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Portugal, Switzerland, 2023, FIC, HD, Colour, 24'44"
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Director: Basil da Cunha
Producer: Batalha Centro de Cinema
Producer: ARQUIPÉLAGO FILMES
Script: Basil da Cunha
Editing: Basil da Cunha
Photography: Vasco Viana
Sound: Rafael Cardoso
Main Actors: Jason Varela, Camila Diniz
Original Language: Criole, Portuguese
Subtitles: Germany, Spanish, French, English, Italian, Portuguese
Synopsis: A clandestine neighbourhood in Lisbon wakes up to the news of a violent police raid, which took place the night before. Camila, a 7-year-old girl, goes to search of her brother. She's worried. Her brother is missing. At the same time, Jysone is in a hurry: after 6 years in jail and 5 weeks free, Jysone has finally found work and knows he can't be late. He is looking for someone who can give him a ride as he walks through the alleys of the neighbourhood, where he comes across friends and acquaintances, which delay him even more. The fate of our two protagonists will end up intersecting in the worst possible way.

| film data |



Basil da Cunha

Swiss director of Portuguese origin, Basil da Cunha was born in 1985. Alongside his studies in political science and sociology, he made several self-produced short films before co-founding Thera Production. In 2009, he began his film training at the Head University in Geneva.

In his first year, Basil made the film “A Côté”, which was nominated for the Prix du Cinéma Suisse 2010 and awarded the Best National Film Award at Curtas Vila do Conde 2010. At the end of 2010, he filmed “Sunfish” in Lisbon. This film was presented at the Quinzaine des Réalisateurs (Cannes) in 2011. In 2012, he directed “Os Vivos Também Choram” and was selected, for the second consecutive year, at the Quinzaine des Réalisateurs at Cannes. Encouraged by the special mention of the Quinzaine des Réalisateurs jury and numerous international awards, he made his first feature film “After the Night”, with its world premiere at the Quinzaine des Réalisateurs, in 2013. The film was also shown at the São Paulo Film Festival and at the Locarno Festival.

Basil gave a first workshop in the Film Department, Haute École D’art et de Design – Geneva (HEAD), before joining the team in 2013 on a permanent basis.

In 2014, Basil da Cunha directed “Nuvem Negra”, an experimental film within the framework of the Biennale of the Moving Image (Geneva). His most recent feature film, “The End of the World”, had its world premiere in Locarno and was screened at other prestigious festivals, such as Busan, Milan and São Paulo. It was awarded at Les Arcs and Valladolid before winning Best Cinematography at the Prix du Cinéma Suisse in 2020.

Filmography:

Portugal, Switzerland, 2023, FIC, HD, Colour, 24'44"

2013 **NOVEM**

Portugal, Switzerland, 2011, FIC, 35mm, HD, Colour, 30'

2019 **THE END OF THE WORLD**

2013 **AFTER THE NIGHT**

2012 **OS VIVOS TAMBÉM CHORAM**

FIC, Cor, 30'

2009 **A CÔTÉ**

2008 **LA LOI DU TAILON**

2007 **LE MUR**

Festival Selections

2026 Seminário - Transições: Sair da Prisão, Habitar a Liberdade, Portugal
2026 Hamburg International Short Film Festival, Germany
2026 Chiayi International Art Doc Film Festival, Taiwan
2026 Vilnius International Short Film Festival, Lithuania
2025 Interfilm, Internationales Kurzfilmfestival Berlin, Germany
2025 Tramway Film Festival , Poland
2025 Astra Film Festival, Romania
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Vienna), Austria
2025 Festival de Setembro - Ourém, Portugal
2025 (Camões) Busho Film Festival, Hungary
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Madrid), Spain
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Alcamo), Italy
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Bagheria), Italy
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Palermo), Italy
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Fiorano Modenese), Italy
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Monopoli), Italy
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Toluca), Mexico
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Estado de México), Mexico
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Guadajalara), Mexico
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Jalisco), Mexico
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Sonora), Mexico
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Tijuana), Mexico
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Baja California), Mexico
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Ciudad de México), Mexico
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Luxembourg), Luxembourg
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Paris), France
2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Portugal), Portugal
2025 Parish Jersey International Film Festival, Channel Island
2025 ShortCutz Ovar - Janeiro, Portugal

2024 Sessão IPDJ Faro, Portugal
2024 S16 Film Festival, Nigeria
2024 Festival Tous Courts, Rencontres Cinématographiques d'Aix-en-Provence, France
2024 Macau International Short Film Festival, Macau
2024 Passaggi d'Autore - Mediterranean Short Film Festiva, Italy
2024 ISFF Leuven - Focus on Portugal, Belgium
2024 ShortCutz Ovar - Novembro, Portugal
2024 Porto/Post/Doc: Film & Media Festival, Portugal
2024 Miradas Medellín, Colombia
2024 Cinema Insuflável - Novembro Jardins Bombarda, Portugal
2024 International Cinematographers Film Festival - Ostrava Kamera Oko, Czech Republic
2024 OKO International Ethnographic Film Festival, Bulgaria
2024 Tangier Film Festival, Morocco
2024 Lobo Fest - International Film Festival, Brazil
2024 Short film night Burghausen, Germany
2024 Agência Screening - Festival Internacional de Jóvenes Realizadores de Granada, Spain
2024 IndieCork Film Festival, Ireland
2024 Kutaisi International Short Film Festival, Georgia
2024 Bolton International Film Festival, United Kingdom
2024 Altitude Film Festival, Portugal
2024 Kino Kosova Film Festival in Bern, Switzerland
2024 OKO International Ethnographic Film Festival, Ukraine
2024 Festival Internacional de Curtas de Verin, Spain
2024 FICBUEU - Festival International de Cortometrajes de Bueu, Spain
2024 CineAvante'24, Portugal
2024 ELBE DOCK Festival, Czech Republic
2024 Interaction: Short Docs Festival, Serbia
2024 Concorto Film Festival, Italy
2024 DRIM Short Film Festival, North Macedonia
2024 Solarkino, Switzerland
2024 Festival Ibérico de Cinema de Badajoz, Spain
2024 Tabor Film Festival, Croatia
2024 Psarokokalo - Athens International Short Film Festival, Greece
2024 Cinema Jove Festival Internacional de Cine - Curt Creixent, Spain
2024 Art Film Fest - International Film Festival, Slovakia
2024 Vienna Short Festival, Austria
2024 BELDOCS - International Documentary FilmFestival, Serbia
2024 Le Cri du court, France
2024 Encontros de Cinema de Viana - Olhares Frontais, Portugal
2024 2°Forum dos Portugueses de Suíça - Comemoração do 50° aniversário do 25 Abril 1974, Switzerland
2024 Brussels Short Film Festival, Belgium
2024 BUSAN Short FF, Korea
2024 ICOFF - Internacional Short Film Festival from Euskadi Capital, Spain
2024 Go Short International Short Film Festival Nijmegen, Netherlands
2024 Glasgow Short Film Festival, United Kingdom
2024 Academia Portuguesa de Cinema - Gala de Prémios Sophia, Portugal
2024 Winterthur - Kurzfilmnachttou Nuit du Court Métrage" Tour, Switzerland
2024 Close-Up International Film Festival, Canada
2024 Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, France
2024 Journées de Soleure, Switzerland
2024 Vilnius International Short Film Festival, Lithuania

2024 Caminhos do Cinema Português - Best of (Janeiro), Portugal
2023 Há Filmes na Baixa! - Porto/Post/Doc, Portugal
2023 International Short Film Festival Leuven, Belgium
2023 Festival Cinéma Jeune Public, Switzerland
2023 Gijón International Film Festival, Spain
2023 Porto/Post/Doc: Film & Media Festival, Portugal
2023 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal
2023 International Short Film Festival Winterthur, Switzerland
2023 Entre Olhares - Mostra de Cinema Português, Portugal
2023 Extensão Curtas Vila do Conde - Cinema Ideal, Portugal
2023 MDOC - Melgaço International Documentary Film Festival, Portugal
2023 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal
2023 International Kurzfilmtage Oberhausen, Germany
2023 Visions du Réel - Festival International de Cinema, Switzerland

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