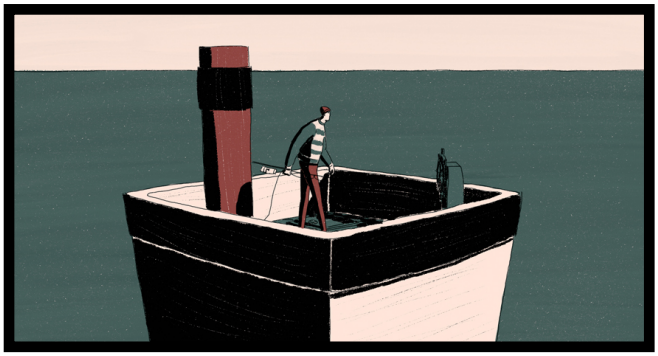
NESTOR



Portugal, United Kingdom, 2019, ANI, DCP, HD, Colour, 6'
Dolby Digital, Stereo, 1:1.90

Director: João Gonzalez
Producer: João Gonzalez, Royal College of Art
Script: João Gonzalez
Editing: João Gonzalez
Photography: João Gonzalez
Sound: Ed Trousseau, João Gonzalez
Music: João Gonzalez, Miguel Teixeira
Animation: João Gonzalez
Synopsis: Nestor, a man with several obsessive-compulsive behaviours lives in an unstable houseboat which never stops oscillating.

| film data |



João Gonzalez

João Gonzalez (Porto, 1996) is a Portuguese director, animator, illustrator and musician with classical training in piano. He took a degree in Multimedia at ESMAD in Porto, where he graduated in 2017, specialising in the field of Animation and continuing to study piano
independently. It was there that, as his final project, he made his first short film, "The Voyager", which features a live piano performance whenever possible, at the same time as the screening of the film, by the director/ composer himself. With a scholarship from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, in 2018 he entered the Masters in Animation at the Royal College of Art in London, where he made "Nestor" as his first year film, and “Ice Merchants” as his graduation film, that he completed afterwards with funding from ICA (Portuguese Cinema Institute). In 2022 he premiered his first funded film “Ice Merchants” in Cannes Film Festival, winning Best Short Film in Competition from the Semaine de La Critique Jury, which would later become the first Portuguese film to be nominated for an
Oscar®, and the second to win the Annie Award. "Ice Merchants" is currently the most awarded Portuguese film in history, with more than 130 international awards (10 of which were Oscar Qualifying), and more than 350 official selections at festivals around the world.
João has a great interest in combining his musical background with his artistic practice in animated cinema, always playing the role of composer and occasional instrumentalist in all
the films he makes.

Filmography:

2022 ICE MERCHANTS
Portugal, France, United Kingdom, 2022, ANI, DCP, HD, Colour, 14'

2019 NESTOR
Portugal, United Kingdom, 2019, ANI, DCP, HD, Colour, 6'

2017 **THE VOYAGER**

Festival Selections

2026 Cinanima - Festival Internacional de Cinema de Animação de Espinho, Portugal
2026 IF Illustration Festival, France
2025 Porto.Anim, Portugal
2025 Worten Mock Fest - Ciclo de Cinema com Guilherme Geirinhas - João Gonzalez, Portugal
2025 Neues KINO - Kino Freienstein-Teufen, Switzerland
2025 Festival international Music & Cinema Marseille, France
2025 Animalusa Mostra de Cinema de Animação Português, Spain
2024 Animage - Monstra "Retrospetiva 100 Anos Animação Portuguesa", Brazil
2024 dotdotdot Open Air Short Film Festival, Austria
2024 Route Annecy - Anima VAM, France
2024 Cineclube de Pombal - Junho, Portugal
2024 Festa Cinema Italiano, Portugal
2024 Bergamo Film Meeting - Portuguese Animation Program, Italy
2024 Núcleo de Cinema e Vídeo da Faculdade de Letras da Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal
2023 FEINAKI Beijing animation week - 100 Anos da Animação Portuguesa, China
2023 Cinanima - Exposição "100 Anos de Cinema Português de Animação, Portugal
2023 Bienal de Cinema de Leiria, Portugal

2023 Monstra - Exibição na Cinemateca, Portugal
2023 Batalha Centro de Cinema - Novembro, Portugal
2023 Close-Up Famalicão, Portugal
2023 Animasyros - International Animation Festival, Greece
2023 Cinanima Program - Drama ISFF, Greece
2023 IMAXINARIA - Afundación International Animation Film Festival, Spain
2023 Mostra de Cinema Luso-Brasileiro, Bulgaria
2023 Short Shorts from Europe - EUNIC, Ireland
2023 INDIZÍVEL - Mostra de Cinema e Arte | Silves, Portugal
2023 Prémios Curtas, Portugal
2023 Ler Cinema - Paredes de Coura, Portugal
2023 Cineclube do Porto - 8mm Fevereiro, Portugal
2023 Short/age - Shortfilms For a New Age - Janeiro, Portugal
2022 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Programa Especial FILMar na Cinemateca, Portugal
2022 Programa Especial Monstra em Kinoproba Film Festival, Russia
2022 Frame Kids - Casa da Animação Program, Sweden
2022 Cineclube do Porto - 8mm Novembro, Portugal
2022 Greenwich Village Film Festival, USA
2022 Cinanima - "Nova Geração", Portugal
2022 Anim'est International Animation Festival - Programa Monstra, Romania
2022 CineMar - 2nd Exhibition of Portuguese Cinema in relation to the Sea, USA
2022 Encounters Bristol International Film Festival, United Kingdom
2022 Programa Casa da Animação - Casa em Movimento (Cinema Fernando Lopes), Portugal
2022 Vilnius International Short Film Festival - 8 Festival screening, Lithuania
2022 European Union Short Film Festival, Canada
2022 Programa Casa da Animação - Casa em Movimento, Portugal
2022 Bergamo Film Meeting - Kino Club edition, Italy
2022 BFI Future Film Festival, United Kingdom
2021 Encontro de Saúde Mental Álvaro Carvalho, Portugal
2021 Premiados ShortCutz Ovar, Portugal
2021 International Animated Film Festival in Vilnius Tindirindis, Lithuania
2021 Short Film Festival Sequence, France
2021 Oulun International Children's and Youth Film Festival, Finland
2021 Motus Imago - Showcase of Shapes, Puppets and Things in Motion, Portugal
2021 Festa Mundial da Animação, Portugal
2021 Festival of Animation Berlin, Germany
2021 Animasyros - International Animation Festival, Greece
2021 Batalha Inclusive Film Fest, Portugal
2021 Melbourne International Film Festival, Australia
2021 Cardiff Animation Festival - Best of CAF2020, United Kingdom
2021 Supertoon - International Animation Festival, Croatia
2021 KuanDu International Animation Festival - Special Screening, Taiwan
2021 IBAFF - Festival Internacional de Cine, Spain
2021 Animatricks International Animation Festival , Finland
2021 Program Casa da Animação in Stuttgart Trickfilm, Germany
2021 ANIMAR 16, Portugal
2021 Landshuter kurzfilmfestival, Germany
2021 Animocje - International Animated Film Festival Bydgoszcz, Poland
2021 KLIKxHAFF (Kaboom Animation Festival), Netherlands
2021 Mecal - International Short Film Festival of Barcelona, Spain
2021 New York International Children's Film Festival, USA
2021 Vilnius International Short Film Festival, Lithuania
2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - ZOOM Barcelos, Portugal

2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Município de Setúbal, Portugal
2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Planetário do Porto - Centro Ciência Viva, Portugal
2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Cineclube de Joane, Portugal
2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - ESMAD I Escola Superior de Media Artes e Design, Portugal
2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Centro Cultural Malaposta, Portugal
2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Escola Artística António Arroio, Portugal
2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Cineclube de Tomar, Portugal
2020 Shortcutz Aveiro - Dezembro, Portugal
2020 Les Nuits Magiques - International Animated Film Festival, France
2020 Animateka International Animated Film Festival, Slovenia
2020 GIRAF Animation Festival, Canada
2020 Casa da Animação - Prémio Nacional da Animação, Portugal
2020 New Chitose Airport International Animation Festival, Japan
2020 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal
2020 Cinema de Animação OLHO, Portugal
2020 POFF Shorts - International Short Film and Animation Festival, Estonia
2020 International Youth Media Festival YOUKI, Austria
2020 Programa Casa da Animação - MANIFESTUM arte de dizer, Portugal
2020 Exground filmfest, Germany
2020 Anim'est International Animation Festival, Romania
2020 Bit Bang Fest International Festival, Argentina
2020 REX Animation Film Festival, Sweden
2020 KuanDu International Animation Festival, Taiwan
2020 Cineclube de Faro - Curtas Metragens sobre diversidade funcional, Portugal
2020 ShortCutz Ovar - Outubro, Portugal
2020 Vladivostok International Film Festival of Asian Pacific countries - PACIFIC MERIDIAN, Russia
2020 MONSTRA à solta - Moçambique, CCFM, Mozambique
2020 Nice Short Film Festival, France
2020 Curt'Arruda - Festival de Cinema de Arruda dos Vinhos, Portugal
2020 Anifilm - International Festival of Animated Films Trebon, Czech Republic
2020 IndieCork Film Festival, Ireland
2020 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal
2020 Krok International Animated Film Festival, Ukraine
2020 Shortcutz Guimarães - Setembro, Portugal
2020 Mov'ilha , Portugal
2020 Encounters Bristol International Film Festival, United Kingdom
2020 Chaniartoon - International Comic & Animation Festival, Greece
2020 World Festival of Animated Film - Varna, Bulgaria
2020 Festival Internacional de Curtas de Verin, Spain
2020 Linoleum International Contemporary Animation and Media Art Festival, Ukraine
2020 Kino Otok Izola Cinema International Film Festival, Slovenia
2020 IndieLisboa - Festival Internacional de Cinema Independente, Portugal
2020 imaginaria International Animation Film Festival, Italy
2020 Anibar Animation Festival, Kosovo
2020 MONSTRA à solta - Maus Hábitos, Portugal
2020 Alpinale International Short Film Festival, Austria
2020 ANIMATOR Unscreened, Poland
2020 Bilbao International Animation Community Animation Festival - ANIMAKOM FEST, Spain
2020 Fest Anca - International Animation Festival, Slovakia
2020 Quirino Awards - School Short Films Distribution, Spain
2020 Monstra Em Casa, Portugal

2020 Flatpack Film Festival, United Kingdom
2020 ÉCU – The European Independent Film Festival, France
2020 Quirino Awards Ibero-American Animation, Spain
2020 Cardiff Animation Festival, United Kingdom
2020 Athens ANIMFEST, Greece
2020 Tokyo Anime Award Festival, Japan
2020 International Animation Short Film Festival of Roanne, France
2020 Canterbury Anifest, United Kingdom
2020 ANIMA, Brussels Internacional Animation Film Festival, Belgium
2019 Shadowline Festival Culture Giovani, Italy
2019 LAAF - Los Angeles Animation Festival, USA
2019 LIAF - London International Animation Festival, United Kingdom
2019 Cinanima - International Animated Film Festival of Espinho, Portugal

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