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
Co-Producer: Deutsche Film- und Fernsehakademie Berlin, HFF – Hochschule für Film und Fernsehen "Konrad Wolf"
Script: António Ferreira
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'

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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 **O CAL 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

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