A NOITE (THE NIGHT)

Portugal, 1999, ANI, 35mm, Colour, 6'35"
Dolby SR, 1:1.66

Director: Regina Pessoa
Producer: Abi Feijó, Filmógrafo - Estúdio de Cinema de Animação do Porto, Lda
Script: Yann Thual, Regina Pessoa
Editing: Abi Feijó, Regina Pessoa
Sound: Tentúgal
Music: Tentúgal
Animation: Regina Pessoa
Animation Technique: Drawing on paper, Animated engraving in plaster plates
Synopsis: It's the story of a child and her mother, two lives that don't communicate with each other. Is that loneliness that sometimes reaches the size of the night. Dark is the night. Dark is the mother. And dark becomes the entire Universe when you are alone and abandoned.

| film data |

Regina Pessoa

Painting Degree at the Faculty of Fine Arts of the University of Porto, 1998
Co-orientation of several animation workshops since 1992
In 1992 she starts working in animation:
- Animation, in the film "The Outlaws", by Abi Feijó, 92/93
- Animation and graphic research in the film "Fado Lusitano", 94/95
- Sand animation in the film “Stowaway”, by Abi Feijó, 2000.
In 1996 she starts directing.
Her films obtained a vast recognition, winning countless awards and becoming inescapable references.
All her films are in the Portuguese National Cinema Plan, being studied by children and young people in Schools in Portugal.
In 2016 became Senior Lecturer at FILMAKADEMIE - Germany.
In 2018 became member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

Filmography:

2019 TIO TOMÁS, A CONTABILIDADE DOS DIAS
Portugal, Canada, France, 2019, ANI, DOC, DCP, Colour, 13'

2012 KALI, O PEQUENO VAMPIRO
Canada, Portugal, France, Switzerland, 2012, ANI, 35mm, Colour, 9'20"

2005 HISTÓRIA TRÁGICA COM FINAL FELIZ
Canada, Portugal, France, 2005, ANI, 35mm, B&W, 7'46"

1999 A NOITE
Portugal, 1999, ANI, 35mm, Colour, 6'35"

Festival Selections

2026 Festival Olá Paris!, France
2025 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Programa MiratecArts , Portugal
2025 Cinémathèque de la Ville de Luxembourg, Luxembourg
2025 Season of Classic Films - Casa Museu de Vilar, Portugal
2025 International Film Festival in Guadalajara, Mexico
2025 Flatpack Film Festival, United Kingdom
2025 Animagoria - Mostra de Filmes de Animação (Homenagem a Regina Pessoa), Portugal
2024 Animasyros - International Animation Festival, Greece
2024 Batalha Centro de Cinema - Setembro, Portugal
2024 Annecy - Portuguese Focus, France
2024 Embassy Adoption Program - Embaixada de Portugal em Washington, USA

2024 Musée-Château d'Annecy, France
2024 Cine-Clube da Ilha Terceira - Maio, Portugal
2023 ODMC - Cineclube de Faro - Homenagem a Graça Lobo, Portugal
2023 Close-Up Famalicão, Portugal
2023 European Animated Film Festival Balkanima, Serbia
2023 KLIKxHAFF (Kaboom Animation Festival), Netherlands
2022 AnimaPIX, Portugal
2022 Porquê? — Teatro para a Infância e Juventude, Portugal
2022 Nice Short Film Festival - Focus Regina Pessoa and Portuguese Animation, France
2022 Mumbai International Film Festival, India
2022 Internationales Trickfilm Festival of Animated Film Stuttgart, Germany
2022 Clermont Auvergne Métropole - Cycle Regina Pessoa, France
2022 Premiers Plans, Festival d'Angers, France
2021 Programa Casa da Animação - Festival Books And Movies, Portugal
2021 Fila K Cineclube - Realizadores de Coimbra, Portugal
2020 Programa Especial - Anilogue, Hungary
2019 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Ilha do Pico, Portugal
2019 Mostra de Verão Cineclube de Faro - Agosto, Portugal
2019 Medeia Monumental - Homenagem Regina Pessoa e Abi Feijó , Portugal
2019 Mostra de Verão Cineclube de Faro - Julho, Portugal
2019 Animafest - World Festival of Animated Films Zagreb - Agência 20 years, Croatia
2019 Encerramento ANIMAR 14, Portugal
2018 Louvre Museum, France
2018 Cinema Insuflável - Paranhos, Portugal
2017 Film Library Valencia, Spain
2016 Festival de Cinema Luso-Brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal
2016 ANIMATOGRAPHO - Cinema para a Infância e Juventude, Portugal
2016 Festa Mundial da Animação, Portugal
2016 Mostra Cinemateca - Universidade Lusófona, Portugal
2016 10 Anos de Animação - Odemira, Portugal
2016 International Animation Film Festival of Catalonia, ANIMAC, Spain
2015 Halloween na Reitoria da Universidade do Porto, Portugal
2015 Cinemagosto - FilmFokus Portugal, Germany
2015 10 Anos de Animação - Odemira, Portugal
2014 MONSTRA - Buenos Aires, Argentina
2014 Sedicicorto International Film Festival Forli, Italy
2014 Curtas e Vinho Verde, Portugal
2013 Animpact Animation Festival, Korea
2013 Monstra Lisboa Animated Film Festival, Portugal
2012 Clube de Cinema da Escola Básica 1,2,3 de Peniche, Portugal
2012 Mostra Cinema Português Contemporâneo - Brasil, Brazil
2012 FestFilmes - Festival do Audiovisual Luso Afro Brasileiro, Brazil
2011 Ciclo de cinema português na Universidade Hanguk de Estudos Estrangeiros - Seoul, Korea
2011 Cinanima - International Animated Film Festival of Espinho, Portugal
2011 Portuguese Animation and Short-Film Festival, China
2011 Mostra em Zagrebe, Croatia
2011 Mostra na Cinemateca de Zagrebe "Cinema Tuskanac", Croatia
2011 Ciclo de Curtas - Helsínquia, Finland
2010 Centro de Língua do Instituto Camões de Goa, India
2010 KUGOMA - Maputo, Mozambique
2010 Corona Cork Film Festival, Ireland
2010 Festa Mundial da Animação, France
2010 EL Mes + Corto - IX Mostra Audiovisual internacional, Spain

2010 Ciclo de Cinema, no Centro de Língua Portuguesa na Universidade de Hamburgo, Germany
2010 Brazilian and Portuguese Film Series, USA
2010 Leitorado do Instituto Camões na Universidade de Georgetown, USA
2010 , Poland
2010 ZOOM Festival, Canada
2010 Serralves em Festa, Portugal
2010 Cinema Nun'Álvares, Portugal
2010 Cine Alvalade, Portugal
2010 Monstra Lisboa Animated Film Festival, Portugal
2009 International Film Festival Etiuda&Anima, Poland
2009 Cinanima - International Animated Film Festival of Espinho, Portugal
2009 Degree in Cinema, Video and Multimedia Communication, Lusófona University, Portugal
2009 International Animation Day - Casa da Animação, Portugal
2009 Mostra-me - O Outro Lado do Cinema Português, Mostra de Cinema Português: Animação, Portugal
2009 Mostra de Cinema Português - Departamento de Português da Universidade de Estudos Estrangeiros de Pequim, Embaixada de Portugal em Pequim, China
2009 Festival de Cinema Lusophone Poitiers | Angolagora, France
2009 Nice Short Film Festival, France
2009 Sandim em Movimento - Junta de Freguesia de Sandim, Portugal
2008 ANIMART - Summer Meeting at Monodendri, Greece
2007 International Animated Film Festival Animateka, Slovenia
2007 Anilogue - Budapest Animation Festival, Hungary
2007 Portuguese Festival Berlin, Germany
2007 14. Internationales Trickfilm-Festival Stuttgart'07, Germany
2007 Olho: Aberto, France
2006 CINANIMA - Festival Internacional de Cinema de Animação de Espinho (10 Anos de Animação Portuguesa - Premiados), Portugal
2006 Mecal - Festival de Cortometrajes de Barcelona (Portuguese Programme), Spain
2006 Portuguese Festival em Madrid - Festival Internacional de Artes e Cultura Portuguesa, Spain
2006 FESTIBÉRICO - Festival de Cinema Português e Espanhol de Delf, Netherlands
2005 Portuguese Festival em Paris - Festival International des Arts et Culture Portugais, France
2005 I Ciclo de Cinema - Auditório da Biblioteca Municipal de Barcelos, Portugal
2004 Animadrid - Festival Internacional de Imagen Animada de Pozuelo de Alarcón (Retrospectiva), Spain
2004 Interfilm Berlin - International Short Film Festival (Portuguese Programme), Germany
2004 Festival Internacional de Curtas Metragens de Belo Horizonte - Retrospectiva de Curtas Portuguesas, Brazil
2004 Portuguese Festival (Retrospectiva de Curtas Portuguesas), Spain
2003 8th Int. Short and Independent Film Festival, Dhaka (Programa Português), Bangladesh
2003 Siena International Short Film Festival (Retrospectiva Portuguesa), Italy
2003 Portuguese Festival (Retrospectiva de Curtas Portuguesas), United Kingdom
2003 Porto Arte, Portugal
2003 Cinema Le Melies, Pau,, France
2003 Le Mélies - Pau, France
2002 Animadrid, Spain
2002 Casa da Animação - Retrospectiva de Animação Portuguesa, Portugal
2002 Macaquins - Programa ACM/Filmógrafo, Portugal

2002 Semaine de cinema portugais, Mairie de Clermont-Ferrand, France
2002 Iranian Young Cinema Society, Iran (Islamic Republic of)
2002 Mês Cultural Português em Pequim,, China
2002 Melbourne/Sidney Animation Festivals, Australia
2002 Institut Jean Vigo, France
2002 Encontros Internacionais de Cinema de Cabo Verde, Cape Verde
2002 Festival du Court Métrage de Bruxelles, Belgium
2002 Travelling Film Festival, Rennes, France
2002 Serpa - Auditório Municipal, Portugal
2002 Fantasporto, Portugal
2002 Exeter Animation Festival, United Kingdom
2002 European Youth Film Festival Flanders, Belgium
2002 Portuguese Panorama - Clermont-Ferrand, France
2002 Semana de Cinema Lusófono Nice, France
2000 Filmfest Dresden - International Festival for Animation and Short Films, Germany

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