PALMA



Portugal, 2023, FIC, DCP, Colour, 14'
Dolby Digital, 1:1.85

Director: Mónica Santos
Producer: Pandora da Cunha Telles, Pablo Iraola, UKBAR FILMES
Script: Mónica Santos
Editing: Pedro Magano, Rita Pestana
Photography: Miguel Pinto Barros
Sound: Luís Sequeira, Gernot Fuhrmann
Music: Pedro Marques
Animation: Jorge Carvalho
Main Actors: Mafalda Banquart, Paulo Calatré, Vasco Temudo, Arlete dos Santos, Sara Costa, Patrícia Queirós
Original Language: Portuguese
Subtitles: English, Turkish
Synopsis: Faced with the shock of an unexpected death, Sara finds herself trapped in a labyrinth of pain, loneliness and abandonment. As she makes her way through it, she seeks solace in the justification for the fatality that has shaken her so much. But what she finds is not what she expected.

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Mónica Santos

Mónica Santos is a multifaceted author with two Sophia awards from the Portuguese Film Academy and a nomination for the César from the French Film Academy.
With a unique artistic vision, she builds universes that reinvent reality, giving them a poetic and surreal look that unsettles our perception.
After completing her master's degree at the Royal College of Art on a Gulbenkian scholarship, she worked in various film genres. Nowadays she divides her time between film directing and art direction.
The short films "Amélia & Duarte" and "Entre Sombras", which she co-directed, combine animation techniques with real images and have won national and international awards.
She is a member of the Portuguese Film Academy and the American Film Academy - Oscar.
"Alma" won several awards, and the film "O Casaco Rosa", based on the fascist police inspector, was recently released, as was "Palma", a story about mourning with surreal undertones.

Filmography:

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2022 O CASACO ROSA
Portugal, France, 2022, ANI, DCP, Colour, 8'20"

2018 ENTRE SOMBRAS
Portugal, France, 2018, ANI, Blu-Ray Disc (BD), DCP, HD, B&W, 13'25"

2015 AMÉLIA & DUARTE
Portugal, Germany, 2015, ANI, HD, Colour, 8'30"

2021 **ALMA**

2022 **O CHEFE DO MEU PAI ERA UM DEMOCRATA E NINGUÉM SABIA**

Festival Selections

2026 Município de Ílhavo - Ciclo de Cinema "Luto", Portugal
2026 Ler Cinema - Paredes de Coura Setembro, Portugal
2025 Shortcutz Chaves - Janeiro, Portugal
2024 Premiados ShortCutz Ovar, Portugal
2024 Entre Curtas, Portugal
2024 Sessão Cine-Clube Mutim, Portugal
2024 International Women Filmmakers Festival, Turkey
2023 Femina – Festival Internacional de Cinema Feminino, Brazil
2023 Planos Film Fest - Sessão Especial Mónica Santos, Portugal
2023 FESTin - Festival de Cinema Itinerante da Língua Portuguesa, Portugal
2023 Leiria Film Fest, Portugal
2023 ShortCutz Ovar - Abril, Portugal
2023 Porto Femme - Festival Internacional de Cinema, Portugal

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