

## NHA MILA



Portugal, Switzerland, 2020, FIC, DCP, Colour, 18'30"

Dolby SR, 1:1.85

Director: Denise Fernandes

Producer: Sandro Aguilar, Luis Urbano, [O SOME A FÚRIA](#)

Producer: Elda Guidinetti, VENTURA FILM

Script: Denise Fernandes

Editing: Pedro Marques

Photography: Marta Simões

Sound: Miguel Moraes Cabral, António Porém Pires

Main Actors: Yaya Correia, Maria Sanches, Cleo Tavares, Lourença Semedo

Original Language: Criole, Portuguese

Subtitles: Spanish, English, Italian, Portuguese

Synopsis: After 14 years away from her homeland, Salomé is forced to return to Cape Verde to see her dying brother. During her stopover at Lisbon airport, Águeda a cleaning lady recognizes Salomé as "Mila", her childhood friend. Águeda invites Salomé to leave the airport and spend the stopover at her home, with the women of her family. The neighborhood transports her on a spiritual journey, whose destination unfurls a painful bond with her homeland.

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## Denise Fernandes

Denise Fernandes was born in Lisbon in 1990 from Cape Verdean parents and she was raised in southern Switzerland. In 2011 she graduated in film directing and production at the International Conservatory of Audiovisual Sciences in Lugano (CISA). In the same year, her diploma short film *Una Notte* debuted at the 64th edition of the Locarno FILM Festival. From 2011 to 2013, she studies filmmaking at Cuba's International School of Film and TV (EICTV), where she directs *Pan Sin Mermelada*, which deserves the nomination of Upcoming Talent at the Solothurn Festival and *Idyllium*, awarded at the Winterthur International Festival. She is currently preparing her first feature film, *Hanami*, set in Cape Verde. *Hanami* was selected from 70 projects for the Solothurn Talent Lab 2016 and awarded the Best First Project by the Swiss Society of Authors (SSA).

### Filmography:

- 2020 [NHA MILA](#)  
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- 2013 **IDYLLIUM**  
FIC, HD, Colour, 14'
- 2012 **PAN SIN MERMELADA**  
FIC, HD, Colour, 12'
- 2011 **UNA NOTTE**  
FIC, HD, Colour, 28'

## Festival Selections

- 2025 Kino Xenix screening, Switzerland
- 2025 (Camões) Dia da Língua Portuguesa - Consulado de Cabo Verde na Suécia, Sweden
- 2025 Batalha Centro de Cinema - Luas Novas: Marta Simões, Portugal
- 2025 Cinema no Estendal - Extensão Portimão, Portugal
- 2025 Festival Filministes, Canada
- 2025 Black Europe Film Festival, Switzerland
- 2024 Mostra Vida Justa, Portugal
- 2024 Cinema no Estendal, Portugal
- 2024 Cineclube Dentu Zona, Portugal
- 2024 Cinema Jove Festival Internacional de Cine - Curt Creixent, Spain
- 2023 ODMC - Cinema Ideal (Sessão Especial), Portugal
- 2023 Cineclube de Pombal - Julho, Portugal

2022 Portuguese Short Films on CORTO DORICO - Amnesty International Award -  
 “Short on Rights”, Italy

2022 Festival Porretta Cinema - Corto Dorico Special Program, Italy

2022 Festival Tous Courts - Curtas Vila do Conde Program, France

2022 Mostra de Cinema Negro de Sao Paulo, Brazil

2022 Cinematheque Passion Macao, Macau

2022 Linz International Short Film Festival, Austria

2022 Nevada City Film Festival, USA

2022 Chicago Latino Film Festival, USA

2022 MUJERES 22 - Cinemaattic, United Kingdom

2022 Olhares do Mediterrâneo - Extensão Palmela, Portugal

2022 UCCLA - “De DENTRO e FORA” , Portugal

2022 Locarno Shorts Weeks, Switzerland

2022 Shortcutz Guimarães - Janeiro, Portugal

2021 Porto Femme - Festival Utopia, Portugal

2021 Frames Portuguese Film Festival, Sweden

2021 Olhares do Mediterrâneo - Cinema no Feminino, Portugal

2021 EFA - Festival del Cinema Europeo, Italy

2021 EFA - Metropolis Art Cinema Association - 26th European Film Festival in  
 Lebanon, Lebanon

2021 VISTACURTA - Festival de Curtas de Viseu, Portugal

2021 CinemAfrica Film Festival, Sweden

2021 Olhar de Cinema - Curitiba International Film Festival, Brazil

2021 EFA - Reykjavik IFF, Iceland

2021 Porto Femme - Festival Internacional de Cinema, Portugal

2021 Imagineindia International Film Festival Madrid, Spain

2021 Academia Portuguesa de Cinema - Gala de Prémios Sophia, Portugal

2021 Festival Internacional de Curtas de Verin, Spain

2021 Diaspora International Short Film Festival, Turkey

2021 EFA - Jerusalem Film Festival, Israel

2021 EFA - Concorso FF, Italy

2021 Edinburgh International Film Festival, United Kingdom

2021 EFA - European Film Festival Palic, Serbia

2021 EFA - Curtas Vila do Conde, Portugal

2021 EFA - ShorTS – International Film Festival, Italy

2021 Festival de Cinema Luso-brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal

2021 EFA - Brussels SF, Belgium

2021 The Norwegian Short Film Festival Grimstad, Norway

2021 EFA - Hamburg ISFF, Germany

2021 Tarifa African Film Festival, Spain

2021 New Directors/New Films International Festival, USA

2021 Go Short International Short Film Festival Nijmegen, Netherlands

2021 Go Short International Short Film Festival Nijmegen - African Museum program,  
 Netherlands

2021 EFA - Glasgow Short FF, United Kingdom

2021 Vilnius Film Festival, Lithuania

2021 EFA - Tampere Film Festival, Finland

2021 Journées de Soleure, Switzerland

2021 EFA - Minimalen SFF, Norway

2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - ZOOM Barcelos, Portugal

2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - ESMAD I Escola Superior de Media Artes e Design,  
 Portugal

2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Município de Setúbal, Portugal

2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Planetário do Porto - Centro Ciência Viva, Portugal

2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Cineclube de Joane, Portugal  
2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Centro Cultural Malaposta, Portugal  
2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Escola Artística António Arroio, Portugal  
2020 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Cineclube de Tomar, Portugal  
2020 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal  
2020 Cinemateca - O SOM E A FÚRIA, Portugal  
2020 EFA - POFF Shorts, Estonia  
2020 International Festival of Documentary and Short Films of Bilbao, Spain  
2020 Brest European Short Film Festival, France  
2020 EFA - Leeds IFF, United Kingdom  
2020 Montpellier International Festival of Mediterranean Film, France  
2020 Uppsala International Short Film Festival, Sweden  
2020 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal  
2020 Locarno International Film Festival, Switzerland

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