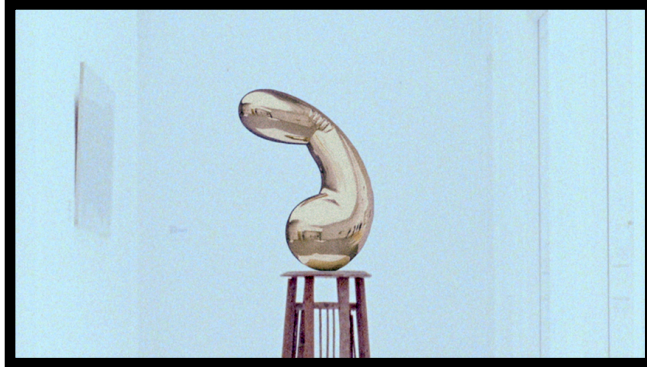


## A BRIEF HISTORY OF PRINCESS X



Portugal, United Kingdom, France, 2016, FIC, DCP, Colour, 7'  
Stereo, scope

Director: Gabriel Abrantes

Producer: Benjamin Cook, LUX / ICO

Producer: Justin Taurand, [Les Films du Bélier](#)

Producer: Gabriel Abrantes, HERMAPHRODITE FILMS

Script: Gabriel Abrantes

Editing: Margarida Lucas

Photography: Jorge Quintela

Sound: Carlos Abreu

Main Actors: Francisco Cipriano, Joana Barrios, Filipe Vargas

Original Language: English

Subtitles: Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese

Synopsis: A supercharged history of sculptor Constantin Brancusi's infamous 'Princess X', a futuristic bronze phallus that is actually a bust portrait of Napoleon's equally infamous great grand niece, Marie Bonaparte.

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## Gabriel Abrantes

B. 1984 in USA – Lives and Works in Lisbon and Geneva. He studied at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art , at L'École National des Beaux-Arts (Paris) and at Le Fresnoy Studio National des Arts Contemporains. He has directed 18 short films over the past 8 years, often setting his provocative narratives in diverse contexts such as Sri Lanka, Haiti, Angola, Brazil, Argentina, France and Portugal. The films have premiered at festivals such as , La Bienale di Venezia, the Berlinale, Toronto International Film Festival as well as in museums such as MIT List Center in Boston, Palais de Tokyo and MAMVP in Paris, Kunst-Werke in Berlin or Serralves in Porto. His films have been awarded a number of prizes such as A History of Mutual Respect (co-directed with Daniel Schmidt) which as awarded the Pardino d'Oro for best short film at Locarno 2010 or Taprobana which was awarded the EFA short film nomination at the 2014 Berlinale.

### Filmography:

- 2016 [A BRIEF HISTORY OF PRINCESS X](#)  
Portugal, United Kingdom, France, 2016, FIC, DCP, Colour, 7'
- 2011 [BABY BACK COSTA RICA](#)  
Portugal, 2011, FIC, HD, Colour, 5'
- 2016 **A JOKING RELATIONSHIP**  
30', 16mm
- 2016 **THE HUNCHBACK**  
29', 16mm (co-directed with Ben Rivers)
- 2015 **FREUD UND FRIENDS**  
24', 16mm
- 2013 **TAPROBANA**  
24', 16mm
- 2013 **ENNUI ENNUI**  
33', HD
- 2012 **??????? (ORNITHES - BIRDS)**  
17', 16mm
- 2011 **PALÁCIOS DE PENA**  
59'
- 2011 **FRATELLI**  
17', 16mm
- 2011 **LIBERDADE**  
16', 16mm

- 24', 16mm
- 2009 **TOO MANY DADDIES, MONIES AND BABIES**  
26', 16mm
- 2008 **VISIONARY IRAQ**  
17', 16mm
- 2008 **ARABIC HARE**  
7', HD
- 2008 **GUGG 'N' TATE**  
7', HD
- 2008 **OBAMA FOR PRESIDENT**  
2', HD
- 2006 **OLYMPIA I & II**  
8', 16mm
- 2006 **DEAR GOD PLEASE SAVE ME**  
5', 16mm
- 2006 **ANARCHIST KING**  
14', 16mm
- 2006 **THE RAZOR THIN DEFINITION OF PUNK**  
4', 16mm

### Festival Selections

- 2024 Agência Screening - Festival Internacional de Jóvenes Realizadores de Granada, Spain
- 2024 Batalha Centro de Cinema - Julho, Portugal
- 2024 Cinema Jove Festival Internacional de Cine - Curt Creixent, Spain
- 2022 Extensão Curtas Vila do Conde iFF - Colina das Artes, Portugal
- 2022 Cineclube do Porto - Agosto, Portugal
- 2022 Há Filmes na Baixa! - Curtas Vila do Conde IFF, Portugal
- 2022 Brussels Short Film Festival, Belgium
- 2021 Brussels Short Film Festival, Belgium
- 2021 Show Me Shorts Film Festival , New Zealand
- 2019 SHORT FILM DAY - Tomar, Portugal
- 2019 SHORT FILM DAY - Faculdade de Belas Artes da Universidade do Porto, Portugal
- 2019 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Braga, Portugal
- 2019 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Escola Artística António Arroio, Portugal
- 2019 Passaggi d'Autore - Mediterranean Short Film Festival, Italy
- 2019 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Amadora, Portugal
- 2019 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Avenida Café-Concerto (Covil), Portugal
- 2019 Festival Côté Court - Pantin, France
- 2019 CórteX - Festival de Curtas Metragens de Sintra, Portugal
- 2019 Festa Cinema Italiano - Spoleto, Italy
- 2018 Festa Cinema Italiano - Mantova, Italy
- 2018 Extensão Curtas Vila do Conde - Vigo, Portugal
- 2018 Festa Cinema Italiano - Trieste, Italy
- 2018 Festa Cinema Italiano - Roma, Italy
- 2018 Gassli Film Festival, Switzerland
- 2018 Mostra de Verão Cineclube de Faro - Agosto, Portugal
- 2018 Mostra de Verão Cineclube de Faro - Julho, Portugal
- 2018 Projektor- University of Basel, Switzerland
- 2018 Fastnet Film Festival, Ireland
- 2018 LIIsFE - Leiden International Short Film Experience, Netherlands
- 2018 Regensburg Short Film Week, Germany
- 2018 CINEMAATTIC - A Space for films and Happenings, United Kingdom

2018 Fundação Gulbenkian - France, France  
2018 Vilnius International Short Film Festival, Lithuania  
2017 Les Arcs European Film Festival, France  
2017 FICA - Aguilar del Campo, Spain  
2017 Festival Internacional de Curtas de Verin, Spain  
2017 Go Short - Rotterdam, Netherlands  
2017 Interfilm, Internationales Kurzfilmfestival Berlin, Germany  
2017 PANORAMA Internacional Coisa de Cinema, Brazil  
2017 Ljubljana International Film Festival, Slovenia  
2017 Alter-Native International Short Film Festival, Romania  
2017 Pravo Ljudski Film Festival, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
2017 Bilbao Arte, Spain  
2017 FIKE International Short Film Festival, Portugal  
2017 Reggio Film Festival, Italy  
2017 Timishort Film Festival, Romania  
2017 Go Short - Utrecht, Netherlands  
2017 Milwaukee Film Festival, USA  
2017 Encounters Bristol International Film Festival, United Kingdom  
2017 Festival Off-Courts Trouville, France  
2017 RIGA International Film Festival, Latvia  
2017 Curtocircuito - Noites Curtas, Spain  
2017 São Paulo International Short Film Festival, Brazil  
2017 Pluk de Nacht Open Air Film Festival, Netherlands  
2017 Dokufest International Documentary and Short Film Festival, Kosovo  
2017 Guanajuato International Film Festival Expresión en Corto, Mexico  
2017 Pula Film Festival, Croatia  
2017 Tabor Film Festival, Croatia  
2017 Extension - Art Film Fest, Slovakia  
2017 TivoliVredenburg, Netherlands  
2017 Olbia Film Market, Italy  
2017 Art Film Fest - International Film Festival, Slovakia  
2017 The Norwegian Short Film Festival Grimstad, Norway  
2017 CGAI - Fimoteca de Galicia, Spain  
2017 Festival Côté Court - Pantin, France  
2017 Denver Film Festival, USA  
2017 Cinemateca Portuguesa - Maio, Portugal  
2017 Festival de Finos Filmes, Brazil  
2017 Cineclube da Maia - Maio, Portugal  
2017 Festival de Cine y Televisión Reino de León, Spain  
2017 Shorts Not Pants, Canada  
2017 Shorts That Are Not Pants, Canada  
2017 Projektor- University of Basel, Switzerland  
2017 Go Short on Tour, Netherlands  
2017 SACO - Semana del Audiovisual Contemporáneo de Oviedo, Spain  
2017 Extensão Clermont-Ferrand, Spain  
2017 Bucharest International Experimental Film Festival, Romania  
2017 Extensão - Lo Schermo dell'Arte Film Festival, Italy  
2017 True/False Film Fest, USA  
2017 Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, France  
2017 Minimalen Short Film Festival, Norway  
2017 Prague Short Film Festival, Czech Republic  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Cineclube do Porto, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Zoom Cineclube, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Cineclube Espalhafitas em Abrantes, Portugal

2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Fnac Albufeira, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Fnac Almada, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Fnac Alfragide, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Cascais, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Forum Coimbra, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Fnac Fórum Algarve, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Fnac Madeira, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Fnac Leiria, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Fnac Oeiras Parque, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Cineclube Aurélio da Paz dos Reis, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Cineclube de Guimarães, Portugal  
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - Forum Eugénio de Almeida, Portugal  
2016 Festival de Cinema Luso-Brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal  
2016 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal  
2016 Sex Days, Sweden  
2016 Lo Schermo dell'Arte Film Festival, Italy  
2016 Kassel Documentary Film and Video Festival, Germany  
2016 Fronteira - International Documentary & Experimental Film Festival, Brazil  
2016 AFI Fest - Los Angeles, USA  
2016 International Short Film Festival Winterthur, Switzerland  
2016 South Western International Film Festival, Canada  
2016 Uppsala International Short Film Festival, Sweden  
2016 Curtocircuito Santiago de Compostela - Short Film Festival, Spain  
2016 New York Film Festival, USA  
2016 Toronto International Film Festival, Canada  
2016 Milano Film Festival, Italy  
2016 Locarno International Film Festival, Switzerland  
2016 Extensão Curtas Vila do Conde - Cinemateca Portuguesa, Portugal  
2016 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal