

## CHINA, CHINA



Portugal, 2007, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 19'

Dolby Digital, 1:1.85

Director: João Pedro Rodrigues, João Rui Guerra da Mata

Producer: João Figueiras, [BLACKMARIA. Produção Audiovisual](#)

Script: João Rui Guerra da Mata

Editing: Rui Mourão

Photography: Rui Poças

Sound: Nuno Carvalho

Original Language: Mandarin, Portuguese

Subtitles: French, English

Synopsis: China walks towards the Martim Moniz district, in Lisbon. When she passes the children scream: "China, China!". China is going to fly. To escape far away at dawn. She just wants to be happy. But China drinks her own poison. She drinks it all. Sometimes the air seems loaded with evil and the purgatory is a kindergarden.

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## João Pedro Rodrigues

João Pedro Rodrigues was born in Lisbon in 1966. After studying biology at Lisbon University he attended the Lisbon Film School, where he obtained his diploma. His public film career began at the 54th Venice Festival in 1997 with the short *PARABÉNS!*, which won the Special Jury Prize. In the same year he made *ESTA É A MINHA CASA* and *VIAGEM À EXPO*, a two-part documentary. In 2000 he directed his first fiction feature, *Phantom*, which was screened in the 57th Venice Festival's Official Competition. In 2005, *ODETE* won several awards including a Cinémas de Recherche Special Mention at the Directors' Fortnight in Cannes. His feature project *TO DIE LIKE A MAN* was selected in 2007 by Cinéfondation for L'Atelier in Cannes and was released in 2009.

### Filmography:

- 2021 [UM QUARTO NA CIDADE](#)  
Portugal, 2021, DOC, DCP, Colour, 5'17"
- 2017 [OÙ EN ÊTES-VOUS, JOÃO PEDRO RODRIGUES ?](#)  
Portugal, France, 2017, DOC, EXP, Betacam SP NTSC, Blu-Ray Disc (BD), DCP, HD, Colour, 21'
- 2014 [IEC LONG](#)  
Portugal, 2014, DOC, EXP, FIC, HD, Colour, 31'28"
- 2013 [O CORPO DE AFONSO](#)  
Portugal, 2013, DOC, FIC, HD, Colour, 32'
- 2013 [MAHJONG](#)  
Portugal, 2013, FIC, HD, Colour, 35'
- 2012 [MANHÃ DE SANTO ANTÓNIO](#)  
Portugal, France, 2012, FIC, HD, Colour, 25'
- 2011 [ALVORADA VERMELHA](#)  
Portugal, 2011, DOC, FIC, HD, Colour, 27'
- 2007 [CHINA, CHINA](#)  
Portugal, 2007, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 19'
- 1997 **PARABÉNS**  
FIC, 35mm, Colour, 14'

- DOC, Betacam, Colour, 50'
- 1998 **ESTÁ SEM A MENHO CASA**  
DOC, Betacam, Colour, 54'
- 1988 **O PASTOR**  
FIC, 35mm, Colour, 17'
- 2000 **O FANTASMA**  
FIC, 35mm, Colour, 90'
- 2005 **ODETE**  
FIC, 35mm, Colour, 98'
- 2009 **MORRER COMO UM HOMEM**  
FIC, Colour, 134'
- 2012 **A ÚLTIMA VEZ QUE VI MACAU**  
FIC, DCP, Colour, 88'



João Rui Guerra da Mata

- shorts CHINA, CHINA (2007) – 39th Directors' Fortnight, Cannes; Best Short Film and Audience Award, Belfort Film Festival and ALVORADA VERMELHA (2011) – Best Portuguese Short Film, IndieLisboa Film Festival; international premiere at Locarno Film Festival. O QUE ARDE CURA (2012) is his debut solo film.
- João Rui Guerra da Mata was born in Lourenço Marques, Mozambique. He taught Film Direction at the Lisbon Film School from 2004 to 2011. In 1997 he co-starred in the short [ARRABENSTUDE](#) by João Pedro Rodrigues, that won the Special Jury Prize at the 54th Cannes Film Festival. As an Art Director, he worked in several features and shorts, notably the ones directed by João Pedro Rodrigues, whose films he produced, scripted, DOC, EXPL, FIC, HD, Colour, 11'28' to co-direction, namely in the
- 2013 [MAHJONG](#)  
Portugal, 2013, FIC, HD, Colour, 35'
- 2012 [O QUE ARDE CURA](#)  
Portugal, 2012, FIC, HD, Colour, 26'
- 2011 [ALVORADA VERMELHA](#)  
Portugal, 2011, DOC, FIC, HD, Colour, 27'
- 2007 [CHINA, CHINA](#)  
Portugal, 2007, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 19'
- 2012 [A ÚLTIMA VEZ QUE VI MACAU](#)  
FIC, 88'

## Festival Selections

- 2025 FilMOTECA Española - Cinemateca Portuguesa Program, Spain
- 2025 Cinemateca - Retrospectiva João Pedro Rodrigues e João Rui Guerra da Mata, Portugal
- 2023 Batalha Centro de Cinema - February, Portugal
- 2022 Film Archive of Toulouse - João Pedro Rodrigues, João Rui Guerra da Mata program, France
- 2020 Shortcutz Leiria - Outubro, Portugal
- 2018 Fictions of the Real in Portuguese Cinema - Dokufest, Portugal
- 2018 NOS Tv Cine, Portugal
- 2017 Cinéma ABC - Switzerland, Switzerland
- 2017 Sicilia Queer International LGBT & New Visions Filmfest, Italy
- 2017 João Pedro Rodrigues - Instituto Moreira Salles, Brazil
- 2017 Cinemateca Portuguesa - Março, Portugal
- 2016 Festival de Cinema Luso-Brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal
- 2016 João Pedro Rodrigues at the Centre Pompidou, France
- 2016 Mostra - L'Institut Franco-Japonais de Yokohama, Japan
- 2016 João Pedro Rodrigues - Tokyo, Japan
- 2015 Taipei Film Festival, Taiwan
- 2015 Tbilisi - European Festival, Georgia
- 2014 Cinemateca Portuguesa em Novembro, Portugal
- 2014 FICH ? International Festival of Chinese, Portuguese and Portuguese speaking, Portugal
- 2013 Sendai Short Film Festival, Japan
- 2013 Film Society of Lincoln Center, USA
- 2013 João Pedro Rodrigues Retrospective - Yamaguchi, Japan
- 2013 Cine Ceará - Festival Ibero-americano de Cinema, Brazil
- 2013 Curtas e Vinho Verde, Portugal
- 2013 Joao Pedro Rodrigues Retrospective - Japan, Japan
- 2013 Macau Literary Festival, Macau
- 2013 Cinema Spoutnik, Switzerland
- 2012 Festival do Rio, Brazil

2012 Clube de Cinema da Escola Básica 1,2,3 de Peniche, Portugal  
 2012 Mostra Cinema Português Contemporâneo - Brasil, Brazil  
 2012 VII Congresso Português de Sociologia, Portugal  
 2012 Jeonju International Film Festival, Korea  
 2011 , Cape Verde  
 2011 Ciclo de Cinema - CCB Fora de Si, Portugal  
 2011 TIFF Bell Lightbox, Canada  
 2011 Mostra na Cinemateca de Zagrebe "Cinema Tuskanac", Croatia  
 2011 Universidade Livre de Bruxelas, Belgium  
 2011 Ciclo de Curtas - Helsínquia, Finland  
 2011 Espalha Fitas, Portugal  
 2011 Go Short International Short Film Festival Nijmegen, Netherlands  
 2010 Centro de Língua do Instituto Camões de Goa, India  
 2010 Corona Cork Film Festival, Ireland  
 2010 Ciclo de Cinema, no Centro de Língua Portuguesa na Universidade de Hamburgo, Germany  
 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  
 2009 Ovarvídeo - Festival de Vídeo de Ovar, Portugal  
 2009 Toronto International Film Festival, Canada  
 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 Fitas Na Rua, Portugal  
 2009 Kaunasoport Exchange Jornadas de Arte e Cultura Contemporânea Portuguesa, Lithuania  
 2009 Nice Short Film Festival, France  
 2009 Olho: Aberto, France  
 2008 Cinema Rialto Amsterdam (Special Programme IndieLisboa), Netherlands  
 2008 Janela Internacional de Cinema in Recife, Brazil  
 2008 Media 10-10, Festival du Court Métrage Namur, Belgium  
 2008 Short Shorts México, Festival Internacional de Cortometrajes de la Ciudad de México, Mexico  
 2008 Ourense International Independent Film Festival, Spain  
 2008 Warsaw Film Festival, Poland  
 2008 Fairecourt, Atelier 142, France  
 2008 International Short&Animation Film Festival Open Cinema, Russia  
 2008 Les Lutins du Court Métrage, France  
 2008 Short Mediterranean Film Festival of Tangier, Morocco  
 2008 Huesca International Film Festival, Spain  
 2008 Adana Golden Boll International Short Film Competition for Mediterranean Countries, Turkey  
 2008 Mostra de Cinema Português - Departamento de Português da Universidade de Estudos Estrangeiros de Pequim, Embaixada de Portugal em Pequim, China  
 2008 Caminhos do Cinema Português XV, Portugal  
 2008 Festival Ibérico de Cinema de Badajoz, Spain  
 2008 Festibérico Spanish and Portuguese Film Festival, Netherlands  
 2008 NexT International Short and Medium Length Film Festival, Bucharest, Romania

2008 Mediterranean Festival of New Film Makers, Larissa, Greece  
2008 European Short Film Festival (FEC Cambrils-Réus), Spain  
2008 Oporto International Film Festival - Fantasporto, Portugal  
2008 Mons International Love Film Festival, Belgium  
2008 Short Film Market - Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival, France  
2008 Stuttgarter Filmwinter - Festival for Expanded Media, Germany  
2007 Cachaça Cinema Clube, Brazil  
2007 Festival de Cinema Luso-Brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal  
2007 International Festival of Documentary and Short Film of Bilbao, Spain  
2007 Entrevues - Festival du Film Belfort, France  
2007 Brest European Short Film Festival, France  
2007 UNLIMITED - Filmfestival for International Shortfilms, Germany  
2007 New Portuguese Cinema (Cinema Arsenal), Germany  
2007 Valladolid International Film Festival, Spain  
2007 Montpellier International Festival of Mediterranean Film, France  
2007 Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival - CURTA CINEMA, Brazil  
2007 Zagreb Film Festival, Croatia  
2007 Olho: Aberto, France  
2007 Festival du Nouveau Cinéma de Montréal, Canada  
2007 Fenêtre sur le court metrage contemporain - La Cinémathèque Française, France  
2007 IMAGO – International Young Film Festival, Portugal  
2007 Portuguese Festival Berlin, Germany  
2007 Tinklai International Short Film Festival, Lithuania  
2007 São Paulo International Short Film Festival, Brazil  
2007 Curtas Vila do Conde IFF, Portugal