

The background is a warm, yellow-toned illustration. It depicts a taxi driver wearing a cap and a uniform, looking out from the driver's seat of a yellow taxi. Several passengers are visible in the back of the car, their forms rendered in a soft, painterly style. The overall atmosphere is one of a busy, everyday scene in a city.

# iTAXI!!

Directed by Pamela Restrepo

# Synopsis

In 1980s Manhattan, a taxi driver named Ruben reminisces when his cab hosted an ever-changing cast of characters, including a director that offered him an acting gig on a film set. The bustling crowd and vibrant energy amaze Ruben—imagination strikes as he wonders about his role. Will he whisk away a runaway bride? Drive from a horde of rats? Lead a high-speed taxi gang? Ruben recounts he only played as himself, driving an actress down the street and getting two hundred bucks— just enough to celebrate and buy lunch for his friends.



**Logline:**

A 1980s Manhattan cab driver, host to an ever-changing cast of characters, reminisces a time when he drove a director to a film set and landed an acting gig.

**Found Audio** (Spanish dubbed, English subtitles)

**General Audience:** slice of life, comedy, biography

**2D Traditional Animation** (2D rigged elements)

**Duration:** 2:27 minutes

**Programs:** Toon Boom Harmony, Storyboard Pro, Photoshop, Procreate, After Effects, Premiere

**Pamela Restrepo** is the director of *¡TAXI!*. She is a story artist from Atlanta, Georgia, with a proud Colombian heritage. While studying Story and Concept Design at the Savannah College of Art and Design, Pamela works with genres ranging from light comedy to dark horror. She enjoys sharing stories of many perspectives while mixing genres to create unique worlds like *¡TAXI!* For people to enjoy.





# Characters

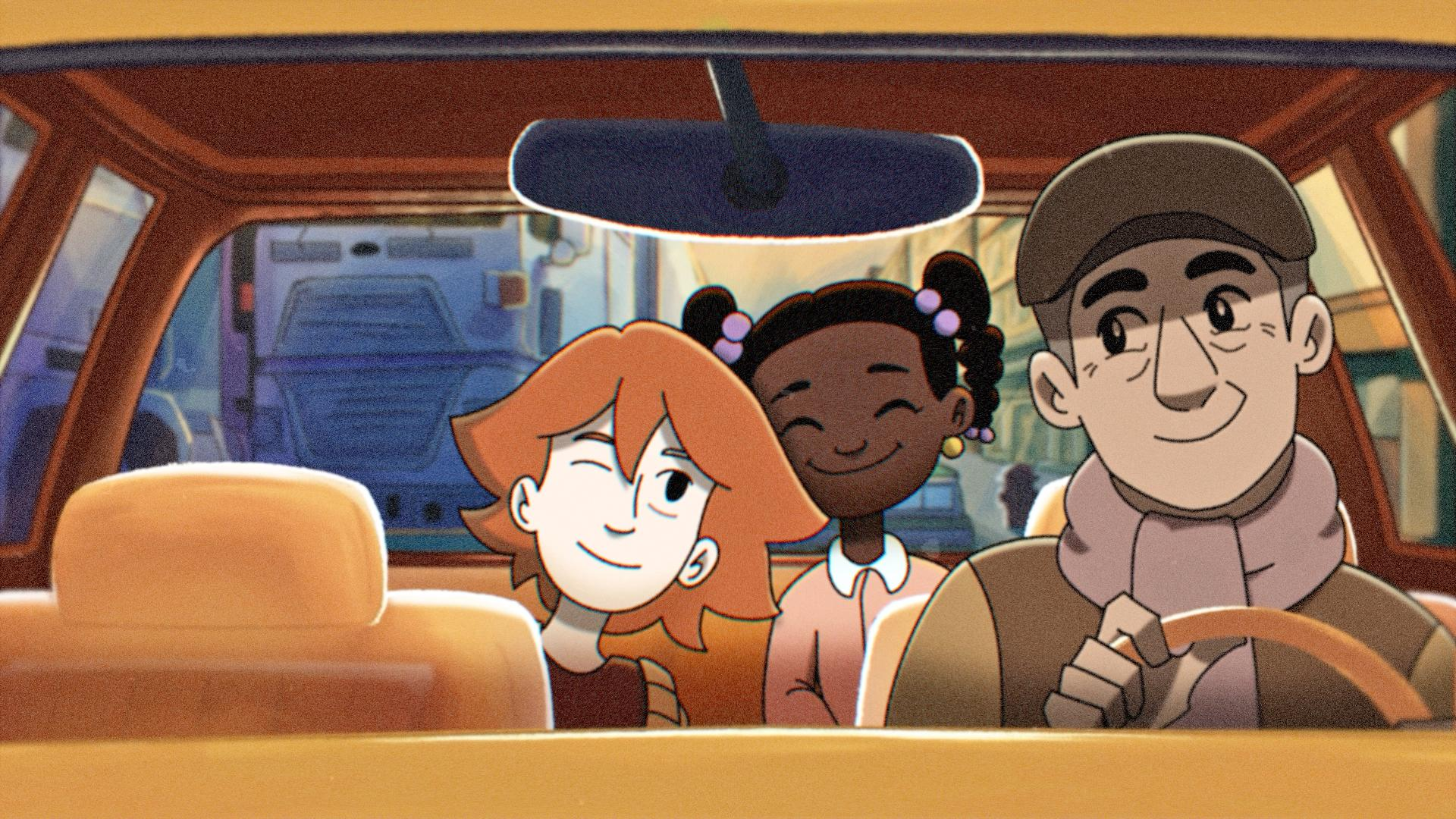
**Ruben:** A Colombian-immigrant taxi driver that enjoys telling stories and meeting all the eccentric artists he drives in Manhattan. People often find Ruben sitting in his taxi ready to pick up the next customer.

**The New Yorkers:** An ensemble made up of all kinds of people ranging from actors to robots. These wonderful people are the protagonists in their own lives, and their lives unknowingly interconnect through cab drivers like Ruben.

Individuals interested in ;*TAXI!* may include those who enjoy slice of life comedies, want down-to-Earth stories, and appreciate unsung workers in everyday life.

Similar products that are similar to ;*TAXI!* include *Curious George* (film, 2006), *The Bad Guys* (film, 2022), and *Arthur* (TV sitcom, 1996).















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