O ESTRANGEIRO (THE FOREIGNER)



Portugal, 2010, DOC, FIC, HD, Colour, 18'
Stereo, 16:9

Director: Ivo M. Ferreira
Producer: Ivo M. Ferreira
Script: Ivo M. Ferreira
Script: Edgar Medina
Editing: Sandro Aguilar
Photography: Susana Gomes, Márcio Loureiro
Sound: Ricardo Ceitil
Main Actors: Albert Chu, DJ KIT Leong, Sioun Chong, Bowie
Original Language: Mandarin
Subtitles: English, Portuguese
Synopsis: A character almost absent from the image searches, in 2009's Macao, for the Foreigner character, someone who lived there fifteen years before. Helped by the letters written to him by the Foreigner during that period and having recently arrived, he tries to find his lost friend reconstituting all that he imagined from the information. Thus, he traces in the present, the trails the Foreigner left in the past, while creating remnants of a new absence.

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Ivo M. Ferreira

Born in Portugal short after the revolution of 1974 within a family of actors, Ivo M. Ferreira has always been in contact with theater and film.
He began his technical and artistic training in Lisbon at Escola de Artes Visuais António Arroyo. Then he joined the London International Film School and the University of Budapest. Finally, he arrived in China, a place that would forever shape his personal and professional life: he set up a small production company in Macao and directed his first film. He works as a photographer, actor, producer, director and light designer.
Invited by the Universal Exhibition of 1998, he directed an award winning short film "O que foi" and, shortly thereafter, his first feature film “Em Volta” (2002). In 2006, he received a scholarship from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation for a Screenplay Writing course at the London International Film School, which led him to the adventure of writing and directing "Águas Mil", projected in several film festivals in 2009. In 2010, he has his commercial debut with “O Estrangeiro” and “Vai com o Vento”, the first commissioned by RTP to celebrate the 10th anniversary of The handover and the second about Chinese immigration in Europe.
In 2016, Ivo was the director and screenwriter of "Cartas da Guerra", a feature film based on the homonymous book by António Lobo Antunes and is produced by O SOM E A FÚRIA. "Cartas da Guerra" was part of the Official Competition for the 66th Edition of Berlinale - Berlin International Film Festival.
His latest film, "Hotel Império", a feature film shot in Macau have is premiere in 2018.
He has also been on the panel of judges at film festivals like: DocLisboa, Paris - Esssone, Inatel, Rush48 CCM.
Ivo M. Ferreira is preparing with Arquipélago Filmes the fiction series "South".

Filmography:

2018 EQUINÓCIO
Portugal, 2018, FIC, Blu-Ray Disc (BD), DCP, HD, Colour, 19'20"

2013 NA ESCAMA DO DRAGÃO
Portugal, Macau, 2013, FIC, HD, Colour, 23'

2010 O ESTRANGEIRO
Portugal, 2010, DOC, FIC, HD, Colour, 18'

2018 **HOTEL IMPÉRIO**

2016 **CARTAS DA GUERRA**

2009 **ÁGUAS MIL**
FIC, 100', 35mm, Portugal
2009 **VAI COM O VENTO**
DOC, 60', HD, Portugal
2006 **FIOS DE FIAR**
DOC, 55', Portugal
2003 **À PROCURA DE SABINO**
DOC, 75', DVCam, Portugal
2003 **SOIA DI PRÍNCIPE**
DOC, 35', DVCam, Portugal
2002 **EM VOLTA**
FIC, 126', 35mm, Portugal
2001 **ANGOLA EM CENA**
DOC, 53', DVCam, Portugal
1998 **O QUE FOI?**
FIC, 13', 16mm, Portugal
1997 **O HOMEM DA BICICLETA – DIÁRIO DE MACAU**
DOC, 56', 16mm, Portugal

Festival Selections

2019 Agência 20 anos - InShadow Lisbon Screendance Festival, Portugal
2018 China and Portuguese Languages Countries Film Festival, Macau
2018 Ciclo de Cinema de Macau - Museu do Oriente, Portugal
2014 FICH ? International Festival of Chinese, Portuguese and Portuguese speaking, Portugal
2012 États généraux du film documentaire de Lussas, France
2012 Panazorean Film Festival, Portugal
2012 IBAFF - Festival Internacional de Cine, Spain
2012 Mostra Os Cinemas dos Países Lusófonos, Brazil
2011 Brest European Short Film Festival, France
2011 Les Ecrans Documentaires Festival of Documentary Cinema, France
2011 Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival - Curta Cinema, Brazil
2011 CINEPORT - Festival de Cinema de Países de Língua Portuguesa, Brazil
2011 Panorama - Mostra do Documentário Português, Portugal
2011 Market - Festival Internacional de Cine de Guadalajara, Mexico
2011 Fantasporto Oporto International Film Festival, Portugal
2011 Internacional Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands
2010 Ovarvídeo, Portugal
2010 Festival dei Popoli - International Documentary Film Festival, Italy
2010 Corona Cork Film Festival, Ireland
2010 Azores Short Film Festival, Portugal
2010 International Young Filmmakers Festival of Granada, Spain
2010 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal
2010 IndieLisboa - International Independent Film Festival, Portugal

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