

AFTER THE LAW



Portugal, 2020, EXP, Blu-Ray Disc (BD), DCP, , 27'

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Director: Jonathan Uliel Saldanha

Producer: Sara Gomes, Filipa Alfaro, [SOOPA](#)

Producer: Mário Micaelo, [Curtas Metragens C.R.L.](#)

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Editing: Pedro Cabeleira, Diogo Tudela, Jonathan Uliel Saldanha

Photography: Sofia Arriscado, Jonathan Uliel Saldanha

Sound: Jonathan Uliel Saldanha, João Polido

Main Actors: Ana Beatriz Silva, Ana Renata Polónia, Ece Canli, Igor Bisser, Hugo Silva, João

Teixeira, Luísa Saraiva, Mariana Alves, Nuno Pinto, Waldijú Dinis, Joana Ribeiro,

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Synopsis: AFTER THE LAW is a short movie where a tribunal of humans and objects is contaminated by an unknown accident that eroded speech and fractured the law. Through a toxic mutation of roles and shapes, evidences and gestures, the court's ability for deliberation collapses. Shot as a live performance, using a single camcorder, this system was designed as a cybernetic mechanism for haptic responses where a collective drive collides with a synthetic voice. The choral voices were recorded through hipnose-induced states, a broken voice that haunts a political paradox in a reversed bio-engineering. First film by this Portuguese artist, exploring a series of themes present in his work such as pre-language, animism and cybernetic systems.

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Jonathan Uliel Saldanha

Jonathan Uliel Saldanha studied sculpture at the Faculty of Fine Arts of the University of Porto. He devoted himself to studying the tabla - Indian percussion instrument -

2020 with [AFTER THE LAW](#) musical group Jugalbandi. He is the founder of the collective SOOPA,

a [Rostalgiape 2020](#), [HXP](#), [Hus Ray Disko](#), [Bby D6P](#), [SiR7](#) Tumor, a member of the Fujako duo and director of the group HHY & The Macumbas. Since 2010, he has composed several experimental sound pieces, co-created the pieces "Boca Wall", "Shark" and "King Trilogy" and directed "Jungle Machine", "Khorus Anima", "The Well" and

Festival Selections

2025 [Waking Life Festival, Portugal](#)

2021 [Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, Germany](#)

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musician, performed in festivals such as Nyewe (Uganda), Unsound (Poland), Sónar (Spain). , Primavera Sound, Amplifest, Out.Fest, Circular, Million Party, Neopop, Tapetefest (France) and Elevate (Austria).

In 2019 he presented the installation Vocoder & Camouflage (Vanishing Point: works from the António Cachola collection, Torreão Nascente Lisboa), the piece "Scotoma

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Carlos Lisbon National Theater) at the 2019 BoCa Biennial, and "Broken Field

Atlantis" a light-sheet concert (Porto Municipal Theater: Rivoli). Also in 2018, a

work that precedes this exhibition, he presented the play "SØMA" where a group of deaf teenagers translate in gesture the filming of an animist court, presented at

Culturst Lisboa and at the Porto Municipal Theater: Rivoli. At the same time, he

presented the exhibitions "Behemoth Republic", in the Sonic Geometry cycle in the Archipelago São Miguel Arts Center, in the Azores and "Dismorfia", at the Catholic