

LUZ DA MANHÃ (MORNING LIGHT)



Portugal, 2012, FIC, DCP, Colour, 18'

Dolby SR, 16:9

Director: Cláudia Varejão

Producer: Maria João Mayer, Maria & Mayer Lda, [Filmes do Tejo](#)

Script: Cláudia Varejão

Editing: Cláudia Varejão, Mariana Gaivão

Photography: Rui Xavier

Sound: Olivier Blanc

Main Actors: Beatriz Batarda, Elisa Lisboa, Matilde Colaço

Original Language: Portuguese

Subtitles: English

Synopsis: Morning Light closes a circle of three short films by Cláudia Varejão on family (dis)encounters, where the roads do not always coincide and unexpected disruptions are not necessarily the result of a failure. Everyday life hides larger and quieter forces and their understanding is often presented as a task too violent or even useless. Whatever the look that is allowed to live, the transcendence of human relations will always be there, front, unwavering and gross. Morning Light approaches the distance between three generations – mother, daughter and granddaughter. In a dense river that unites them, for no apparent reason other than exhaustion, a fissure emerges.

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Cláudia Varejão

Claudia Varejão was born in Porto and studied at the Creativity and Artistic Creation Program of Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in partnership with the German Film und Fernsehakademie Berlin and the São Paulo International Film Academy. She also studied Photography at AR.CO in Lisbon. Cláudia is the author of the short film trilogy Weekend, A Cold Day and Morning Light. Ama-san, a portrait of Japanese divers, was her feature debut, receiving dozens of awards around the world, followed by In The Darkness of the Theater I Take Off My Shoes, a film that shows the intimacy of a group of dancers in a dance company. Amor Fati is her latest film scheduled to premiere in 2020 and in Wolf and Dog, in development, she will return to fiction. Cláudia's films have been selected by and awarded at the most prestigious film festivals, including Locarno, Rotterdam, Visions du Reel, Cinema du Reel, Karlovy Vary, Art of the Real - Lincoln Center, among many others. Besides her work as a filmmaker, she developed a career as a photographer and she's a guest professor at AR.CO and Catholic University of Porto. Her work, whether in film or photography, documentary or fiction, lives from its proximity to those portrayed.

Filmography:

- 2020 [O OFÍCIO DA ILUSÃO](#)
Portugal, 2020, DOC, DCP, HD, Colour, 6'
- 2012 [LUZ DA MANHÃ](#)
Portugal, 2012, FIC, DCP, Colour, 18'
- 2009 [UM DIA FRIO](#)
Portugal, 2009, FIC, HD, Colour, 27'
- 2007 [FIM-DE-SEMANA](#)
Portugal, 2007, FIC, Betacam SP, Colour, 8'30"
- 2005 **FALTA-ME**
DOC, 20'
- 2011 **LUZ DA MANHÃ**
FIC, 18'
- 2015 **SEMEAR O TEMPO**
DOC, 24'
- 2015 **NO ESCURO DO CINEMA DESCALÇO OS SAPATOS**
DOC
- 2016 **AMA-SAN**
DOC, 113'
- 2020 **AMOR FATI**
DOC, 102'

Festival Selections

- 2025 Visions du Réel - Festival International de Cinema, Switzerland
- 2019 Family Film Project, Portugal
- 2016 Frames Portuguese Film Festival, Sweden
- 2015 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal
- 2013 Internacional Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2012 CórteX - Festival de Curtas Metragens de Sintra, Portugal
- 2012 Academia Portuguesa de Cinema - Gala de Prémios Sophia, Portugal
- 2012 Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival - Curta Cinema, Brazil
- 2012 Montpellier International Festival of Mediterranean Film, France
- 2012 Festival Silhouette, France
- 2012 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal
- 2012 IndieLisboa - Festival Internacional de Cinema Independente, Portugal

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