

RUSSA



Portugal, Brazil, 2018, DOC, FIC, Blu-Ray Disc (BD), DCP, HD, Colour, 19'57"
Stereo, 16:9

Director: João Salaviza, Ricardo Alves Jr.

Producer: Renée Nader Messoro, MATERIAL BRUTO

Producer: Ricardo Alves Jr., Thiago Macêdo Correia, [ENTRE FILMES](#)

Producer: João Salaviza, Renée Nader Messoro, KARÕ FILMES

Script: João Salaviza, Ricardo Alves Jr., Renée Nader Messoro, Germano Melo

Editing: João Salaviza, Ricardo Alves Jr.

Photography: Renée Nader Messoro

Sound: Léo Bortolin

Main Actors: Helena Campos, Maria Antonieta, Alberto Moreira

Original Language: Portuguese

Subtitles: Spanish, French, English, Italian, Portuguese

Synopsis: Russa returns to Bairro do Aleixo in Porto, visiting her sister and friends with whom she celebrates her son's birthday. In this brief reunion, Russa returns to the collective memory of her neighbourhood where three of the five towers still remain standing.

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João Salaviza

Lisbon, 1984. Graduated from The National Film and Theater Academy (ESTC) in Portugal, and Universidad del Cine - Buenos Aires.

His feature debut **MOUNTAIN** (2015) had its world premiere at the Venice Film Festival - Critics Week and through many other festivals (Rotterdam, San Sebastian, Buenos Aires, S. Paulo, Munich, Angers, Kerala or Montpellier where it won the prize for Best Film), before its commercial release in Portugal and France.

João Salaviza directed a trilogy of internationally award-winning short films: **RAFA** (Golden Bear at Berlinale'12 and Ingmar Bergman Award at Uppsala); **ARENA** (Palme d'Or at Cannes'09); and **CERRO NEGRO** (premiere at Rotterdam).

His films were selected for the most important festivals, and also presented in places as Centre Pompidou, La Biennale di Venezia of Architecture, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Barbican Centre, Malba Buenos Aires, Fundação Gulbenkian, Casa de America Madrid, Belgrade Museum of Contemporary Art and Artium Basque Museum of Contemporary Art.

João Salaviza also directed the experimental short films as **STROKKUR** (FID Marseille, Belfort, Gijón, Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin/Madrid); **HOUSE AT COMPORTA** commissioned for the Portuguese architecture national exhibition at the Venice Biennale 2010; **HOTEL MÜLLER** on the work of Pina Bausch.

The short film **HIGH CITIES OF BONE** is his most recent work, with its World Premiere at Berlinale'17.

CHUVA É CANTORIA NA ALDEIA DOS MORTOS, co-directed with Renée Nader Messoria, have its premiere due in 2018.

Filmography:

- 2018 [RUSSA](#)
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- 2017 [ALTAS CIDADES DE OSSADAS](#)
Portugal, 2017, DOC, FIC, DCP, Colour, 19'
- 2011 [STROKKUR](#)
Portugal, 2011, DOC, EXP, HD, B&W, 7'16"
- 2004 **DUAS PESSOAS**
Portugal, 2004, FIC, 16mm, Colour, 9'
- 2015 **MONTANHA**
FIC, 90'

- 2012 **RAFA**
FIC, 20'
- 2012 **CERRO NEGRO**
FIC, 22'
- 2011 **CASA NA COMPORTA**
FIC, 20'
- 2010 **HOTEL MULLER**
DOC
- 2009 **ARENA**
FIC, 15'
- 2008 **CÃES DE CAÇA**
- 2004 **DUAS PESSOAS**
FIC, 9'



Ricardo Alves Jr.

2016, he released his first feature, *Elon Doesn't Believe in Death*, which was contemplated by the Hubert Bals Fund for Script and Project Development in 2012. The film was selected for some of the most important Brazilian film festivals, such as: Festival de Brasília do Cinema Brasileiro (Best Actor Award); Panorama Coisa de Cinema (Best Film Award – Award IndieLisboa); and Semana dos Realizadores in Rio de Janeiro (Jury award). Its international premiere was at the Macao Film Festival & Awards, in China, where it won the Best Artistic Contribution Award. The film had its European premiere at the 2017 International Film Festival Rotterdam, in the Bright Future session. The Ibero-American premiere was in the competition section of the Cartagena Festival, in Colombia. It was also exhibited at IndieLisboa, in Portugal; FICUNAM, in Mexico; and BAFICI, in Argentina.

Ricardo Alves Jr. was born in Belo Horizonte in 1982. He is a Brazilian screenwriter, filmmaker and theater director. His works were screened and awarded in several

- 2018 **REISSA**
 Portugal, Brazil, 2018, DOC, Fic, 14' - BayDocs (BD), DocPHD, Festival, 19' 57"
 2016 **ELON DOESN'T BELIEVE IN DEATH**
 the Cinémathèque Française, in 2013. In
 Fic, 75'
 2013 **TREMOR**
 Fic, 14'
 2010 **PERMANÊNCIAS**
 Doc, 34'
 2007 **INVITATION TO DINE WITH COMRADE STALIN**
 Fic, 10'
 2006 **RAW MATERIAL**
 16'

Festival Selections

- 2026 Shanghai International Film Festival , China
 2026 Royal_Cine - Salão Nobre d'A Voz do Operário, Portugal
 2025 Arquitetura FF - Bairro do Aleixo, Portugal
 2024 "Foutez nous la paix" Festival, France
 2024 Résistances Festival de Films et Débats, France
 2024 2º Forum dos Portugueses de Suíça - Comemoração do 50º aniversário do 25 Abril
 1974, Switzerland
 2023 Festival de Finos Filmes, Brazil
 2022 Sessão de Curtas LAVRAR O MAR, Portugal
 2022 Ciclo Cinema Leiria, Portugal
 2021 Sessão Moskino Museon, Russia
 2021 Cineclub de Faro - Setembro, Portugal
 2021 Programa de Cinema iniciativa CDU de São Vicente, Portugal
 2020 Frames Portuguese Film Festival, Sweden
 2020 CINE À RODA, Portugal
 2020 Stuttgarter Filmwinter - Festival for Expanded Media, Germany
 2019 Passaggi d'Autore - Mediterranean Short Film Festival, Italy
 2019 Agência 20 anos - Porto/Post/Doc, Portugal
 2019 Slow Short Film Festival, United Kingdom
 2019 Festival Latino-americano de Curtas Metragens Cortópolis, Argentina
 2019 Semana da Cultura Portuguesa - Arménia, Armenia
 2019 Bilbao Arte, Spain
 2019 Semana do Cinema Português em Zhukovski, Russia
 2019 Shorts Mexico - International Short Film Festival, Mexico
 2019 Concorso Film Festival, Italy
 2019 MDOC - Melgaço International Documentary Film Festival, Portugal

2019 Manlleu Film Festival, Spain
2019 Cinema Jove International Film Festival, Spain
2019 Semana do Cinema Português na Rússia - Junho, Russia
2019 Arquiteturas Film Festival Lisboa, Portugal
2019 Festival de Cinema Ibero-Americano, Russia
2019 Festival de Cine y Televisión Reino de León, Spain
2019 Mostra de Cinema - DESOBEDOC, Portugal
2019 Festival de Cinema Luso-brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal
2019 CórteX - Festival de Curtas Metragens de Sintra, Portugal
2019 Festival de Cinema Português - Rússia, Russia
2019 Academia Portuguesa de Cinema - Gala de Prémios Sophia, Portugal
2019 Short Waves Festival, Poland
2019 Glasgow Short Film Festival, United Kingdom
2019 IBAFF - Festival Internacional de Cine, Spain
2019 Shortcutz Vila Real - February, Portugal
2019 Mostra de Cinema de Tiradentes, Brazil
2019 Stuttgarter Filmwinter - Festival for Expanded Media, Germany
2018 Centre Phi - Canada, Canada
2018 Festival de Cinema Português - Rússia, Russia
2018 Berlinale Spotlight: India, India
2018 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal
2018 FIKE International Short Film Festival, Portugal
2018 PANORAMA Internacional Coisa de Cinema, Brazil
2018 International Festival of Documentary and Short Films of Bilbao, Spain
2018 Medfilm Festival, Italy
2018 VISTACURTA - Festival de Curtas de Viseu, Portugal
2018 Uppsala International Short Film Festival, Sweden
2018 Montpellier International Festival of Mediterranean Film, France
2018 Festival de Cine La Orquídea , Ecuador
2018 Urbanism Futurism Reality - Berlin, Germany
2018 Casa das Artes Famalicão - Outubro, Portugal
2018 Curt'Arruda - Festival de Cinema de Arruda dos Vinhos, Portugal
2018 CineMigrante - Festival Internacional de Cine y Formación en derechos humanos de las personas migrantes, Argentina
2018 Monstra - Festa do Avante, Portugal
2018 São Paulo International Short Film Festival, Brazil
2018 As Noites de Boris - Cineclube do Porto, Portugal
2018 Makedox - Creative Documentary Film Festival, Republic of Macedonia
2018 Belo Horizonte International Short Film Festival, Brazil
2018 kinemastik International Short Film Festival, Malta
2018 Guanajuato International Film Festival Expresión en Corto, Mexico
2018 Macao International Documentary Film Festival, Macau
2018 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal
2018 EcoPorto, Portugal
2018 Hamburg International Short Film Festival, Germany
2018 IndieLisboa - Festival Internacional de Cinema Independente, Portugal
2018 Berlinale - Berlin International Film Festival, Germany

