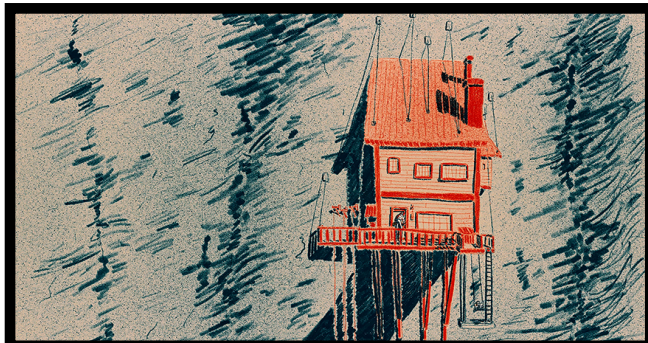


ICE MERCHANTS



Portugal, France, United Kingdom, 2022, ANI, DCP, HD, Colour, 14'
Dolby SR, Flat

Director: João Gonzalez

Producer: Bruno Caetano, [COLA Animation](#)

Producer: Michaël Proença, [Wildstream](#)

Producer: João Gonzalez, [Royal College of Art](#)

Editing: João Gonzalez

Music: João Gonzalez

Animation: João Gonzalez, Ala Nunu

Art Direction: João Gonzalez

Orchestrator: Nuno Lobo

Sound Design: Ed Trousseau

Sound Recording: Ricardo Real, Joana Rodrigues

Animation Animation 2D

Technique:

Original Language: No dialogue

Subtitles: No dialogue

Synopsis: Every day, a father and his son jump with a parachute from their vertiginous cold house, attached to a cliff, to go to the village on the ground, far away where they sell the ice they produce daily.

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João Gonzalez

around the world.

João has a great interest in combining his musical background with his artistic practice in animated cinema, always playing the role of composer and occasional instrumentalist in all the films he makes.

João Gonzalez (Porto, 1996) is a Portuguese director, animator, illustrator and

filmmaker with classical training in piano. He took a degree in Multimedia at ESMAD

2022 in **Porto, Portugal**. He graduated in 2017, specialising in the field of Animation and

colouring. For study in the United Kingdom, 2022, ANI, DCP, HD, Colour, 14'

2019 in **London, UK**. It was there that, as his final project, he made his first short film, "The

Voyager, which he finished in 2019. He finished the film, if possible, at the same

2017 in **London, UK** of the film, by the director/ composer himself. With a

scholarship from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, in 2018 he entered the Masters

in Animation at the Royal College of Art in London, where he made "Nestor" as his

first year film and "Ice Merchants" as his graduation film, that he completed

2025 afterwards with funding from ICA (Portuguese Cinema Institute). In 2022 he

2025 premiered his first funded film "Ice Merchants" in Cannes Film Festival, winning

2025 Best Short Film in Competition from the Semaine de La Critique Jury, which would

2025 later become the first Portuguese film to be nominated for an

2024 Oscar®, and the second to win the Annie Award. "Ice Merchants" is currently the

2024 most awarded Portuguese film in history, with more than 130 international awards (10

2024 of which were Oscar Qualifying), and more than 350 official selections at festivals

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2024 Mostra de Cinema das Missões, Brazil

2024 Filmposium Zürich, Switzerland

2024 Cortos en Grande, Chile

2024 Prime The Animation - Cinanima Program, Spain

2024 Mediterranean Cinema Days Festival in Chenini, Tunisia

2024 Agência Screening - Festival Internacional de Jóvenes Realizadores de Granada, Spain

2024 TAF Thessaloniki Animation Festival, Greece

2024 ANIMAFILM IAF - Portuguese Animation program, Azerbaijan

2024 BUMA film festival (Ulsan Ulju Mountain FF program), Korea

2024 OderKurzfilmtag festival, Poland

2024 Choix des Anges, France

2024 European Animation Awards - Emile Awards, Greece

2024 BUSTER - Copenhagen International Children's Film Festival, Denmark

2024 Puig-reig screening, Spain

2024 Festival Si la Terre Tourne, France

2024 Film Festival della Lessinia, Italy

2024 Cyber Sousa - Xiamen International Animation Festival, China

2024 Filmambiente Film Festival, Brazil

2024 Seattle IFF - August Screening, Australia

2024 SANFIC Educa, Chile

2024 Solarkino, Switzerland

2024 dotdotdot Open Air Short Film Festival, Austria

2024 le Festival À La Dérive, France

2024 Terre da Film Festival, Italy

2024 Rural FilmFest, Spain

2024 Kamerate Film Festival, Slovenia

2024 Il cinema ritrovato festival in Bologna, Italy

2024 Cinema Jove Festival Internacional de Cine - Curt Creixent, Spain

2024 Nickel Independent Film Festival, Canada

2024 Annecy - Portuguese Focus, France

2024 Embassy Adoption Program - Embaixada de Portugal em Washington, USA

2024 Festival International Détours en Cinécourt, France
2024 Marathon: Medellín in 100 words - Confama screening, Colombia
2024 Maqam?t program - Manassat Film Festival, Egypt
2024 Bergwelten Filmfestival, Switzerland
2024 Vienna Short Festival, Austria
2024 Cinema Jove - Upcoming Festival, Special Program, Spain
2024 Cardiff Animation Festival, United Kingdom
2024 Animocje - International Animated Film Festival Bydgoszcz, Poland
2024 Go Short International Short Film Festival Nijmegen, Netherlands
2024 European Film Festival of Lille, France
2024 Beirut Animation Nights, Lebanon
2024 SACO - LA SEMANA, Spain
2024 Bergamo Film Meeting - Portuguese Animation Program, Italy
2024 Tokyo Anime Award Festival, Japan
2024 Tehran International Animation Festival, Iran (Islamic Republic of)
2024 Cinemagic 'On The Pulse' Short Film Festival , Ireland
2024 Beat & Betterave - Special Screening, Canada
2024 Aguilar del Campo - Special Screening, Spain
2024 Animation Festival - Confama, Colombia
2024 Ànima Jove, Festival Internacional de Curtmetratges d'Animació, Spain
2024 Ladek Mountain Festival - Special Screenings, Poland
2024 International Children Film Festival of Galicia, PEQUE FILMES, Spain
2024 London Short Film Festival, United Kingdom
2024 Gentinettafilm - Affoltern am Albis, Switzerland
2024 Animalusa Mostra de Cinema de Animação Português, Spain
2023 Filmhaus Screening, Germany
2023 Festival dei Lumi, Italy
2023 SIGGRAPH Asia, Japan
2023 El Barrio Latino Children Film Festival, USA
2023 Short Film Festival Sequence, France
2023 Bogoshorts - Bogotá Short Film Festival, Colombia
2023 Olympia International Film Festival for Children & Young People, Greece
2023 FICA - Aguilar del Campo, Spain
2023 This human world - International Human Rights Film Festival, Austria
2023 Festival du Film Court de Saint-Pierre, France
2023 Be Green Film Festival, Italy
2023 International Film Festival Etiuda&Anima, Poland
2023 Madrid Shortfilm Week, Spain
2023 Shorts That Are Not Pants, Canada
2023 Torelló Mountain Film Festival, Spain
2023 Kendal Mountain Festival, United Kingdom
2023 International Children's Film Festival of Ames, Spain
2023 KFFK / Short Film Festival Cologne, Germany
2023 Future Film Festival - Programa Mostra, Italy
2023 Oulun International Children's and Youth FF, Finland
2023 Portuguese Cinema Days in Berlin, Germany
2023 Multimedia Festival BergBuchBrig, Switzerland
2023 EFA - Winterthur, Switzerland
2023 MUFF / Mieres Under-60' Film Festival, Spain
2023 Short Days - Palermo, Italy
2023 Brest European Short Film Festival, France
2023 El Meu Primer Festival, Spain
2023 Ojai Film Festival, USA
2023 Cinemaforum Short Film Festival, Poland

2023 La Toile des Palmistes, France
2023 China and Portuguese Languages Countries Film Festival, Macau
2023 Rome Prisma Film Awards, Italy
2023 Images en vues short film festival, Canada
2023 REX Animation Film Festival, Sweden
2023 ANIMARIO - Programa Animação Portuguesa, Spain
2023 Vicenza e la Montagna, Italy
2023 Lobo Fest - International Film Festival, Brazil
2023 EFA - Uppsala ISFF, Sweden
2023 ReAnimania Yerevan International Animation Film Festival, Armenia
2023 Festival du film d'animation Pour la jeunesse, France
2023 Shnit Internationales Kurzfilmfestival, Switzerland
2023 Festival Internacional de Filmets de Badalona, Spain
2023 Ulsan Ulju Mountain Film Festival, Korea
2023 FEINAKI Beijing animation week - Parkview Green "Animation Month", China
2023 Festival Books and Movies - Casa da Animação, Portugal
2023 Fredrikstad Animation Festival, Norway
2023 CineKid Film Competition, Netherlands
2023 Cinemira- Budapest International Children's Film Festival, Hungary
2023 Festival Internacional de Cine de Animación Plum, Argentina
2023 PRIMANIMA World Festival of First Animations, Hungary
2023 Animage International Film Animation Festival of Pernambuco, Brazil
2023 Bit Bang Fest International Festival, Argentina
2023 Festival Du Premier Court Metrage, France
2023 NatureTrack Film Festival, USA
2023 Belo Horizonte International Short Film Festival, Brazil
2023 Nice Short Film Festival, France
2023 Animatou - International Animation Film Festival, Switzerland
2023 ANIMA - Córdoba International Animation Festival, Argentina
2023 Festival de Cinema Português de Sófia, Bulgaria
2023 Festival of Animation Berlin, Germany
2023 Frames Portuguese Film Festival, Sweden
2023 TRANSILVANIA International Short Film Festival, Romania
2023 Reykjavik International Film Festiva, Iceland
2023 Encounters Bristol International Film Festival, United Kingdom
2023 3D Wire / Weird Festival - International Animation Short Film Festival, Spain
2023 Animasyros - International Animation Festival, Greece
2023 Viborg Animation Festival, Denmark
2023 Annual Rennes International Fantastic Short Film Festival, France
2023 CineMar - 3ª Mostra de Cinema Português de Relação com o Mar, USA
2023 CRAFT International Animation Festival , Indonesia
2023 Aladerri International Film Festival, USA
2023 Desenzano Film Festival, Italy
2023 International Film Festival Message to Man, Russia
2023 Galician Freaky Film Festival, Spain
2023 Tocati international festival of traditional games, Italy
2023 Film in de Buurt- Film in the Neighborhood, Netherlands
2023 Darwin International Film Festival, Australia
2023 KYIV International Short Film Festival, Ukraine
2023 FICBUEU - Festival Internacional de Cortometrajes de Bueu, Spain
2023 Festival Internacional de Curtas de Verin, Spain
2023 Kamianets-Podilskyi International Film Festival "Brukivka", Germany
2023 Ladek Mountain Festival, Poland
2023 Linoleum International Contemporary Animation and Media Art Festival, Ukraine

2023 Animator FEST - European Youth Festival of Animated Film , Serbia
2023 World Festival of Animated Film - Varna, Bulgaria
2023 Cine de las Yungas Film Festival, Argentina
2023 World Festival of Animated Film - Varna (Exibição Monstra), Bulgaria
2023 Fantoche International Animation Film Festival, Switzerland
2023 Alpin Mountain Film Festival Romania, Romania
2023 Shorts Mexico - International Short Film Festival, Mexico
2023 Odense International Film Festival, Denmark
2023 Film Festival della Lessinia, Italy
2023 Festival Silhouette, France
2023 Festival International du Film Nancy-Lorraine, France
2023 Turku Animated Film Festival, Finland
2023 Action! Public Health - 2nd Screenings, Switzerland
2023 9th China-eu Youth Film Festival, China
2023 Montreal Emerging Film Festival, Canada
2023 Courts Circuit 66, France
2023 Animist Tallinn, Estonia
2023 Open Air Cinema - Hommage to Trento Film Festival, Italy
2023 LES PERCÉIDES - Festival international de cinéma et d'art de Percé, Canada
2023 Pluk de Nacht Open Air Film Festival, Netherlands
2023 Bengaluru International Film Festival, India
2023 Countryside Animafest Cyprus, Cyprus
2023 Flipbook Film Festival, Republic of Macedonia
2023 ANIMIX Tel Aviv Festival, Israel
2023 La Guarimba Film Festival, Italy
2023 dotdotdot Open Air Short Film Festival, Austria
2023 FIFAD - International Alpine Film Festival of Les Diablerets, Switzerland
2023 AsterFest, Republic of Macedonia
2023 Cervino Cinemountain, Italy
2023 Summer Film School, Czech Republic
2023 Supertoon - International Animation Festival, Croatia
2023 San Giò – Verona Vídeo Festival, Italy
2023 Filmfest Dresden - Short Film Night, Germany
2023 Indy Shorts International Film Festival, USA
2023 Festival Ibérico de Cinema de Badajoz, Spain
2023 Anibar Animation Festival, Kosovo
2023 SiciliAmbiente Film Festival , Italy
2023 Insomnia International Animation Film Festival, Russia
2023 Cinema Corto Moniga, Italy
2023 Cinema Jove International Film Festival, Spain
2023 ShorTS International Film Festival, Italy
2023 Fest Anca - International Animation Festival, Slovakia
2023 Feinaki Summer Animation Carnival, China
2023 Tel Aviv International Student Film Festival, Israel
2023 Nevada City Film Festival, USA
2023 Animator International Animated Film Festival, Poland
2023 Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia, Japan
2023 Action! Public Health, Switzerland
2023 Art Film Fest - International Film Festival, Slovakia
2023 Mostra São Paulo - Portugal 360, Brazil
2023 Palm Springs International ShortFest, USA
2023 Casole Film Festival, Italy
2023 Huesca International Film Festival, Spain
2023 DeadCenter Film Festival, USA

2023 Festibérico Festival de Cinema Português e Espanhol, Netherlands
2023 The Norwegian Short Film Festival Grimstad, Norway
2023 Hamburg International Short Film Festival, Germany
2023 Animafest - World Festival of Animated Films Zagreb, Croatia
2023 Acid'Animefest , France
2023 CinemAmbiente - Environmental Film Festival, Italy
2023 Framed Animation Festival, Netherlands
2023 Psarokokalo - Athens International Short Film Festival, Greece
2023 Friss Hús Budapest International Short Film Festival, Hungary
2023 Mendocino Film Festival, USA
2023 Kyoto International Children's Film Festival, Japan
2023 Ka? International Short Film Festival, Turkey
2023 EFA - Krakow FF, Poland
2023 Fastnet Film Festival, Ireland
2023 Glasgow Short Film Festival, United Kingdom
2023 Bucharest Short Film Festival, Romania
2023 Rooftop Films Underground Movies Outdoors, USA
2023 Animatricks International Animation Festival , Finland
2023 Maia BD - Festival Internacional de Banda Desenhada, Portugal
2023 Prémios Quirino de Animação Iberoamericana, Spain
2023 Cactus International Children's and Youth Film Festival, Italy
2023 Sprouts Film Festival, Netherlands
2023 Leiria Film Fest, Portugal
2023 IMAXINARIA - Afundación International Animation Film Festival, Spain
2023 International Animation Festival Chilemonos, Chile
2023 Petaluma International Film Festival, USA
2023 Lusophone Film Fest, India
2023 Lusophone Film Fest, Mexico
2023 Pictoplasma Festival, Germany
2023 Anifilm - International Festival of Animated Films Trebon, Czech Republic
2023 Ennesimo Film Festival, Italy
2023 Le Courtivore - Festival du court métrage de Rouen, France
2023 West Chester International Short Film Festival , USA
2023 Trento Film Festival, Italy
2023 Close-Up International Film Festival, Canada
2023 Brussels Short Film Festival, Belgium
2023 BUSAN Short FF, Korea
2023 Internationales Trickfilm Festival of Animated Film Stuttgart, Germany
2023 Young Film Fest, Czech Republic
2023 Buenos Aires Festival Internacional de Cine Independiente, Argentina
2023 Filmfest Dresden - International Short Film Festival, Germany
2023 ICOFF - Internacional Short Film Festival from Euskadi Capital, Spain
2023 RiverRun International Film Festival, USA
2023 International Film Festival of Uruguay, Uruguay
2023 Il Varco Film Festival, Italy
2023 Athens International Film and Video Festival, USA
2023 Psaroloco International Children's & Young People's Film Festivals, Greece
2023 Exibição Comercial - Casa do Cinema de Coimbra, Portugal
2023 Go Short International Short Film Festival Nijmegen, Netherlands
2023 Festival national du film d'animation de Rennes Métropole, France
2023 Festival "Faîtes des courts", France
2023 In The Palace International Short Film Festival, Bulgaria
2023 Dakota Film Festival, USA
2023 Festival Courts de Loire, France

2023 ShortCutz Ovar - sessão #70, Portugal
 2023 OJOLOCO - Latinoamerican Film Festival in Grenoble, France
 2023 Festival international Music & Cinema Marseille, France
 2023 Movies that Matter, Netherlands
 2023 Animation Dingle, Ireland
 2023 Festival Tout Court ! de Gisors, France
 2023 EFA - Cork International Film Festival, Ireland
 2023 REGARD - Saguenay International short film festival, Canada
 2023 La Boite Carrée, France
 2023 International Animation Short Film Festival of Roanne, France
 2023 Akbank Short Film Festival, Turkey
 2023 Festival Ciné-Jeune de l'Aisne, France
 2023 Vilnius Film Festival, Lithuania
 2023 Les Regards de l'ICART, France
 2023 Festival Européen du Court Métrage de Bordeaux, France
 2023 Monstra Lisboa Animated Film Festival, Portugal
 2023 SACO - Semana del Audiovisual Contemporáneo de Oviedo, Spain
 2023 Festival du Film Environnemental , France
 2023 Oscars - Annual Academy Awards, USA
 2023 Bergamo Film Meeting, Italy
 2023 SXSW: South By Southwest Film Festival, USA
 2023 Mostra Ampla, Portugal
 2023 Reencontres du Cinema Européen à Vannes, France
 2023 FEINAKI Beijing animation week, China
 2023 Medina del Campo Film Festival, Spain
 2023 Carrousel international du film de Rimouski - Satalite Screening - Quebec Winter Games , Canada
 2023 Carrousel international du film de Rimouski, Canada
 2023 Festival du Film Court d'Angoulême, France
 2023 KLIKxHAFF (Kaboom Animation Festival), Netherlands
 2023 Academia Portuguesa de Cinema - Gala de Prémios Sophia, Portugal
 2023 Play - Lisbon's International Kids Film Festival, Portugal
 2023 The Annie Awards, USA
 2023 Ler Cinema - Paredes de Coura, Portugal
 2023 ANIMA, Brussels Internacional Animation Film Festival, Belgium
 2023 Commercial Screenings - Cinemundo, Portugal
 2023 JEF festival, Belgium
 2023 Travelling - Rennes Film Festival, France
 2023 Ciné Junior - International Children and Teenagers Film Festival, France
 2023 Short Film Conference, France
 2023 IndieJúnior Allianz Porto, Portugal
 2023 Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, France
 2023 Premiers Plans, Festival d'Angers, France
 2023 PIAFF, Paris International Animation Film Festival, France
 2023 Minimalen Short Film Festival, Norway
 2023 MUSOCeduca, Spain
 2022 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Casa do Cinema de Coimbra, Portugal
 2022 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Planetário do Porto, Portugal
 2022 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Cinema Fernando Lopes, Portugal
 2022 O DIA MAIS CURTO - ESMAD, Portugal
 2022 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Escola Superior de Teatro e Cinema, Portugal
 2022 University of Glasgow screening, United Kingdom
 2022 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Cineclube de Amarante, Portugal
 2022 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Cineclube de Faro, Portugal

2022 O DIA MAIS CURTO - ISMAI, Portugal
2022 Winter Apricot Prilep International Film Festival, Republic of Macedonia
2022 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Cinemalua, Portugal
2022 Portuguese Short Films on CORTO DORICO - Amnesty International Award -
“Short on Rights”, Italy
2022 Passaggi d’Autore - Mediterranean Short Film Festiva, Italy
2022 Festival Porretta Cinema - Corto Dorico Special Program, Italy
2022 International Short Film Festival Leuven, Belgium
2022 Festival Tous Courts - Curtas Vila do Conde Program, France
2022 Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival - Curta Cinema, Brazil
2022 AnimaPIX, Portugal
2022 Commercial Screening - Shorts International, USA
2022 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Um Coletivo, Portugal
2022 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Sessões Escolares, Portugal
2022 Whistler Film Festival, Canada
2022 Festival International du Film de Montagne, France
2022 LIAF - London International Animation Festival, United Kingdom
2022 Poitiers Film Festival, France
2022 Animateka International Animated Film Festival, Slovenia
2022 Cardiff Animation Nights, United Kingdom
2022 Doha Film Experience, Qatar
2022 Anilogue - International Animation Film Festival, Hungary
2022 EFA - European Film Awards, Iceland
2022 Porto/Post/Doc: Film & Media Festival, Portugal
2022 Chilliwack Independent Film Festival, Canada
2022 POFF Shorts - International Short Film and Animation Festival, Estonia
2022 Manchester Animation Festival, United Kingdom
2022 Piccolo Festival of Animazione, Italy
2022 Exground filmfest, Germany
2022 Huelva Latin American Film Festival, Spain
2022 St. Louis International Film Festival, USA
2022 Stockholm International Film Festival, Sweden
2022 Cinanima - International Animated Film Festival of Espinho, Portugal
2022 BendFilm Festival, USA
2022 Animation Summits, USA
2022 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal
2022 Chicago International Children’s Film Festival, USA
2022 New Orleans Film Festival, USA
2022 Alcine - Festival de Cine de Alcalá de Henares/Comunidad de Madrid, Spain
2022 Animanima International Animation Festival, Serbia
2022 Denver Film Festival, USA
2022 Leeds International Film Festival, United Kingdom
2022 Sulmona International Film Festival, Italy
2022 Reggio Film Festival, Italy
2022 Casa da Animação - Prémio Nacional da Animação, Portugal
2022 Curtas on Tour - Cinema Fernando Lopes, Portugal
2022 Triste Para Sempre , Portugal
2022 SPARK Animation Festival, Canada
2022 ACUDkino - Dok Leipzig screening, Germany
2022 Valladolid International Film Festival, Spain
2022 Festival du Film Court en Armagnac, France
2022 Rabat International Author Film Festival, Morocco
2022 International Bosphorus Film Festival, Turkey
2022 Animation is Film Festival, USA

2022 Philadelphia Film Festival, USA
2022 TOHorror Fantastic Film Fest, Italy
2022 International Leipzig Festival for Documentary and Animated Film, Germany
2022 Montpellier International Festival of Mediterranean Film, France
2022 TAIS Animation Showcase, Canada
2022 Chicago International Film Festival, USA
2022 Flanders International Film Festival Ghent, Belgium
2022 VISTACURTA - Festival de Curtas de Viseu, Portugal
2022 CineEco - Festival Internacional de Cinema Ecológico da Serra da Estrela, Portugal
2022 International Short Film Festival of Cyprus, Cyprus
2022 Anim'est International Animation Festival, Romania
2022 Heart of Gold International Short Film Festival, Australia
2022 Festival du Nouveau Cinéma de Montréal, Canada
2022 European Animated Film Festival Balkanima, Serbia
2022 Ajyal Film Festival, Qatar
2022 International Istanbul Film Festival, Turkey
2022 Tirana International Film Festival, Albania
2022 Taichung International Animation Festival, Taiwan
2022 MANIFEST - Mafra Animation Film Festival, Portugal
2022 Calgary International Film Festival, Canada
2022 Ottawa International Animation Festival, Canada
2022 Helsinki International Film Festival, Finland
2022 Extensão Curtas Vila do Conde iFF - Colina das Artes, Portugal
2022 Toronto International Film Festival, Canada
2022 As Noites de Boris - Casa da Animação, Portugal
2022 imaginaria International Animation Film Festival, Italy
2022 Concorso Film Festival, Italy
2022 Hong Kong International Film Festival, Hong Kong
2022 Green River Fest - Motovun Program, Croatia
2022 Melbourne International Film Festival, Australia
2022 Motovun Film Festival, Croatia
2022 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal
2022 Galway Film Fleadh, Ireland
2022 CinéSAR, France
2022 Extension FICGuadalajara - Festival Internacional de Cine en Puerto Vallarta,
Mexico
2022 International Film Festival in Guadalajara, Mexico
2022 International Critic's Week, Cannes Film Festival, France