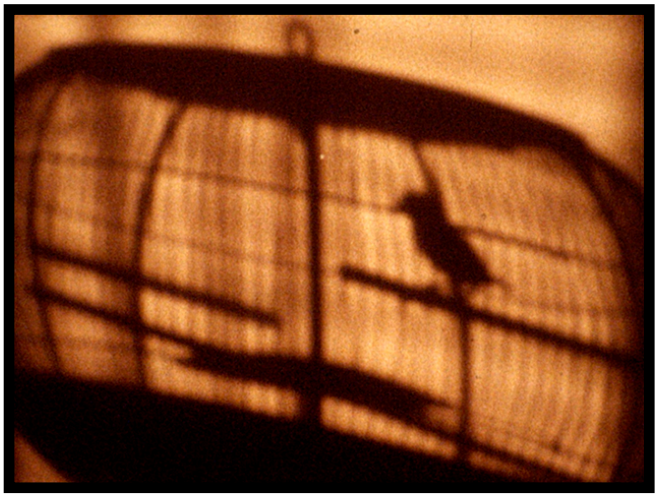
O OFÍCIO DA ILUSÃO (THE ART OF DELUSION)



Portugal, 2020, DOC, DCP, HD, Colour, 6'
Dolby SR, 4:3

Director: Cláudia Varejão
Producer: Cláudia Varejão
Script: Cláudia Varejão
Editing: Cláudia Varejão
Sound: Cláudia Varejão
Original Language: English, Portuguese
Subtitles: French, English, Portuguese
Synopsis: The art of delusion is sculpted with images from a family archive from the 70s and 80s and sound clips from films. Madame Bovary is Flaubert's heroine and opens the hosts of this narrative exercise. Based on Ema Paiva's dialogue with her friend and confidant Pedro Lumiares in the film Vale Abraão by Manoel de Oliveira, we understand gender identity as a closed characterization of social values. Ema, who here represents Women in a broader sense, inherits a traditional life in a patriarchal society. Facing this oppression, Ema questions her condition and the society in which she operates. Thanks to the bovarism that integrates in each woman, the force of disobedience will burn the path that was once idealized for them.

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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 Acadamy. She also studied Photography at AR.CO in Lisbon. Claúdia 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 pretigious 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'

DOC

2016 **NO CAMINHO DO CINEMA DESCALÇO OS SAPATOS**
DOC, 113’

2020 **AMOR FATI**
DOC, 102’

Festival Selections

2025 Rebenta - Sessão de Maio, Portugal
2025 Visions du Réel - Festival International de Cinema, Switzerland
2024 Sessão Mutim - Elas Fazem Filmes, Portugal
2022 Short Shorts from Europe - EUNIC, Ireland
2022 Noites Brancas do Cinema e Direitos Humanos, Morocco
2022 Programa na Embaixada de Portugal em Teerão, Iran (Islamic Republic of)
2022 Casa do Cinema Manoel de Oliveira - Ciclo, A Atração dos Contrários, Portugal
2022 Sessão de Curtas LAVRAR O MAR, Portugal
2022 Clermont Auvergne Métropole - La littérature portugaise en courts métrages (Mai), France
2022 Festival Política, Portugal
2022 Extensão Porto Femme - Chle, Chile
2022 Extensão Porto Femme - Viseu, Portugal
2021 Frames Portuguese Film Festival, Sweden
2021 Distribuição Serpentário -Cineplace - Cinema Serra Shopping, Portugal
2021 Olhares do Mediterrâneo - Cinema no Feminino, Portugal
2021 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal
2021 Films Femmes Méditerranée, France
2021 Exibição Imprópria - Mostra de cinema de igualdade de género, Portugal
2021 Family Film Project, Portugal
2021 VISTACURTA - Festival de Curtas de Viseu, Portugal
2021 Porto Femme - Festival Internacional de Cinema, Portugal
2021 Cineclube de Faro - Agosto, Portugal
2021 Festival de Cinema Luso-brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal
2021 This is Short , Poland
2020 Shortcutz Porto - Novembro, Portugal
2020 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal

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