

UM CORAÇÃO INCENDIÁRIO (A FIRESTARTER'S HEART)



Portugal, 2026, FIC, , Colour, 55'

Director: Carlos Conceição

Producer: Carlos Conceição, António Gonçalves, MIRABILIS

Script: Carlos Conceição

Editing: Mariana Gaivão, António Gonçalves, Carlos Conceição

Photography: Vasco Viana

Sound: Rafael Cardoso, Hugo Leitão

Music: Hugo Leitão

Animation: Luís Guerreiro

Main Actors: João Arrais, Anabela Moreira, Inês Costa

Original Language: Portuguese

Subtitles: English

Synopsis: A homeless teenager is trained by a rather eccentric mother and daughter to become the perfect husband for the girl. It all seems quite innocent until it isn't.



Carlos Conceição

Carlos Conceição, born in Angola, majored in cinema at the ESTC in Lisbon, and in English Literature of Romanticism. His first short film, "The Flesh" (2010), was given the New Talent Award at Indie Lisboa in 2010, while "Versailles" (2013) competed at the prestigious Locarno Film Festival. Both "Good Night Cinderella" (2014) and "Bad Bunny" (2017) made their debut in competition at the Cannes Film Festival with great reactions from the public and critics. "Bad Bunny" went on to win several international awards and the Sophia for best Portuguese short film. Carlos also had full retrospectives at the Cinemathèque Française in Paris and at the Amiens Film Festival, as well as at Curtas Vila do Conde. The feature film "Serpentarius" premiered at the Berlin Film Festival in 2019 and has won awards over the following year, including Best First Feature at DocLisboa, Best Film at SiciliaQueer, Best Film and Best Editing at FilmMadrid, Best Director at Pontevedra, as well as an honorable mention for Best Film at the Nouveau Film Festival in Montreal and the Audience Award in Burgas, Bulgaria. The film was also part of the most important non-competitive European programs, such as the Vienne. "Name Above Title" is the first of 3 one-hour films that satirize a fictional underworld in the Lisbon of today.

Filmography:

- 2026 [UM CORAÇÃO INCENDIÁRIO](#)
Portugal, 2026, FIC, , Colour, 55'
- 2020 [UM FIO DE BABA ESCARLATE](#)
Portugal, 2020, FIC, DCP, Colour, 59'
- 2019 [SERPENTÁRIO](#)
Portugal, Angola, 2019, DOC, DCP, Colour, 85'
- 2017 [COELHO MAU](#)
Portugal, France, 2017, FIC, Blu-Ray Disc (BD), DCP, HD, Colour, 30'
- 2015 [ACORDA, LEVIATÃ](#)
Portugal, Angola, 2015, DOC, EXP, FIC, HD, Colour, 20'
- 2014 [BOA NOITE CINDERELA](#)
Portugal, 2014, FIC, HD, Colour, 30'
- 2013 [VERSAILLES](#)
Portugal, 2013, FIC, HD, Colour, 21'
- 2011 [O INFERNO](#)
Portugal, 2011, FIC, HD, Colour, 20'50"
- 2009 **DUAS ARANHAS**
Drama, HDV, Colour, 9'

Drama, HD, Colour, 20'

2010 **CARNE**

Festival Selections

2026 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal

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