

## RESPIRAR (DEBAIXO D'ÁGUA) (BREATHING (UNDER WATER))



Portugal, Germany, 2000, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 45'

Dolby SR, 1:1.66

Director: António Ferreira

Producer: António Ferreira, Dörte Schneider

Script: António Ferreira

Co-Producer: Deutsche Film- und Fernsehakademie Berlin, HFF – Hochschule für Film und Fernsehen “Konrad Wolf”

Editing: Dörte Schneider

Photography: Markus Lenz

Sound: Miguel Cunha and Michelle Chan

Music: Pedro Renato com os Azembla's Quartet

Main Actors: Alex Pinto, Joana Costa, Joel Rodrigues, Mário Rodrigues, Cleia Almeida, Vítor Norte, Ana Paula Santos, Margarida Lopes

Original Language: Portuguese

Subtitles: Germany, Spanish, French, English

Synopsis: Pedro lives in the suburbs, where he works with his father in a garage. Everyday he takes the bus downtown where he goes to school and meets his friends. It's summertime and they all go down to the river where they spend their free time or even their school time. Among joints, motorbike riding and swimming, everything seems to go well with this group of friends, until the moment when Pedro and his best friend find out that both of them like the same girl. Pedro finds himself inside a downward spiral, where everything around him seems to fall apart. Like a magnet attracts the iron, Pedro seems to attract problems, from the school until his relationship with his parents. This is the story of Pedro, who by having his head being pushed down so much learned how to breathe under water.

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## António Ferreira

António Ferreira debuted in Cannes 2000 at the Cinefondation official selection with his mid-length film "Breathing Under Water". Has directed three shorts and three feature films, winning several international prizes in festivals world wide. His movies conquer both common moviegoers as well as they travel through international film festivals. His movies are international coproductions with countries such as Germany, France, Spain and Brazil.

### Filmography:

- 2012 **POSFÁCIO NAS CONFECÇÕES CANHÃO**  
Portugal, 2012, FIC, HD, Colour, 27'
- 2000 [RESPIRAR \(DEBAIXO D'ÁGUA\)](#)  
Portugal, Germany, 2000, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 45'
- 2022 **A BELA AMÉRICA**  
105'
- 2018 **PEDRO E INÊS**  
120'
- 2012 **POSFÁCIO NAS CONFECÇÕES CANHÃO**  
30'
- 2010 **EMBARGO**  
80'
- 2007 **DEUS NÃO QUIS**  
FIC, 35mm, Cor, 15'
- 2006 **HUMANOS - A VIDA EM VARIAÇÕES**  
DOC, DV, Cor, 34'
- 2002 **ESQUECE TUDO O QUE TE DISSE**  
FIC, 35mm, Cor, 108', Portugal/ França

FIC, 35mm, Colour, 4', Alemanha

1997 **WCL FATAL**

FIC, 8mm, P&B, 8'

## Festival Selections

- 2023 Mostra Programa!Ação, Portugal
- 2023 Batalha Centro de Cinema - February, Portugal
- 2022 CineMar - 2nd Exhibition of Portuguese Cinema in relation to the Sea, USA
- 2012 Festival du Cinema de Brive, France
- 2009 Sandim em Movimento - Junta de Freguesia de Sandim, Portugal
- 2005 Outras Histórias - Educação pela Imagem [Auditório da Biblioteca Municipal de Barcelos], Portugal
- 2003 Cinema Quarteto, Portugal
- 2003 Portuguese Festival (Retrospectiva de Curtas Portuguesas), United Kingdom
- 2003 TRANSFORMA - Associação Cultural, Portugal
- 2002 Festival de Cine Iberoamericano de Huelva, Spain
- 2002 Semaine de cinema portugais, Mairie de Clermont-Ferrand, France
- 2002 Portobello Film Festival, United Kingdom
- 2002 Le Premier Festival du Court Métrage Méditerranéen de Tanger, Morocco
- 2002 Rencontre Internationale du Court Métrage de Saint-Benoît de l'Ile de La Réunion, France
- 2002 Travelling Film Festival, Rennes, France
- 2002 Portuguese Panorama - Clermont-Ferrand, France
- 2001 Festival de Cine Ibérico de Badajoz, Spain
- 2001 XIX Festival Cinematografica de Uruguay, Uruguay
- 2001 International Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2000 Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival, Brazil
- 2000 Festival Européen du Film Court de Brest, France
- 2000 5º Festival Int. de Cine Independente de Ourense, Spain
- 2000 Milano Film Festival, Italy
- 2000 Jornada internacional de Cinema da Bahia, Brazil
- 2000 New York Int. Independent Film Festival, USA
- 2000 Karlovy Vary IFF, Czech Republic
- 2000 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal
- 2000 Hamburg International Short Film Festival, Germany
- 2000 Cinéfondation, Cannes, France
- 2000 Children & Young Film Festival Zlín, Czech Republic
- 2000 Festival Luso-Brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal
- 2000 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal
- 2000 Fantasporto, Portugal
- 2000 Curtas Metragens II – Forum Lisboa, Portugal
- 2000 Premiers Plans Festival d'Angers, France

