together to simulate the escape and then work tirelessly digging a tunnel until they escape from the prison. At the same time, the families of the prisoners try to find out what has happened to the escapees, as they have not received any news from them since the day of their supposed escape. So Ana, a young and brave woman, decides to travel to Hendaye (France) to try to get an answer from the ETA leadership, she wants to know what has really happened to Peio and the rest of the escapees.

The series narrates the adventures of the escaped prisoners with the complicity of the rest of the "political" prisoners while Ana tries to find out the truth and the prison director fights to save his job and the promotion he has in his hands.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- **TEASERS:**

<https://vimeo.com/511131036>

<https://vimeo.com/511131088>

<https://vimeo.com/511131162>

<https://vimeo.com/511131230>

- **ALL THE EPISODES**

All the episodes are available with Spanish subtitles.

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