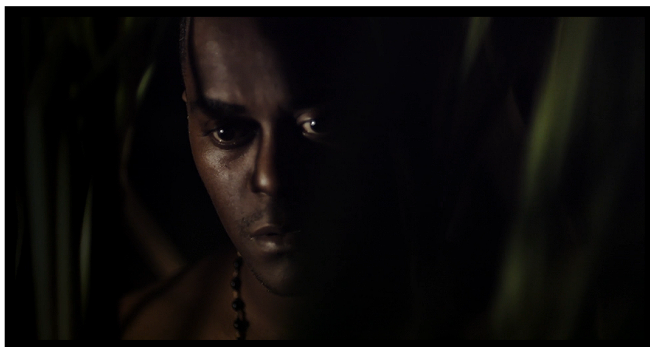


ALTAS CIDADES DE OSSADAS (HIGH CITIES OF BONE)



Portugal, 2017, DOC, FIC, DCP, Colour, 19'
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Director: João Salaviza

Producer: Pedro Pinho, [TERRATREME FILMES](#)

Script: Renée Nader Messoro, Carlos Furtado Gomes "Karlton", João Salaviza

Editing: Edgar Feldman, João Salaviza

Photography: Vasco Viana

Sound: Rafael Cardoso

Music: Karlton

Main Actors: Karlton

Subtitles: Spanish, French, English, Portuguese

Synopsis: Karlton, born in Pedreira dos Húngaros (a slum in the outskirts of Lisbon) and a pioneer of Cape Verdean creole rap, runs away from the housing project to which he had been relocated. Nights of vigil are spent under a sweltering tropical heat. Among the sugarcane fields, a whisper is heard. Karlton hasn't stopped singing. "High Cities of Bone" is a probing and imaginative exploration of Karlton's memories, the institutional siege, and the submerged stories from a dark time.

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João Salaviza

Lisbon, 1984. Graduated from The National Film and Theater Academy (ESTC) in Portugal, and Universidad del Cine - Buenos Aires.

His feature debut *MOUNTAIN* (2015) had its world premiere at the Venice Film Festival - Critics Week and through many other festivals (Rotterdam, San Sebastian, Buenos Aires, S. Paulo, Munich, Angers, Kerala or Montpellier where it won the prize for Best Film), before its commercial release in Portugal and France.

João Salaviza directed a trilogy of internationally award-winning short films: *RAFA* (Golden Bear at Berlinale'12 and Ingmar Bergman Award at Uppsala); *ARENA* (Palme d'Or at Cannes'09); and *CERRO NEGRO* (premiere at Rotterdam).

His films were selected for the most important festivals, and also presented in places as Centre Pompidou, La Biennale di Venezia of Architecture, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Barbican Centre, Malba Buenos Aires, Fundação Gulbenkian, Casa de America Madrid, Belgrade Museum of Contemporary Art and Artium Basque Museum of Contemporary Art.

João Salaviza also directed the experimental short films as *STROKKUR* (FID Marseille, Belfort, Gijón, Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin/Madrid); *HOUSE AT COMPORTA* commissioned for the Portuguese architecture national exhibition at the Venice Biennale 2010; *HOTEL MÜLLER* on the work of Pina Bausch.

The short film *HIGH CITIES OF BONE* is his most recent work, with its World Premiere at Berlinale'17.

CHUVA É CANTORIA NA ALDEIA DOS MORTOS, co-directed with Renée Nader Messoria, have its premiere due in 2018.

Filmography:

- 2018 [RUSSA](#)
Portugal, Brazil, 2018, DOC, FIC, Blu-Ray Disc (BD), DCP, HD, Colour, 19'57"
- 2017 [ALTAS CIDADES DE OSSADAS](#)
Portugal, 2017, DOC, FIC, DCP, Colour, 19'
- 2011 [STROKKUR](#)
Portugal, 2011, DOC, EXP, HD, B&W, 7'16"
- 2004 **DUAS PESSOAS**
Portugal, 2004, FIC, 16mm, Colour, 9'

- 2015 **MONTANHA**
FIC, 90'
- 2012 **RAFA**
FIC, 20'
- 2012 **CERRO NEGRO**
FIC, 22'
- 2011 **CASA NA COMPORTA**
FIC, 20'
- 2010 **HOTEL MULLER**
DOC
- 2009 **ARENA**
FIC, 15'
- 2008 **CÃES DE CAÇA**
- 2004 **DUAS PESSOAS**
FIC, 9'

Festival Selections

- 2026 Regards Satellites Film Festival, France
- 2025 Interfilm, Internationales Kurzfilmfestival Berlin, Germany
- 2025 Festival de Cinema em Cerveira, Portugal
- 2024 Mostra Vida Justa, Portugal
- 2023 Festival Zones Portuaires // Saint Nazaire, France
- 2023 (A)mostra de cinema português - Estremoz, Portugal
- 2023 Projecto Royal Cine, Portugal
- 2022 Mostra de Cinema Negro de Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 2021 VAIVEM - Argentina - FOCO TERRATREME, Argentina
- 2020 A casa e mais além - Fundação José Saramago, Portugal
- 2020 Slow Short FF - Mini Online Festival, United Kingdom
- 2020 Stuttgarter Filmwinter - Festival for Expanded Media, Germany
- 2019 Ciclo de Cinema - Cidades e Culturas Urbanas, Portugal
- 2019 Agência 20 anos - DocLisboa, Portugal
- 2019 Festival Latino-americano de Curtas Metragens Cortópolis, Argentina
- 2019 Family Film Project, Portugal
- 2019 Bilbao Arte, Spain
- 2019 Hypnos Theatre, Sweden
- 2019 Festival Primavera do Cine, Spain
- 2019 Medeia Monumental - João Salaviza, Portugal
- 2019 Special Session Terratreme, Portugal
- 2018 Mostra de Cinema Português na Feira Internacional do Livro de Guadalajara,
Mexico
- 2018 FIKE International Short Film Festival, Portugal
- 2018 Zagreb Film Festival, Croatia
- 2018 Extensão Doclisboa - Macau, Macau
- 2018 YMOTION - Concurso e Mostra de Cinema Jovem de Famalicão, Portugal
- 2018 Festival de Cine La Orquídea , Ecuador
- 2018 Spanish Cinematheque - Zinebi, Spain
- 2018 Slow Short Film Festival, United Kingdom
- 2018 Tabor Film Festival, Croatia
- 2018 Kino Otok Izola Cinema International Film Festival, Slovenia
- 2018 Festival de Cine y Televisión Reino de León, Spain
- 2018 Festival Internacional de Cine Independiente de Cosquín Festival Internacional de
Cine Independiente de Cosquin, Argentina

2018 Mostra - Sesc Palladium, Brazil
2018 CES - Centro de Estudos Sociais, Portugal
2018 CórteX - Festival de Curtas Metragens de Sintra, Portugal
2018 Festival de Cinema Luso-Brasileiro de Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal
2018 Academia Portuguesa de Cinema - Gala de Prémios Sophia, Portugal
2018 Akbank Short Film Festival, Turkey
2018 Festival Les Inattendus, France
2017 FICA - Aguilar del Campo, Spain
2017 Berlinale Spotlight: India, India
2017 Festival Internacional de Curtas de Verin, Spain
2017 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal
2017 Ekadeshma International Short Film Festival, Nepal
2017 International Festival of Documentary and Short Films of Bilbao, Spain
2017 International Film Festival Bratislava, Slovakia
2017 PANORAMA Internacional Coisa de Cinema, Brazil
2017 Uppsala International Short Film Festival, Sweden
2017 DocLisboa - Lisbon International Documentary Film Festival, Portugal
2017 Berlinale Spotlight: Hong Kong, Hong Kong
2017 Berlinale Spotlight: Shanghai, China
2017 Curt'Arruda - Festival de Cinema de Arruda dos Vinhos, Portugal
2017 Berlinale Spotlight: Macau, Macau
2017 CineEco - Festival Internacional de Cinema Ecológico da Serra da Estrela, Portugal
2017 International Independent Film Festival of La Plata, Argentina
2017 Chicago International Film Festival, USA
2017 KUGOMA - Forum de Cinema, Mozambique
2017 Há Filmes na Baixa! - Setembro, Portugal
2017 BALINALE - Bali International Film Festival, Indonesia
2017 Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival, United Kingdom
2017 Berlinale Spotlight: Iraq, Iraq
2017 ARKIPEL Documentary and Experimental Film Festival, Indonesia
2017 Belo Horizonte International Short Film Festival, Brazil
2017 Guanajuato International Film Festival Expresión en Corto, Mexico
2017 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal
2017 LIMA Independiente Festival Internacional de Cine, Peru
2017 NexT International Film Festival, Romania
2017 BUSAN International Film Festival, Korea
2017 Belgrade Documentary and Short Film Festival, Serbia
2017 Tampere Film Fest, Finland
2017 Berlinale - Berlin International Film Festival, Germany