GAMBOZINOS (WILD HAGGIS)



Portugal, France, 2013, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 20'
Stereo, 16:9

Director: João Nicolau
Producer: Les Films du Bélier
Producer: Luis Urbano, Sandro Aguilar
Script: João Nicolau
Editing: Telmo Churro
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Photography: Mário Castanheira
Sound: Vasco Pimentel
Music: Mariana Ricardo, Eels
Main Actors: Tomás Franco, Paulo Duarte Ribeiro, Pedro Leitão, Isabel Portugal, Ana Sofia Ribeiro
Original Language: Portuguese
Subtitles: French, English, Italian
Synopsis: A ten year-old boy faces up to the struggles of life in a summer camp. It's not easy to be ignored by the girl of his heart or seeing his dormitory vandalised by adolescent thugs. Fortunately, in the forest, the Wild Haggis insists on remaining out of sight.

| film data |



João Nicolau

João Nicolau was born in Lisbon, Portugal in 1975. He works as a film director, film editor, actor and musician. Directed the documentary “You Can’s Live with Your Mouth Shut” (1999), and the short films “Bird of Prey” (2006), “Song of Love and Health” (2009), “The Gift of Tears” (2012) and the feature “The Sword and the Rose” (2010). He has never understood (nor will he ever) a thing about the Middle East. He lives in 2010, in Lisbon, Portugal.

Filmography:

2013 GAMBOZINOS
Portugal, France, 2013, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 20'

2012 O DOM DAS LÁGRIMAS
Portugal, 2012, FIC, DCP, Colour, 27'

2009 CANÇÃO DE AMOR E SAÚDE
Portugal, France, 2009, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 30'

2006 RAPACE
Portugal, 2006, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 25'

1999 **CALADO NÃO DÁ**
DOC, 30'

2007 **DA PRISÃO**
FIC

2010 **A ESPADA E A ROSA**
FIC, 137'

2015 **JOHN FROM**
FIC, 100'

Festival Selections

2026 Festival de Curtas-Metragens Cómicas Portuguesas, Portugal
2026 Parish Jersey IFF - Film Luso screening, Channel Island
2024 School of Art and Design Lausanne - João Nicolau class, Switzerland
2023 Cineclube Escolar - Lagos, Portugal
2022 Festival de Cans : retrospective of Joao Nicolau, Spain
2022 Cine Cerca - Cinema Fora Dos Leões, Portugal
2022 Shortcutz Vila Real - Fevereiro, Portugal
2021 Brussels Short Film Festival, Belgium
2021 Bergamo Film Meeting, Italy
2019 Passaggi d’Autore - Mediterranean Short Film Festival, Italy

2019 Porto/Post/Doc: Film & Media Festival, Portugal
2019 Festival Côté Court - Pantin, France
2017 SHORT FILM DAY - Tomar, Portugal
2017 Cinéma ABC - Switzerland, Switzerland
2017 Mostra - Escola: cidade aberta, Brazil
2017 FICA - Festival Internacional de Cinema Arte, Portugal
2017 Sessão Escolar - Setúbal, Portugal
2017 IndieJúnior Allianz - Festival INternacional de Cinema Infantil e Juvenil do Porto, Portugal
2016 Festival de Cinema Português em São Petersburgo, Russia
2016 Festival de Cinema Português em Moscovo, Russia
2016 Márgenes Festival, Spain
2016 Meetings of Young European Cinema, Bulgaria
2016 Arroios Film Festival, Portugal
2016 Kino Arsenal - Retrospectiva João Nicolau, Germany
2016 FESTAFILM - Festival du cinéma lusophone et francophone de Montpellier, France
2015 Curtocircuito Santiago de Compostela - Short Film Festival, Spain
2015 Festival F - Cineclube de Faro, Portugal
2015 Taipei Film Festival, Taiwan
2015 Festival Plein la Bobine, France
2015 Vale do Jaguaribe Film Festival, Brazil
2015 FEC Cambrils-Reus - European Short Film Festival, Spain
2014 Semana do Cinema Português em Marrocos, Morocco
2014 Aguilar de Campoo - Short Film Festival, Spain
2014 Mecal Chile Festival - Latin American International Film Festival, Chile
2014 Academia Portuguesa de Cinema - Gala de Prémios Sophia, Portugal
2014 Curtocircuito Santiago de Compostela - Short Film Festival, Spain
2014 São Paulo International Short Film Festival, Brazil
2014 Filmcaravan, Italy
2014 New Zealand International Film Festival, New Zealand
2014 Festival Ibérico de Cinema de Badajoz, Spain
2014 Medfilm Festival, Italy
2014 Lutins du Court-Métrage, France
2014 Curtas e Vinho Verde, Portugal
2014 Filmfest Dresden - International Short Film Festival, Germany
2014 CINEPORT - Festival de Cinema de Países de Língua Portuguesa, Brazil
2014 Festival International du Cinéma Méditérranéen de Tétouan, Morocco
2014 REGARD - Saguenay International short film festival, Canada
2014 BUFF International Children and Young People's Film Festival, Sweden
2014 Mecal - International Short Film Festival of Barcelona, Spain
2014 Mostra - Cinema City Alvalade, Portugal
2014 Cineclube da Maia, Portugal
2014 Mons International Love Film Festival, Belgium
2014 Play - Lisbon's International Kids Film Festival, Portugal
2014 Premiers Plans, Festival d'Angers, France
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - Constância, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - Centro Cultural Gil Vicente, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - Cineclube de Faro, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - Zoom Cinema, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - Fábrica Santo Thyrso, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Leiria, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Coimbra, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Mar Shopping, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Norte Shopping, Portugal

2013 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Santa Catarina, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Albufeira, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Cascais Shopping, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Guimarães Shopping, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Braga Shopping, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Chiado, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Madeira, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - CAAA Guimarães, Portugal
2013 SHORT FILM DAY - Passos Manuel, Portugal
2013 Bucharest International Experimental Film Festival, Romania
2013 Madeira Micro International Film Festival, Portugal
2013 Filmville - UK Portuguese Film Festival, United Kingdom
2013 Festival du Film de Vendôme, France
2013 Cineclube de Santarém, Portugal
2013 Festival de Cinema Luso-Brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal
2013 Festival on Wheels, Turkey
2013 Frames Portuguese Film Fetsival, Sweden
2013 Ciclo de Cinema Português - Galiza, Spain
2013 Student and Short Film Festival Sleepwalkers, Estonia
2013 Mar del Plata International Film Festival, Argentina
2013 Plano Extraordinário ? Clube de Cinema, Portugal
2013 Ciclo de Cinema Português - Valencia, Spain
2013 International Film Festival Bratislava, Slovakia
2013 Sevilla Festival de Cine - Cine Europeo y Contemporáneo, Spain
2013 Amiens International Film Festival, France
2013 Leeds International Film Festival, United Kingdom
2013 Imagens do Real Imaginado, Portugal
2013 Montpellier International Festival of Mediterranean Film, France
2013 Nice Short Film Festival, France
2013 Janela Internacional de Cinema do Recife, Brazil
2013 Córtex - Festival de Curtas Metragens de Sintra, Portugal
2013 Valdivia International Film Festival, Chile
2013 Belo Horizonte International Short Film Festival, Brazil
2013 Milano Film Festival, Italy
2013 Sarajevo International Film Festival, Bosnia and Herzegovina
2013 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal
2013 Directors? Fortnight, France

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