

## 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.

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## 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 Parish Jersey International Film Festival, 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 Méditerranéen 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 Thyrsó, 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 Festival, 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