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Portugal, Switzerland, 2023, FIC, HD, Colour, 24'44"

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Director: Basil da Cunha

Producer: [Batalha Centro de Cinema](#)

Producer: [ARQUIPÉLAGO FILMES](#)

Script: Basil da Cunha

Editing: Basil da Cunha

Photography: Vasco Viana

Sound: Rafael Cardoso

Main Actors: Jason Varela, Camila Diniz

Original Language: Criole, Portuguese

Subtitles: Germany, Spanish, French, English, Italian, Portuguese

Synopsis: A clandestine neighbourhood in Lisbon wakes up to the news of a violent police raid, which took place the night before. Camila, a 7-year-old girl, goes to search of her brother. She's worried. Her brother is missing. At the same time, Jysone is in a hurry: after 6 years in jail and 5 weeks free, Jysone has finally found work and knows he can't be late. He is looking for someone who can give him a ride as he walks through the alleys of the neighbourhood, where he comes across friends and acquaintances, which delay him even more. The fate of our two protagonists will end up intersecting in the worst possible way.

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## Basil da Cunha

Swiss director of Portuguese origin, Basil da Cunha was born in 1985. Alongside his studies in political science and sociology, he made several self-produced short films before co-founding Thera Production. In 2009, he began his film training at the Head University in Geneva.

In his first year, Basil made the film “A Côté”, which was nominated for the Prix du Cinéma Suisse 2010 and awarded the Best National Film Award at Curtas Vila do Conde 2010. At the end of 2010, he filmed “Sunfish” in Lisbon. This film was presented at the Quinzaine des Réalistes (Cannes) in 2011. In 2012, he directed “Os Vivos Também Choram” and was selected, for the second consecutive year, at the Quinzaine des Réalistes at Cannes. Encouraged by the special mention of the Quinzaine des Réalistes jury and numerous international awards, he made his first feature film “After the Night”, with its world premiere at the Quinzaine des Réalistes, in 2013. The film was also shown at the São Paulo Film Festival and at the Locarno Festival.

Basil gave a first workshop in the Film Department, Haute École D’art et de Design – Geneva (HEAD), before joining the team in 2013 on a permanent basis.

In 2014, Basil da Cunha directed “Nuvem Negra”, an experimental film within the framework of the Biennale of the Moving Image (Geneva). His most recent feature film, “The End of the World”, had its world premiere in Locarno and was screened at other prestigious festivals, such as Busan, Milan and São Paulo. It was awarded at Les Arcs and Valladolid before winning Best Cinematography at the Prix du Cinéma Suisse in 2020.

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2023 [N2WEM](#)

Portugal, Switzerland, 2011, FIC, 35mm, HD, Colour, 30'

2019 **THE END OF THE WORLD**

2013 **AFTER THE NIGHT**

2012 **OS VIVOS TAMBÉM CHORAM**  
FIC, Cor, 30'

2009 **A CÔTÉ**

2008 **LA LOI DU TAILON**

2007 **LE MUR**

### Festival Selections

2026 Vilnius International Short Film Festival, Lithuania

2025 Interfilm, Internationales Kurzfilmfestival Berlin, Germany

2025 Tramway Film Festival , Poland

2025 Astra Film Festival, Romania

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Vienna), Austria

2025 Festival de Setembro - Ourém, Portugal

2025 (Camões) Busho Film Festival, Hungary

2025 Base-Court program - Lausanne, Switzerland

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Jalisco), Mexico

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Madrid), Spain

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Alcamo), Italy

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Bagheria), Italy

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Palermo), Italy

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Fiorano  
Modenese), Italy

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Monopoli), Italy

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Toluca), Mexico

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Estado de  
México), Mexico

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Guadalajara),  
Mexico

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Sonora), Mexico

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Tijuana), Mexico

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Baja California),  
Mexico

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Ciudad de  
México), Mexico

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Luxembourg),  
Luxembourg

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Paris), France

2025 French Academy Of Cinema (Les César) - Les Nuits en Or Event (Lisbon), Portugal

2025 Parish Jersey International Film Festival, Channel Island

2025 ShortCutz Ovar - Janeiro, Portugal

2024 Sessão IPDJ Faro, Portugal

2024 S16 Film Festival, Nigeria

2024 Macau International Short Film Festival, Macau

2024 Festival Tous Courts, Rencontres Cinématographiques d'Aix-en-Provence, France  
 2024 Passaggi d'Autore - Mediterranean Short Film Festival, Italy  
 2024 ISFF Leuven - Focus on Portugal, Belgium  
 2024 ShortCutz Ovar - Novembro, Portugal  
 2024 Porto/Post/Doc: Film & Media Festival, Portugal  
 2024 Miradas Medellín, Colombia  
 2024 Cinema Insuflável - Novembro Jardins Bombarda, Portugal  
 2024 International Cinematographers Film Festival - Ostrava Kamera Oko, Czech Republic  
 2024 Tangier Film Festival, Morocco  
 2024 OKO International Ethnographic Film Festival, Bulgaria  
 2024 Lobo Fest - International Film Festival, Brazil  
 2024 Short film night Burghausen, Germany  
 2024 Agência Screening - Festival Internacional de Jóvenes Realizadores de Granada, Spain  
 2024 IndieCork Film Festival, Ireland  
 2024 Kutaisi International Short Film Festival, Georgia  
 2024 Bolton International Film Festival, United Kingdom  
 2024 Altitude Film Festival, Portugal  
 2024 Kino Kosova Film Festival in Bern, Switzerland  
 2024 OKO International Ethnographic Film Festival, Ukraine  
 2024 Festival Internacional de Curtas de Verin, Spain  
 2024 FICBUEU - Festival Internacional de Cortometrajes de Bueu, Spain  
 2024 CineAvante'24, Portugal  
 2024 ELBE DOCK Festival, Czech Republic  
 2024 Interaction: Short Docs Festival, Serbia  
 2024 Concorso Film Festival, Italy  
 2024 DRIM Short Film Festival, North Macedonia  
 2024 Solarkino, Switzerland  
 2024 Festival Ibérico de Cinema de Badajoz, Spain  
 2024 Tabor Film Festival, Croatia  
 2024 Psarokokalo - Athens International Short Film Festival, Greece  
 2024 Cinema Jove Festival Internacional de Cine - Curt Creixent, Spain  
 2024 Art Film Fest - International Film Festival, Slovakia  
 2024 Vienna Short Festival, Austria  
 2024 BELDOCS - International Documentary Film Festival, Serbia  
 2024 Le Cri du court, France  
 2024 Encontros de Cinema de Viana - Olhares Frontais, Portugal  
 2024 2º Forum dos Portugueses de Suíça - Comemoração do 50º aniversário do 25 Abril 1974, Switzerland  
 2024 Brussels Short Film Festival, Belgium  
 2024 BUSAN Short FF, Korea  
 2024 ICOFF - International Short Film Festival from Euskadi Capital, Spain  
 2024 Go Short International Short Film Festival Nijmegen, Netherlands  
 2024 Glasgow Short Film Festival, United Kingdom  
 2024 Academia Portuguesa de Cinema - Gala de Prémios Sophia, Portugal  
 2024 Winterthur - Kurzfilmnacht "Nuit du Court Métrage" Tour, Switzerland  
 2024 Close-Up International Film Festival, Canada  
 2024 Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, France  
 2024 Journées de Soleure, Switzerland  
 2024 Vilnius International Short Film Festival, Lithuania  
 2024 Caminhos do Cinema Português - Best of (Janeiro), Portugal  
 2023 Há Filmes na Baixa! - Porto/Post/Doc, Portugal  
 2023 International Short Film Festival Leuven, Belgium

2023 Festival Cinéma Jeune Public, Switzerland  
2023 Porto/Post/Doc: Film & Media Festival, Portugal  
2023 Gijón International Film Festival, Spain  
2023 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal  
2023 International Short Film Festival Winterthur, Switzerland  
2023 Entre Olhares - Mostra de Cinema Português, Portugal  
2023 Extensão Curtas Vila do Conde - Cinema Ideal, Portugal  
2023 MDOC - Melgaço International Documentary Film Festival, Portugal  
2023 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal  
2023 International Kurzfilmtage Oberhausen, Germany  
2023 Visions du Réel - Festival International de Cinema, Switzerland

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