

A MÃE E O MAR (THE MOTHER AND THE SEA)



Portugal, 2013, DOC, HD, Colour, 92'

Stereo, 16:9

Director: Gonçalo Tocha

Producer: Dario Oliveira, [Curtas Metragens C.R.L.](#)

Script: Gonçalo Tocha

Editing: Rui Ribeiro

Editing: André Guiomar

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Photography: Gonçalo Tocha

Photography: André Guiomar

Sound: Pedro Ferraz

Sound: João Cruz

Production Raquel da Silva

Coordinator:

Original Language: Portuguese

Subtitles: English

Synopsis: In the quest for a real and lost myth in the beach of Vila Chã (Portugal), we look for the sea women, the so-called fisherwomen, in one of the few places in the world with female skippers. But where are they now? And where are the 120 artisanal fishing boats? Merely 9 boats remain and one only fisherwoman. In the land of brave seafarers, we shot the love for fishing, the love for the sea.

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1979, Lisboa-Portugal

Filmmaker and musician.

Graduation and Post-Graduation in Portuguese Language and Culture by the University of Lisboa (2003)

Founder of the cine-club NuCiVo (Lisbon University) where he was responsible for programming, production, and directing within the genre of video-activism. Made his first short film, "Bye bye my blackbird" (2006) in the framework of Mediawave Festival in Hungary. "Balaou" (2007), homage to his mother, was his debut feature film, winning two awards in the Indielisboa 07 festival. It was screened at the Vancouver Film Festival, Viennale, Bafici, New Zealand Film Festivals, and on the channel ARTE.

"IT'S THE EARTH NOT THE MOON" (2011) is his second feature film, shot in the small atlantic island of Corvo, premiered in the Festival Locarno (a Jury Special Mention), winner of the first prize of the DocLisboa2011 International Competition, the first prize in Bafici 2012 ("Cine del Futuro" competition), first prize in the San Francisco Int. Film Festival 2012 (Documentary competition) and first prize in DocumentaMadrid 2012 (Documentario de Creacion competition).

Is now finishing a new feature film shot in the small fisherwomen community of Vila Chã, in the north of Portugal (by invitation of the Festival Curtas Vila do Conde).

Filmography:

- 2013 [A MÃE E O MAR](#)
Portugal, 2013, DOC, HD, Colour, 92'
- 2012 **TOWERS & COMETS**
DOC, 59'
- 2011 **IT'S THE EARTH NOT THE MOON**
185'
- 2009 **COBRA G8**
10'
- 2008 **THE YELLOW FEVER**
8'

2007 **BALAOU**
DOC, 77'
2006 **BYE, BYE MY BLACKBIRD**
26'

Festival Selections

2025 Azorean International Film Festival, Portugal
2023 Ciclo de Cinema - Associação Avonde, Portugal
2023 Há Filmes na Baixa!, Portugal
2022 Muestra de Cine de Lanzarote, Spain
2022 Alvalade Cineclube - Salão Lisboa, Portugal
2021 Mostra de Cinema Português de Relação com o Mar, Portugal
2019 Casa da Cultura de Conil de la Frontera, Spain
2018 Festival Pédexumbo, Portugal
2018 Curso de Cinema Português - Buenos Aires, Argentina
2018 Retrospectiva na ilha do Faial, Portugal
2018 Um Mar de Filmes! - Fortaleza de Sagres, Portugal
2018 Ciclo de Cinema - Museu do Dinheiro, Portugal
2017 Semana do Cinema Português em Israel - Novembro, Israel
2017 Noites na Cidade - Montemor-o-Novo, Portugal
2017 Mar Film Festival, Portugal
2017 Cineclube do Barreiro, Portugal
2016 Mostra - Centro de Memória Vila do Conde, Portugal
2015 Festival Internacional de Cine Documental Encuentros Del Otro Cine EDOC,
Ecuador
2015 Mostra Cinema Português em Olviedo, Spain
2015 Grant's True Tales Festival, Portugal
2015 Panorama - Mostra do Documentário Português, Portugal
2015 ETNOCINE - Festival de Cinema Etnográfico de Belmonte, Portugal
2015 FlumenFest - Minho International Film Festival, Portugal
2014 Ciclo de Cinema Portugues - Moscovo, Russia
2014 Muestra Internacional de Cine con Perspectiva de Género, Mexico
2014 Centro Cultural Malaposta, Portugal
2014 Cineclube de Joane, Portugal
2014 CineEco - Festival Internacional de Cinema Ecológico da Serra da Estrela, Portugal
2014 Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires, Argentina
2014 Museu Marítimo de Ílhavo, Portugal
2014 Sarajevo International Film Festival, Bosnia and Herzegovina
2014 Associação Ao Norte, Portugal
2014 Cineclube de Faro, Portugal
2014 9500 Cineclube - Ponta Delgada, Portugal
2014 Passos Manuel, Portugal
2014 Cinema City Alvalade, Portugal
2014 CROSSING EUROPE Film Festival, Linz, Austria
2014 CINEPORT - Festival de Cinema de Países de Língua Portuguesa, Brazil
2014 International Film Festival PÊCHEURS DU MONDE, France
2014 Documentary Fortnight: MoMA's International Festival of Nonfiction Film and
Media, USA
2014 Internacional Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands
2013 Mar del Plata International Film Festival, Argentina
2013 Montreal International Documentary Festival, Canada
2013 Rome Film Festival, Italy
2013 CPH:DOX Copenhagen Internacional Documentary Film Festival, Denmark

2013 DocLisboa - Lisbon International Documentary Film Festival, Portugal

2013 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal

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