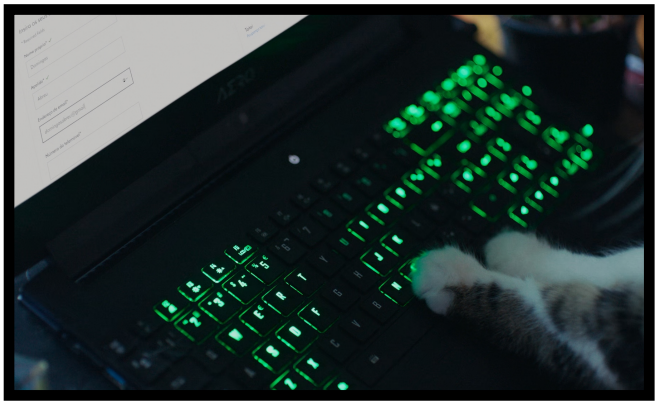
A HORA DA ESTRELA (THE HOUR OF THE STAR)



Portugal, 2026, FIC, DCP, Colour, 20'
Dolby Digital, 3:2

Director: Rita Barbosa
Producer: Rita Barbosa
Co-Producer: Luis Urbano, Sandro Aguilar, O SOM E A FÚRIA
Script: Rita Barbosa
Editing: Jorge Jácome
Sound: Luís Silveira, Bernardo Bento, Vasco Carvalho
Music: Rui Lima, Sérgio Martins
Main Actors: June João
Original Language: Portuguese
Subtitles: English
Synopsis: After a clumsy post for a haircare brand, João, an aspiring influencer stuck in a precarious, sedentary routine, loses herself in a surreal dimension.

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Rita Barbosa

Rita Barbosa (b. 1979, Porto, Portugal) is a filmmaker and visual artist. She holds a degree in Digital Arts from the Sound and Image programme at the Portuguese Catholic University (UCP) (2002). Her practice focuses on the moving image, working across film, video, theatre and performance through collaborative processes involving creation, writing and visual conception. She has worked as a commercial director since 2006.

Her work explores the relationships between text, actors, image and sound, continuously searching for new forms of storytelling and expanded approaches to character psychology. Selected works include Bertie (2024), a VR video game premiered as part of the 92nd anniversary programme of Teatro Municipal Rivoli; 2nd person (2.ª pessoa, 2022), an award-winning short film screened at international festivals including Vienna Shorts, Glasgow Short Film Festival and Kurzfilmtage Winterthur; Jogos de Enganos (2022), a television film produced for RTP; Imaginary Friends (Amigos Imaginários, 2019), a film-performance presented at Noorderzon Performing Arts Festival, PT.21, Teatro Rivoli and CCB, among other venues; and Friends After Dark (À Noite Fazem-se Amigos, 2016), which premiered at the Locarno Film Festival.

Filmography:

2026 A Hora Da Estrela
Portugal, 2026, FIC, DCP, Colour, 20'

2022 2ª PESSOA
Portugal, 2022, FIC, H.264, Colour, 16'

2016 À NOITE FAZEM-SE AMIGOS
Portugal, 2016, FIC, DCP, Colour, 24'

Festival Selections

2026 Caminhos do Cinema Português, Portugal
2026 Queer Lisboa, Portugal
2026 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal

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