



O QUE ARDE CURA (*AS THE FLAMES ROSE*)



Portugal, 2012, FIC, HD, Colour, 26'

Stereo, 4:3

Director: **João Rui Guerra da Mata**

Producer: João Figueiras, **BLACKMARIA, Produção Audiovisual**

Script: João Rui Guerra da Mata

Photography: Rui Poças

Editing: Mariana Gaivão

Sound: Nuno Carvalho

Main Actors: João Pedro Rodrigues

Original Idiom: Portuguese

Subtitles: French, English

Synopsis: *At dawn on August 25th, 1988, Portugal wakes up with the largest fire ever since the Great Earthquake of 1755.*

In Lisbon, Chiado district burns. Across the city, away from the smoke and fire, Francisco receives an unexpected phone call and flames from the past burst through his bedroom, suffocating his life.



João Rui Guerra da Mata

João Rui Guerra da Mata was born in Lourenço Marques, Mozambique. He taught Art Direction at the Lisbon Film School from 2004 to 2011. In 1997 he co-starred in the short *PARABÉNS!*, directed by João Pedro Rodrigues, that won the Special Jury Mention at the 54th Mostra di Venezia. As an Art Director, he worked in several features and shorts, notably the ones directed by João Pedro Rodrigues, whose films he also co-scripted. This collaboration lately evolved to co-direction, namely in the shorts *CHINA, CHINA* (2007) – 39th Directors' Fortnight, Cannes; Best Short Film and Audience Award, Belfort Film Festival and *ALVORADA VERMELHA* (2011) – Best Portuguese Short Film, IndieLisboa Film Festival; international premiere at Locarno Film Festival. *O QUE ARDE CURA* (2012) is his debut solo film.

Filmography:

- 2012 **O QUE ARDE CURA (AS THE FLAMES ROSE)**
Portugal, 2012, FIC, HD, Colour, 26'
- 2011 **ALVORADA VERMELHA (RED DAWN)**
Portugal, 2011, DOC-FIC, HD, Colour, 27'
- 2007 **CHINA, CHINA**
Portugal, 2007, FIC, 35mm, Colour, 19'

Festival Selections

- 2012 IndieLisboa - Festival Internacional de Cinema Independente, Portugal
- 2012 Curtas Vila do Conde International Film Festival, Portugal
- 2012 Locarno International Film Festival, Switzerland
Pardi di Domani, Concorso internazionale, The Film und Video Untertitelung Prize
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- 2012 Lisbon Queer Film Festival, Portugal
- 2012 Janela Internacional de Cinema do Recife, Brazil
- 2012 Torino Film Festival, Italy
- 2012 Festival do Rio, Brazil

2012 Slovak Queer Film Festival, Slovakia

2012 PinkScreens festival - Genres d'à côté , Belgium

