

## RUBY



Portugal, 2019, FIC, DCP, Colour, 25'  
5.1, 16:9

Director: Mariana Gaivão

Producer: Pedro Duarte, [Primeira Idade](#)

Producer: Alexander Gerner

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Script: Mariana Gaivão

Editing: Mariana Gaivão

Photography: João Ribeiro

Sound: Rafael Cardoso

Main Actors: Ruby Taylor, Millie Romer

Original Language: English, Portuguese

Subtitles: Spanish, English, Portuguese

Synopsis: The chorus of dawn descends the burned mountain, echoing in the shale walls of a Portuguese village. Ruby awakens and stands in the half light. Outside, her dog Frankie has run away. Daughter of two worlds, the one that the English parents left behind and the Portuguese land of her upbringing that still calls her a foreigner, Ruby moves between the borders of both, without belonging to either. Her best friend, Millie, will be returning to England; the end of their childhood meets the end of a warm summer day.

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## Mariana Gaivão

Born in Lisbon, she studied Photography at Ar.Co and Directing at the National Conservatorium of Lisbon. She began her career as a film editor, having collaborated in films screened and awarded worldwide, in the festivals such as Cannes, Berlin, Venice and Locarno, among others. Her first short film, SOLO, was awarded the Best Short Film Award at the Montreal Film Festival, among others, after which she is selected for the Berlinale Talents as an emerging talent in Directing. She then directs "First Light", a carte blanche commissioned by the 42nd Du Nouveau Cinéma Festival, and, most recently, her new short film "RUBY", which was awarded "Best Director" at Vila do Conde and premiered in the Official Selection at the International Film Festival Rotterdam 2020.

Her first documentary, a German-Portuguese co-production, is currently in its shooting stage.

Alongside this, she was also a programmer at Queer Lisboa - Queer International Film Festival, has taught Directing at ETIC - School of Innovation and Creation Technologies, and is a collaborator of the research line "A Philosophy of Human Technology", at the Center of Philosophy of Science of the University of Lisbon.

### Filmography:

- 2019 [RUBY](#)  
Portugal, 2019, FIC, DCP, Colour, 25'
- 2012 [SOLO](#)  
Portugal, 2012, FIC, HD, Colour, 21'

## Festival Selections

- 2025 Caldas Film Fest - Warm Up, Portugal
- 2025 Waking Life Festival, Portugal
- 2025 Shortcutz Lisboa - Fevereiro, Portugal
- 2024 Cineclub de Pombal - Novembro, Portugal
- 2023 De Week van Drift, Netherlands
- 2023 EPA CINE Festival, Argentina
- 2022 Planos Film Fest - Festival internacional de curtas-metragens de Tomar, Portugal

2022 Porto/Post/Doc: Film & Media Festival, Portugal  
2022 Extensão Curtas Vila do Conde iFF - Colina das Artes, Portugal  
2022 1ª viagem da Veredas, Portugal  
2022 Há Filmes na Baixa! - Curtas Vila do Conde IFF, Portugal  
2022 Les 7 Parnassiens - Trois Réalisatrices Portugaises, France  
2022 Female Portuguese Directors in Fundación Tres Culturas, Spain  
2022 Como se viu e como se vê - (A)mostra de cinema português, Portugal  
2021 Frames Portuguese Film Festival, Sweden  
2021 Imagens do Real Imaginado, Portugal  
2021 DokumentART - European Film Festival, Germany  
2021 DocNomads - Portuguese Cinema, Culture and Identity, Portugal  
2021 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Festival Internacional de Cine, Spain  
2021 Mecal - International Short Film Festival of Barcelona, Spain  
2020 Festival Tous Courts, Rencontres Cinématographiques d'Aix-en-Provence, France  
2020 Kassel Documentary Film and Video Festival, Germany  
2020 International Festival of Documentary and Short Films of Bilbao, Spain  
2020 Medfilm Festival, Italy  
2020 Shortcutz Guimarães - Outubro, Portugal  
2020 VISTACURTA - Festival de Curtas de Viseu, Portugal  
2020 CineEco - Festival Internacional de Cinema Ecológico da Serra da Estrela, Portugal  
2020 Porto Femme - Festival Internacional de Cinema, Portugal  
2020 Filmfest Dresden - International Short Film Festival, Germany  
2020 Burgas International Film Festival, Bulgaria  
2020 Palm Springs International ShortFest, USA  
2020 Psarokokalo - Athens International Short Film Festival, Greece  
2020 Internacional Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands  
2019 O DIA MAIS CURTO - Cinemateca Portuguesa, Portugal  
2019 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal  
2019 Agência 20 anos - Caminhos, Portugal  
2019 Festival du Nouveau Cinéma de Montréal, Canada  
2019 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal