RAPACE (BIRD OF PREY)

Portugal, 2006, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 25'
Dolby SR,

Director: João Nicolau
Producer: Sandro Aguilar, Luis Urbano, O SOM E A FÚRIA
Script: João Nicolau
Editing: João Nicolau, Miguel Gomes
Photography: Mário Castanheira
Sound: Miguel Martins
Main Actors: Hugo Leitão, Lia Ferreira, Manuel Mesquita, Márcia Breia
Original Language: Portuguese
Subtitles: Spanish, French, English
Synopsis: After finishing his MA in Anthropology, Hugo spends his days giving his brain a rest from the endless reading of texts by unknown authors. His only company is Luisa, the cleaning lady, with whom he plays cat and mouse. To escape the sleep of reason – which creates monsters -, Hugo exercises his lyrical vein by writing, with his friend Manuel, songs about their neighbourhood. The quiet dilettantism of our protagonist is shaken by Catarina, a young and beautiful translator who's starting her professional life as a freelancer. Hugo is hooked and wavers. High above, a kestrel falcon hovers. It's not the only bird of prey that can do it.

| film data |

João Nicolau

João Nicolau was born in Lisbon, Portugal in 1975. He works as a film director, film editor, actor and musician. Directed the documentary “You Can’s Live with Your Mouth Shut” (1999), and the short films “Bird of Prey” (2006), “Song of Love and Health” (2009), “The Gift of Tears” (2012) and the feature “The Sword and the Rose” (2010). He has never understood (nor will he ever) a thing about the Middle East. He lives in 2010, in Lisbon, Portugal.

Filmography:

2013 GAMBOZINOS
Portugal, France, 2013, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 20'

2012 O DOM DAS LÁGRIMAS
Portugal, 2012, FIC, DCP, Colour, 27'

2009 CANÇÃO DE AMOR E SAÚDE
Portugal, France, 2009, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 30'

2006 RAPACE
Portugal, 2006, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 25'

1999 **CALADO NÃO DÁ**
DOC, 30'

2007 **DA PRISÃO**
FIC

2010 **A ESPADA E A ROSA**
FIC, 137'

2015 **JOHN FROM**
FIC, 100'

Festival Selections

2026 Casa do Cinema Manoel de Oliveira - Sessão Manoel de Oliveira e o Cinema Português, Portugal

2024 MoMA Doc Fortnight - The Ongoing Revolution of Portuguese Cinema, USA

2024 School of Art and Design Lausanne - João Nicolau class, Switzerland

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

2022 Festival de Cans : retrospective of Joao Nicolau, Spain

2021 Bergamo Film Meeting, Italy

2020 Filmoteca Catalunya, Spain

2020 Forum des Images, France
2020 Shortcutz Guimarães - Fevereiro, Portugal
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 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Amadora, Portugal
2019 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Avenida Café-Concerto (Covil), Portugal
2019 Cinambule - Court c'est Court, France
2019 Festival Côté Court - Pantin, France
2019 Hamburg International Short Film Festival, Germany
2019 Festa Cinema Italiano - Spoleto, Italy
2018 Festa Cinema Italiano - Mantova, Italy
2018 Festa Cinema Italiano - Trieste, Italy
2018 Festa Cinema Italiano - Roma, Italy
2018 Des courts l'après-midi, France
2018 444 - Quatro Curtas à Quarta Quarta - Fevereiro, Portugal
2018 Shortcutz Vila Real - Fevereiro, Portugal
2016 SHORT FILM DAY - FNAC Braga Shopping, Portugal
2016 Des courts l'après-midi, France
2016 Festival F, Portugal
2016 Cinema Spoutnik, Switzerland
2015 Mostra de Cinema Português - Cáceres, Portugal
2015 Tibilisi - European Festival, Georgia
2013 Le Magic Cinéma de Bobigny, France
2013 Filmville - UK Portuguese Film Festival, United Kingdom
2013 Mostra Cinema Português - Vigo, Spain
2013 Frames Portuguese Film Fetsival, Sweden
2013 Ciclo de Cinema Português - Galiza, Spain
2013 Milano Film Festival, Italy
2013 Hollywood Brazilian Film Festival, Canada
2013 Filmfest Dresden - International Short Film Festival, Germany
2012 Clube de Cinema da Escola Básica 1,2,3 de Peniche, Portugal
2012 VII Congresso Português de Sociologia, Portugal
2012 Guimarães - Capital Europeia da Cultura, Portugal
2012 Tampere Film Fest, Finland
2011 Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival - Curta Cinema, Brazil
2011 Mostra na Cinemateca de Zagrebe "Cinema Tuskanac", Croatia
2011 Ciclo de Curtas - Helsínquia, Finland
2011 La Casa Encendida, Spain
2011 Espalha Fitas, Portugal
2011 Os Filhos de Lumière, Portugal
2011 Go Short International Short Film Festival Nijmegen, Netherlands
2010 Centro de Língua do Instituto Camões de Goa, India
2010 Mostra - Estocolmo, Sweden
2010 Corona Cork Film Festival, Ireland
2010 Brazilian and Portuguese Film Series, USA
2010 Leitorado do Instituto Camões na Universidade de Georgetown, USA
2010 , Cape Verde
2010 Serralves em Festa, Portugal
2010 Cinema Nun'Álvares, Portugal
2010 Cine Alvalade, Portugal
2010 Early Melons International Student Film Festival, Slovakia
2010 Las Palmas International Film Festival, Spain

2010 Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, France
2009 Belo Horizonte International Short Film Festival, Brazil
2009 Programa Especial Português Curtas Vila do Conde - Faculdade de Arquitectura da Universidade do Porto, Portugal
2009 Retrospectiva Integral Migues Gomes - Centro Galego de Artes da Imaxe, Spain
2009 Retrospective João Nicolau [Cinémas 93], France
2009 Olhares sobre África - Semana de Cinema Português, Algeria
2009 Nice Short Film Festival, France
2009 Buenos Aires Festival Internacional de Cine Independiente, Argentina
2009 Olho: Aberto, France
2008 Degree in Cinema, Video and Multimedia Communication, Lusófona University, Portugal
2008 French Embassy's Cinematheque in Brazil, Brazil
2008 Jazz Klub Rura, Poland
2008 Certamen Audiovisual Internacional (Curtas Vila do Conde IFF Extension), Spain
2008 Ciclo Novos Cineastas Portugueses, Teatro Ribeiragrandense, Portugal
2008 I Mostra de Cinema Português em Paços de Ferreira, Portugal
2008 Viennale - Vienna International Film Festival, Austria
2008 International Short&Animation Film Festival Open Cinema, Russia
2008 International Kinemastik Short Film Festival - Westside Selekt, Malta
2008 Mostra de Cinema Português - Departamento de Português da Universidade de Estudos Estrangeiros de Pequim, Embaixada de Portugal em Pequim, China
2008 NexT International Short and Medium Length Film Festival, Bucharest, Romania
2008 Teatro-Cine Pombal, Portugal
2008 Extensão Curtas Vila do Conde, CM Pombal, Portugal
2008 Stuttgarter Filmwinter - Festival for Expanded Media, Germany
2007 Short Film Festival of Lyon-Villeurbanne, France
2007 Curtocircuito Santiago de Compostela - Festival Internacional de Cortometrajes, Spain
2007 Corona Cork Film Festival, Ireland
2007 Cine Clube de Torres Novas, Portugal
2007 El Mes + Corto - Muestra Audiovisual Luso-Extremeña, Spain
2007 Portuguese Festival Berlin, Germany
2007 Short Shorts Film Festival Mexico, Mexico
2007 Bos'Art Film Festival - INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MEDITERRANEAN CINEMA AND CULTURES OF BOSA (Sardinia), Italy
2007 Belo Horizonte International Short Film Festival, Brazil
2007 Curtas Portuguesas - Semestre da Presidência Portuguesa da União Europeia, Italy
2007 International Fest of Cinema and Technology, USA
2007 Independent Producers' International Film Festival, Romania
2007 Short Mediterranean Film Festival of Tangier, Morocco
2007 Cinema Jove IFF - Festival Internacional de Cine, Spain
2007 Portugal ConVida, Spain
2007 Festival Iberico de Cinema de Badajoz, Spain
2007 FICA - Festival Internacional de Cinema do Algarve, Portugal
2007 Festival de Cinema da Covilhã, Portugal
2007 Outras Histórias - Educação Pela Imagem, Câmara Municipal de Estremoz, Portugal
2007 CINEPORT - Festival de Cinema de Países de Língua Portuguesa, Portugal
2007 Festival du Court Métrage de Bruxelles, Belgium
2007 OLLIN KAN Festival Internacional de las Culturas en Resistencia Tlalpan 2007, Mexico
2007 Jeonju International Film Festival, Korea
2007 Festival 100 Cenas, Festival de Cinema e Multimédia - Câmara Municipal de Castro Verde, Portugal

2007 Nice Short Film Festival, France
2007 Jornadas Cinema Europeu nas cidades de Tunis, Sousse, Kairouan e Jendouba, Tunisia
2007 Cinema Le Rio, France
2007 Mar del Plata International Film Festival INCAA, Argentina
2007 Festival Europeu de Curtmetratges Réus, Spain
2007 Fenêtre sur le court metrage contemporain - La Cinémathèque Française, France
2007 Fantasporto - Oporto International Film Festival, Portugal
2007 Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, France
2007 Paris Tout Court - Festival International du Film Court de Paris, France
2006 Olho Aberto, France
2006 10º Festival Luso-Brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal
2006 Festivals Tribute (IMAGO) - Festival Platforma, Greece
2006 EntreVues - Festival du Film de Belfort, France
2006 Media 10-10 - Festival de Court Metrage de Communauté Française, Belgium
2006 Festival Européen du Film Court de Brest, France
2006 ALCINE - Festival de Cine de Alcalá de Henares/Comunidad de Madrid, Spain
2006 Medfilm Festival, Italy
2006 Kyiv International Film Festival Molodist, Ukraine
2006 Festival Int. Nouveau Cinéma Nouveaux Médias Montréal, Canada
2006 Zagreb Film Festival, Croatia
2006 Festival da União Europeia, Thailand
2006 Imago - Festival Internacional de Cinema e Video, Portugal
2006 Milano Film Festival, Italy
2006 Festival Internacional Curtas Metragens de Vila do Conde, Portugal
2006 Festival de Cannes - Directors' Fortnight, France

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