CHINA, CHINA



Portugal, 2007, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 19'
Dolby Digital, 1:1.85

Director: João Pedro Rodrigues, João Rui Guerra da Mata
Producer: João Figueiras, BLACKMARIA, Produção Audiovisual
Script: João Rui Guerra da Mata
Editing: Rui Mourão
Photography: Rui Poças
Sound: Nuno Carvalho
Original Language: Mandarin, Portuguese
Subtitles: French, English
Synopsis: China walks towards the Martim Moniz district, in Lisbon. When she passes the children scream: "China, China!". China is going to fly. To escape far away at dawn. She just wants to be happy. But China driinks her own poison. She drinks it all. Sometimes the air seems loaded with evil and the purgatory is a kindergarden.

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João Pedro Rodrigues

João Pedro Rodrigues was born in Lisbon in 1966. After studying biology at Lisbon University he attended the Lisbon Film School, where he obtained his diploma. His public film career began at the 54th Venice Festival in 1997 with the short PARABÉNS!, which won the Special Jury Prize. In the same year he made ESTA É A MINHA CASA and VIAGEM À EXPO, a two-part documentary. In 2000 he directed his first fiction feature, Phantom, which was screened in the 57th Venice Festival's Official Competition. In 2005, ODETE won several awards including a Cinémas de Recherche Special Mention at the Directors' Fortnight in Cannes. His feature project TO DIE LIKE A MAN was selected in 2007 by Cinéfondation for L'Atelier in Cannes and was released in 2009.

Filmography:

2021 UM QUARTO NA CIDADE
Portugal, 2021, DOC, DCP, Colour, 5'17"

2017 OÙ EN ÊTES-VOUS, JOÃO PEDRO RODRIGUES ?
Portugal, France, 2017, DOC, EXP, Betacam SP NTSC, Blu-Ray Disc (BD), DCP, HD, Colour, 21'

2014 IEC LONG
Portugal, 2014, DOC, EXP, FIC, HD, Colour, 31'28"

2013 O CORPO DE AFONSO
Portugal, 2013, DOC, FIC, HD, Colour, 32'

2013 MAHJONG
Portugal, 2013, FIC, HD, Colour, 35'

2012 MANHÃ DE SANTO ANTÓNIO
Portugal, France, 2012, FIC, HD, Colour, 25'

2011 ALVORADA VERMELHA
Portugal, 2011, DOC, FIC, HD, Colour, 27'

2007 CHINA, CHINA
Portugal, 2007, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 19'

1997 **PARABÉNS**
FIC, 35mm, Colour, 14'

DOC, Betacam, Colour, 50'

1998 **VISTA PARA MIM**

DOC, Betacam, Colour, 54'

1988 **O PASTOR**

FIC, 35mm, Colour, 17'

2000 **O FANTASMA**

FIC, 35mm, Colour, 90'

2005 **ODETE**

FIC, 35mm, Colour, 98'

2009 **MORRER COMO UM HOMEM**

FIC, Colour, 134'

2012 **A ÚLTIMA VEZ QUE VI MACAU**

FIC, DCP, Colour, 88'



João Rui Guerra da Mata

shorts CHINA, CHINA (2007) – 39th Directors' Fortnight, Cannes; Best Short Film and Audience Award, Belfort Film Festival and ALVORADA VERMELHA (2011) – Best Portuguese Short Film, IndieLisboa Film Festival; international premiere at Locarno Film Festival. O QUE ARDE CURA (2012) is his debut solo film.

João Rui Guerra da Mata was born in Lourenço Marques, Mozambique. He teached Film Direction at the Lisbon Film School from 2004 to 2011. In 1997 he co-starred in the short UM QUARTO BEM ARRUMADO, directed by João Pedro Rodrigues, that won the Special Jury Mention at the 50th Locarno Film Festival. As an Art Director, he worked in several features and shorts, notably the ones directed by João Pedro Rodrigues, whose films he co-scripted, since EXPLICAR, FICAR, HOLY GOD, to co-direction, namely in the

Filmography:
2021 UM QUARTO BEM ARRUMADO
Portugal, 2021, DOC, DCP, Colour, 5'47"
2014 JIG LONG
Portugal, 2014, DOC, EXP, FIC, HD, Colour, 31'28"

2013 MAHJONG
Portugal, 2013, FIC, HD, Colour, 35'

2012 O QUE ARDE CURA
Portugal, 2012, FIC, HD, Colour, 26'

2011 ALVORADA VERMELHA
Portugal, 2011, DOC, FIC, HD, Colour, 27'

2007 CHINA, CHINA
Portugal, 2007, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 19'

2012 **A ÚLTIMA VEZ QUE VI MACAU**
FIC, 88'

Festival Selections

2025 FIlmoteca Española - Cinemateca Portuguesa Program, Spain
2025 Cinemateca - Retrospectiva João Pedro Rodrigues e João Rui Guerra da Mata, Portugal
2023 Batalha Centro de Cinema - February, Portugal
2022 Film Archive of Toulouse - João Pedro Rodrigues, João Rui Guerra da Mata program, France
2020 Shortcutz Leiria - Outubro, Portugal
2018 Fictions of the Real in Portuguese Cinema - Dokufest, Portugal
2018 NOS Tv Cine, Portugal
2017 Cinéma ABC - Switzerland, Switzerland
2017 Sicilia Queer International LGBT & New Visions Filmfest, Italy
2017 João Pedro Rodrigues - Instituto Moreira Salles, Brazil
2017 Cinemateca Portuguesa - Março, Portugal
2016 Festival de Cinema Luso-Brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal
2016 João Pedro Rodrigues at the Centre Pompidou, France
2016 Mostra - L'Institut Franco-Japonais de Yokohama, Japan
2016 João Pedro Rodrigues - Tokyo, Japan
2015 Taipei Film Festival, Taiwan
2015 Tibilisi - European Festival, Georgia
2014 Cinemateca Portuguesa em Novembro, Portugal
2014 FICH ? International Festival of Chinese, Portuguese and Portuguese speaking, Portugal
2013 Sendai Short Film Festival, Japan
2013 Film Society of Lincoln Center, USA
2013 João Pedro Rodrigues Retrospective - Yamaguchi, Japan
2013 Cine Ceará - Festival Ibero-americano de Cinema, Brazil
2013 Curtas e Vinho Verde, Portugal
2013 Joao Pedro Rodrigues Retrospective - Japan, Japan
2013 Macau Literary Festival, Macau
2013 Cinema Spoutnik, Switzerland
2012 Festival do Rio, Brazil

2012 Clube de Cinema da Escola Básica 1,2,3 de Peniche, Portugal
2012 Mostra Cinema Português Contemporâneo - Brasil, Brazil
2012 VII Congresso Português de Sociologia, Portugal
2012 Jeonju International Film Festival, Korea
2011 , Cape Verde
2011 Ciclo de Cinema - CCB Fora de Si, Portugal
2011 TIFF Bell Lightbox, Canada
2011 Mostra na Cinemateca de Zagrebe "Cinema Tuskanac", Croatia
2011 Universidade Livre de Bruxelas, Belgium
2011 Ciclo de Curtas - Helsínquia, Finland
2011 Espalha Fitas, Portugal
2011 Go Short International Short Film Festival Nijmegen, Netherlands
2010 Centro de Língua do Instituto Camões de Goa, India
2010 Corona Cork Film Festival, Ireland
2010 Ciclo de Cinema, no Centro de Língua Portuguesa na Universidade de Hamburgo, Germany
2010 Brazilian and Portuguese Film Series, USA
2010 Leitorado do Instituto Camões na Universidade de Georgetown, USA
2010 , Cape Verde
2010 Serralves em Festa, Portugal
2010 Cinema Nun'Álvares, Portugal
2010 Cine Alvalade, Portugal
2010 Early Melons International Student Film Festival, Slovakia
2010 Las Palmas International Film Festival, Spain
2009 Ovarvídeo - Festival de Vídeo de Ovar, Portugal
2009 Toronto International Film Festival, Canada
2009 Belo Horizonte International Short Film Festival, Brazil
2009 Programa Especial Português Curtas Vila do Conde - Faculdade de Arquitectura da Universidade do Porto, Portugal
2009 Fitas Na Rua, Portugal
2009 Kaunasoporto Exchange Jornadas de Arte e Cultura Contemporânea Portuguesa, Lithuania
2009 Nice Short Film Festival, France
2009 Olho: Aberto, France
2008 Cinema Rialto Amsterdam (Special Programme IndieLisboa), Netherlands
2008 Janela Internacional de Cinema in Recife, Brazil
2008 Media 10-10, Festival du Court Métrage Namur, Belgium
2008 Short Shorts México, Festival Internacional de Cortometrajes de la Ciudad de México, Mexico
2008 Ourense International Independent Film Festival, Spain
2008 Warsaw Film Festival, Poland
2008 Fairecourt, Atelier 142, France
2008 International Short&Animation Film Festival Open Cinema, Russia
2008 Les Lutins du Court Métrage, France
2008 Short Mediterranean Film Festival of Tangier, Morocco
2008 Huesca International Film Festival, Spain
2008 Adana Golden Boll International Short Film Competition for Mediterranean Countries, Turkey
2008 Mostra de Cinema Português - Departamento de Português da Universidade de Estudos Estrangeiros de Pequim, Embaixada de Portugal em Pequim, China
2008 Caminhos do Cinema Português XV, Portugal
2008 Festival Ibérico de Cinema de Badajoz, Spain
2008 Festibérico Spanish and Portuguese Film Festival, Netherlands
2008 NexT International Short and Medium Length Film Festival, Bucharest, Romania

2008 Mediterranean Festival of New Film Makers, Larissa, Greece
2008 European Short Film Festival (FEC Cambrils-Réus), Spain
2008 Oporto International Film Festival - Fantasporto, Portugal
2008 Mons International Love Film Festival, Belgium
2008 Short Film Market - Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival, France
2008 Stuttgarter Filmwinter - Festival for Expanded Media, Germany
2007 Cachaça Cinema Clube, Brazil
2007 Festival de Cinema Luso-Brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal
2007 International Festival of Documentary and Short Film of Bilbao, Spain
2007 Entrevues - Festival du Film Belfort, France
2007 Brest European Short Film Festival, France
2007 UNLIMITED - Filmfestival for International Shortfilms, Germany
2007 New Portuguese Cinema (Cinema Arsenal), Germany
2007 Valladolid International Film Festival, Spain
2007 Montpellier International Festival of Mediterranean Film, France
2007 Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival - CURTA CINEMA, Brazil
2007 Zagreb Film Festival, Croatia
2007 Olho: Aberto, France
2007 Festival du Nouveau Cinéma de Montréal, Canada
2007 Fenêtre sur le court metrage contemporain - La Cinémathèque Française, France
2007 IMAGO – International Young Film Festival, Portugal
2007 Portuguese Festival Berlin, Germany
2007 Tinklai International Short Film Festival, Lithuania
2007 São Paulo International Short Film Festival, Brazil
2007 Curtas Vila do Conde IFF, Portugal

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