LES HABITANTS (THE INHABITANTS)

Portugal, France, 2025, DOC, FIC, , Colour, 42'
5.1, 1:1.85

Director: Maureen Fazendeiro
Producer: Filipa Reis, UMA PEDRA NO SAPATO
Producer: Valentina Novati , NORTE PRODUCTIONS
Script: Maureen Fazendeiro, from letters of Valérie Fazendeiro
Editing: Patrícia Saramago
Photography: Robin Fresson
Sound: Jérôme Petit, Clément Maléo, Miguel Martins
Voz Off: Maureen Fazendeiro
Original Language: French
Subtitles: Spanish, English, Portuguese
Synopsis: A commuter town in the suburbs of Paris, with its housing developments inspired by the American model, its rose and vegetable greenhouses, its inhabitants. It's winter and a camp of roma people has settled in town. While the majority of the neighbours are displeased and demand that the newcomers be expelled, a few women are trying to help them inhabit the land they occupy.

| film data |

Maureen Fazendeiro

Maureen Fazendeiro (b. 1989, Créteil - France) is a French filmmaker and scriptwriter based in Lisbon. She studied literature, art and cinema at Denis Diderot University in Paris. Her short films Motu Maeva (FID 2014) and Black Sun (TIFF 2019) were shown at international film festivals, film library and museums. In the past years she has been dividing her time between individual projects and collaborations with Miguel Gomes as casting director and scriptwriter (Grand Tour, Best director Cannes Official Competition 2024). Together they co-directed The Tsugua Diaries (Director's Fortnight 2021). It was released in Portugal, France, USA, Italy, Spain and Brazil. She is currently working on the post-production of a feature film shot in Portugal, The Seasons.

Filmography:

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2019 SOL NEGRO
Portugal, France, 2019, EXP, DCP, Colour/B&W, 7'

2014 **MOTU MAEVA**
42'

Festival Selections

2026 West Lake International Documentary Festival, China
2026 LimaDocs - Festival Internacional de Cine Documental, Peru
2026 Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival, Canada

2026 KINO Athens, Independent Film Festival of Athens, Greece
2026 MICE Festival (International Exhibition of Ethnographic Cinema of Santiago de Compostela), Spain
2026 Play - Lisbon's International Kids Film Festival, Portugal
2025 FIFE - Festival International du Film d'Education, France
2025 Cormorán Film Fest, Spain
2025 Mostra Diálogos em Movimento, Brazil
2025 Valladolid International Film Festival, Spain
2025 Viennale Vienna International Film Festival, Austria
2025 Festa do Cinema Francês, Portugal
2025 Cinespaña Festival du Cinema Espagnol de Toulouse Midi-Pyrénées, France
2025 Festival Silhouette, France
2025 MDOC - Melgaço International Documentary Film Festival, Portugal
2025 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal
2025 Bildrausch - FilmFest Basel, Switzerland
2025 FICUNAM International Film Festival, Mexico
2025 Cinéma du réel | Cinéma Jacques Tati, France
2025 Jeonju International Film Festival, Korea
2025 Cinéma du réel | Circulation, France
2025 Festival du Cinema de Brive, France
2025 New Directors/New Films International Festival, USA
2025 Cinéma du Réel International Film Festival, France

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