

PRESS QUOTES

SAD GIRLZ **Press Update — Tribeca** (6/6/2026)

Press Quotes:

“Quietly assured.”

—Lisa Wong Macabasco, *Vogue*

“Intimate and exacting.”

—Lisa Wong Macabasco, *Vogue*

“An impressive coming-of-age film that feels more like hanging out with friends.”

—Monica Castillo, *AV Club*

“A tender, unsettling debut that studies trauma through silence, gesture, and the fragile physics of friendship.”

—Naser Nahandian, *Gazettely*

“The film’s quiet style, strong lead performances, and ethical restraint make its emotional impact linger like breath held underwater.”

—Naser Nahandian, *Gazettely*

“★★★★★.”

—Daisy Grace Greetham, *Cinerama*

“*Sad Girlz* feels like a classic in the making, memorable and beautiful.”

—Daisy Grace Greetham, *Cinerama*

“Remarkably profound and gorgeous.”

—Daisy Grace Greetham, *Cinerama*

“A sensitive, intimate, and painfully precise film about adolescence, trauma, and friendship.”

—Radek Velicka, *Frame Dispatch*

“Fernanda Tovar directs the film with remarkable sensitivity.”

—Radek Velicka, *Frame Dispatch*

“An ultimately uplifting film about friendship that manages to send you out with a warm glow when the credits roll.”

—Eric Hillis, *The Movie Waffler*

“raw, precise, and utterly necessary.”
—New York Latin Culture Magazine

“*Sad Girlz* marks a fearless directorial debut from Fernanda Tovar.”
—Lexi Amoriello, *Movie Recs by Lex*

“A heartfelt tribute to the power of female friendship.”
—Lexi Amoriello, *Movie Recs by Lex*

“One of the standout films of this year’s Tribeca Festival.”
—Lexi Amoriello, *Movie Recs by Lex*

“A film shaped by sensitivity, tenderness, and a real understanding of how teenage friendship can become both refuge and battleground.”
—Adam Manery, *Points of Review*

“A wonderfully accurate portrait of sisterhood and female determination.”
—Roger Costa, *Brazilian Press*

“Sensitive, observational and mystical, [Fernanda] Tovar delivers a riveting and inspirational female empowerment story.”
—Roger Costa, *Brazilian Press*

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