RUBY



Portugal, 2019, FIC, DCP, Colour, 25'
5.1, 16:9

Director:	Mariana Gaivão
Producer:	Pedro Duarte, Primeira Idade
Producer:	Alexander Gerner
Producer:	Mariana Gaivão
Script:	Mariana Gaivão
Editing:	Mariana Gaivão
Photography:	João Ribeiro
Sound:	Rafael Cardoso
Main Actors:	Ruby Taylor, Millie Romer
Original Language:	English, Portuguese
Subtitles:	Spanish, English, Portuguese
Synopsis:	The chorus of dawn descends the burned mountain, echoing in the shale walls of a Portuguese village. Ruby awakens and stands in the half light. Outside, her dog Frankie has run away. Daughter of two worlds, the one that the English parents left behind and the Portuguese land of her upbringing that still calls her a foreigner, Ruby moves between the borders of both, without belonging to either. Her best friend, Millie, will be returning to England; the end of their childhood meets the end of a warm summer day.

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Mariana Gaivão

Born in Lisbon, she studied Photography at Ar.Co and Directing at the National Conservatorium of Lisbon. She began her career as a film editor, having collaborated in films screened and awarded worldwide, in the festivals such as Cannes, Berlin, Venice and Locarno, among others. Her first short film, SOLO, was awarded the Best Short Film Award at the Montreal Film Festival, among others, after which she is selected for the Berlinale Talents as an emerging talent in Directing. She then directs “First Light", a carte blanche commissioned by the 42nd Du Nouveau Cinéma Festival, and, most recently, her new short film "RUBY", which was awarded "Best Director" at Vila do Conde and premiered in the Official Selection at the International Film Festival Rotterdam 2020.

Her first documentary, a German-Portuguese co-production, is currently in it's shooting stage.

Alongside this, she was also a programmer at Queer Lisboa - Queer International Film Festival, has taught Directing at ETIC - School of Innovation and Creation Technologies, and is a collaborator of the research line “A Philosophy of Human Technology”, at the Center of Philosophy of Science of the University of Lisbon.

Filmography:

2019 RUBY
Portugal, 2019, FIC, DCP, Colour, 25'

2012 SOLO
Portugal, 2012, FIC, HD, Colour, 21'

Festival Selections

2025 Caldas Film Fest - Warm Up, Portugal
2025 Waking Life Festival, Portugal
2025 Shortcutz Lisboa - Fevereiro, Portugal
2024 Cineclube de Pombal - Novembro, Portugal
2023 De Week van Drift, Netherlands
2023 EPA CINE Festival, Argentina
2022 Planos Film Fest - Festival internacional de curtas-metragens de Tomar, Portugal

2022 Porto/Post/Doc: Film & Media Festival, Portugal
2022 Extensão Curtas Vila do Conde iFF - Colina das Artes, Portugal
2022 1ª viagem da Veredas, Portugal
2022 Há Filmes na Baixa! - Curtas Vila do Conde IFF, Portugal
2022 Les 7 Parnassiens - Trois Réalisatrices Portugaises, France
2022 Female Portuguese Directors in Fundación Tres Culturas, Spain
2022 Como se viu e como se vê - (A)mostra de cinema português, Portugal
2021 Frames Portuguese Film Festival, Sweden
2021 Imagens do Real Imaginado, Portugal
2021 DokumentART - European Film Festival, Germany
2021 DocNomads - Portuguese Cinema, Culture and Identity, Portugal
2021 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Festival Internacional de Cine, Spain
2021 Mecal - International Short Film Festival of Barcelona, Spain
2020 Festival Tous Courts, Rencontres Cinématographiques d'Aix-en-Provence, France
2020 Kassel Documentary Film and Video Festival, Germany
2020 International Festival of Documentary and Short Films of Bilbao, Spain
2020 Medfilm Festival, Italy
2020 Shortcutz Guimarães - Outubro, Portugal
2020 VISTACURTA - Festival de Curtas de Viseu, Portugal
2020 CineEco - Festival Internacional de Cinema Ecológico da Serra da Estrela, Portugal
2020 Porto Femme - Festival Internacional de Cinema, Portugal
2020 Filmfest Dresden - International Short Film Festival, Germany
2020 Burgas International Film Festival, Bulgaria
2020 Palm Springs International ShortFest, USA
2020 Psarokokalo - Athens International Short Film Festival, Greece
2020 Internacional Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands
2019 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Cinemateca Portuguesa, Portugal
2019 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal
2019 Agência 20 anos - Caminhos, Portugal
2019 Festival du Nouveau Cinéma de Montréal, Canada
2019 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal

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