

MADRUGADA (DAWN)



Portugal, 2021, DOC, FIC, DCP, Colour, 28'

Dolby Digital, 16:9

Director: Leonor Noivo

Producer: João Matos, Leonor Noivo, Luísa Homem, Pedro Pinho, Tiago Hespanha, Susana Nobre, [TERRATREME FILMES](#)

Script: Leonor Noivo

Editing: Mariana Gaivão, Raul Domingues, Leonor Noivo

Photography: Vasco Viana

Sound: Olivier Blanc, Rafael Cardoso, Nuno Carvalho

Music: Zélia Barbosa

Main Actors: Isabel Costa, Alexandra Espiridião, Ana Teresa Magalhães, Lilia Trajano

Original Language: Portuguese

Subtitles: Spanish, English

Synopsis: Maria starts to show signs of wanting to belong somewhere else: scales appear on her skin, roots appear on her legs, and she hears the sound of water - she dreams of being a fish. One day her daughter comes across her disappearance and reconstructs, through the memory of her gestures and meetings with her mother, a possible explanation for her escape.

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Leonor Noivo

Leonor Noivo studied Architecture and Photography before joining Lisbon's Film School, where she specialized on Editing and Directing in 2004. She attended the Ateliers Varan Documentary Filmmaking course in 2006 at the Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon. Since then she works as script-supervisor, scriptwriter and assistant director in documentaries and fiction films and collaborated with several directors (such as João Pedro Rodrigues, João Salaviza, João Nicolau, Marília Rocha, Pedro Pinho, Tiago Hespanha, João Vladimiro, João Botelho, Carlos Conceição, Inês Oliveira, Filipa Reis and João Miller, among others). She collaborated with several creators in the performance area, creating contents and video installations, as well as Film-Project workshops in ArCo's, ESMAD's and ESAD's Cinema Courses. She is co-founder of the production company TERRATREME Filmes, a platform of filmmakers created in 2008, where she has developed, alongside her films, the work as a producer in coordination and monitoring of fiction and documentary projects

Filmography:

- 2021 [MADRUGADA](#)
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- 2017 [TUDO O QUE IMAGINO](#)
Portugal, 2017, DOC, FIC, Blu-Ray Disc (BD), DCP, HD, Colour, 30'
- 2016 [SETEMBRO](#)
Portugal, Bulgaria, 2016, FIC, DCP, Colour, 33'
- 2005 [SALITRE](#)
Portugal, 2005, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 12'30"
- 1998 **LUCIDEZ DE LÚCIA**
FIC, 16mm, Colour, 6'
- 2000 **O QUE RESTA**
FIC, Betacam, Colour, 13'
- 2001 **MACAU APARTE**
DOC, 35mm, Colour, 35'
- 2002 **ESQUARTEJAMENTO**
FIC, Betacam, Colour, 50'
- 2004 **INSIDE OUT**
DOC, Betacam, Colour, 14'

- 2005 **EXCURSÃO**
DOC, Betacam, Colour, 25'
- 2005 **MOULD**
Fic, 13'
- 2006 **ASSEMBLEIA**
DOC, Betacam, Colour, 27'
- 2006 **ENTRE NÓS**
FIC
- 2006 **AIRPORT**
Video-Instalation, 3'
- 2009 **LATTER DAY SAINTS**
Doc, 52'
- 2009 **ESCOLA BÁSICA 26**
Doc, 50'
- 2012 **THE CITY AND THE SUN**
Fic,18'
- 2012 **OTHER LETTERS OR THE INVENTED LOVE**
Doc, 56'

Festival Selections

- 2026 VAIVEM - Semana de Cine Português, Ecuador
- 2024 Cineclube Ubatumirim, Brazil
- 2024 Programa Estraperla - Casa do Comum , Portugal
- 2024 Cultura no Muro - Maio, Portugal
- 2023 Tramway Film Festival , Poland
- 2023 EFA - Cork International Film Festival, Ireland
- 2023 Ciclo de Cinema "Sétima Verde", Portugal
- 2023 Berlin Critics' Week, Germany
- 2022 BogoShorts - Bogotá Short Film Festival, Colombia
- 2022 Festival Tous Courts - Curtas Vila do Conde Program, France
- 2022 Festival 3in1 Film Fest, Portugal
- 2022 Olhares do Mediterrâneo - Cinema no Feminino, Portugal
- 2022 Kassel Documentary Film and Video Festival, Germany
- 2022 Exground filmfest, Germany
- 2022 Entre Olhares - Mostra de Cinema Português, Portugal
- 2022 Triste Para Sempre , Portugal
- 2022 She Makes Noise, Spain
- 2022 Family Film Project, Portugal
- 2022 Women Make Waves int'l Film Festival, Taiwan
- 2022 Film Festival Rotterdam - Physical Screening, Netherlands
- 2022 CineEco - Festival Internacional de Cinema Ecológico da Serra da Estrela, Portugal
- 2022 Curt'Arruda - Festival de Cinema de Arruda dos Vinhos, Portugal
- 2022 Imagens no Tejo - 3a Mostra de Cinema Português, Portugal
- 2022 Extensão Curtas Vila do Conde iFF - Colina das Artes, Portugal
- 2022 Busho Film Festival - Curtas IFF program, Hungary
- 2022 Festival Silhouette, France
- 2022 SPIFF - Saint-Petersburg International Film Festival, Russia
- 2022 Concerto Film Festival, Italy
- 2022 Festival Internacional Biobiocine, Chile
- 2022 Not So Happy Film Festival, Sweden
- 2022 Bašta Fest, Serbia
- 2022 Psarokokalo - Athens International Short Film Festival, Greece
- 2022 Olhar de Cinema - Curitiba International Film Festival, Brazil

2022 Hamburg International Short Film Festival, Germany
2022 MediaWave International Film and Music Gathering, Hungary
2022 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Festival Internacional de Cine, Spain
2022 Extensão Porto Femme - Chle, Chile
2022 Vilnius Film Festival, Lithuania
2022 Mostra Ampla - Terror, Portugal
2022 Lisbon Drawing Club, Portugal
2022 Industries Internacional Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands
2022 Formação de cinema em película "A Nebulosa", Portugal
2021 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal
2021 VISTACURTA - Festival de Curtas de Viseu, Portugal
2021 Porto Femme - Festival Internacional de Cinema, Portugal
2021 Programa de Cinema iniciativa CDU de São Vicente, Portugal
2021 Competição Nacional Curtas Vila do Conde - Cinema Trindade, Portugal
2021 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal
2021 Competição Nacional Curtas Vila do Conde - Cinema Ideal, Portugal

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