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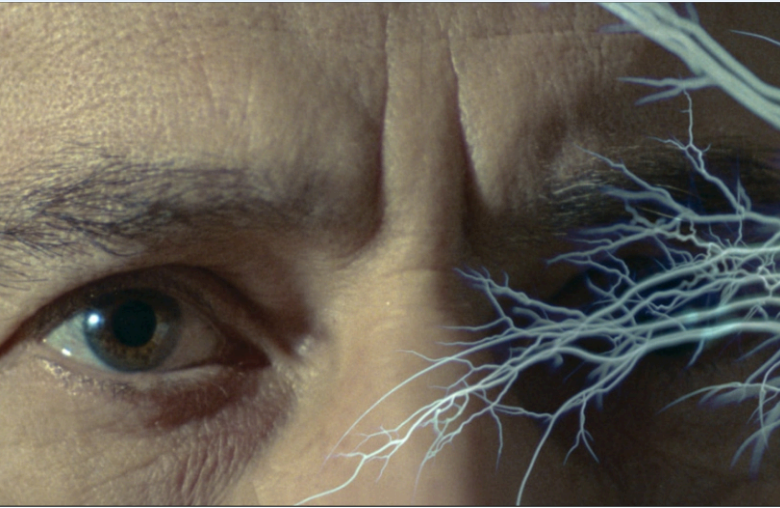
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International Shorts

3MWh 3MWh
2024 | 12 Minutes
Czech Republic

Synopsis:

A nuclear power plant worker obsessed with counting has set a maximum limit on how much electricity he wants to consume. The energy that should have lasted him for the rest of his life is slowly running out, forcing him to decide on its final use. 3 MWh is a film poem about degrowth and shows what it would look like if man stopped putting themselves at the centre of nature. 16mm analogue footage digitally damaged by recorded electrical discharges based on the protagonist's voice demonstrates the relationship between man and material reality.

Director: Marie-Magdalena Kochová
Producer: Agata Kolarova
Contact: Lights On
Website: <https://www.lightsonfilm.com/>
Festivals: International Film Festival
Rotterdam | Pragueshorts Film Festival |
Akbank International Short FilmFestival |
Academia Film Olomouc | Kino Otok
International Film Festival



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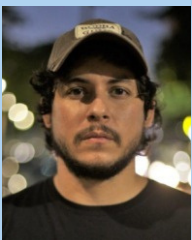
International Shorts

A Bird Flew
Un pájaro voló
2024 | 20 Minutes
Colombia, Cuba

Synopsis:

As birds flutter in a large empty coliseum, time and death come together one night. The memory of a friend who is no more invades the mind of Bolo, main player of the Cuban volleyball team, who despite the pain tries to rejoin the morning training.

Director: Leinad Pájaro De la Hoz Producer:
Maria Alejandra Rodríguez, Dany
Celeiro, Leinad Pájaro De la Hoz
Contact: Lights On Films
Website: <https://www.lightsonfilm.com/>
Festivals: Berlin International Film Festival |
Cartagena Film Festival | Shanghai
International Film Festival | Festival
Internacional de Curtas Metragens de São
Paulo



Director's Photo



International Shorts

Un genre de testament
A kind of testament
2023 | 17 Minutes
France

Synopsis:

A young woman stumbles across animations on the internet that were obviously created from her private selfies. A stranger with the same name confesses to identity theft. But death is faster than the answer to the question: "Why?"

Director: Stephen Vuillemin Producer: Ugo Bienvenu, Felix De Givry
Contact: MANIFEST
Website: <http://www.manifest.pictures/>
Festivals: Berlin International Film Festival | Rome Independent Film Festival | AFI Fest | Ghent Film Festival



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International Shorts

Abel Abel
2024 | 15 Minutes
USA, UK, Mexico

Synopsis:

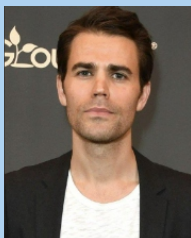
Shaken by a recent breakup, 17-year-old Abel retreats to the mountains to hunt deer. Finding grace in the solitude of nature, but no solace to his pain, he returns home to unexpectedly find comfort in the arms of his aging father, as the two reconnect over their shared sense of loss.

Director: Dekel Berenson, Paul Wesley
Produced By: Lucan Toh, Lauro Rocha,
Dekel Berenson, Paul Wesley, Babak Anvari,
Shawn Christensen, Andrew Carlberg, Zane
Kalnina.

Contact: Lights On Films

Website: <https://www.lightsonfilm.com/>

Festivals: Krakow Film Festival | OKO -
International Ethnographic Film Festival |
Filmoramax | International Short Film
Festival of Cyprus



Director's Photo



International Shorts

Amarela Amarela
2024 | 15 Minutes
Brazil

Synopsis:

On the day of the 1998 World Cup final between Brazil and France, Erika Oguihara, a Japanese-Brazilian teenager who rejects her family traditions, experiences a violence that seems invisible and plunges into a painful sea of emotions.

Director: Andre Hayato SAITO
Producer: Mayra Faour Auad, Gabrielle Auad
Contact: Salaud Morisset
Website: <https://salaudmorisset.com/>
Festivals: Cannes Film Festival | Alice nella Città | Toronto International Film Festival | International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala | Rio de Janeiro International Film Festival



Director's Photo



International Shorts

ATOPIAS

The Homeless Wanderer

2023 | 27 Minutes

Guadeloupe

Synopsis:

A Black woman embarks on a meditative journey through the wild Caribbean landscapes, confronting dreamlike memories and traumatic experiences. This exploration of migration, generational memory, and trauma reshapes her voyage, taking her deep into her subconscious, where she encounters her inner child and ventures into ancestral realms.

Director: Daniela Yohannes and Julien Beramis

Production : Julien Beramis and Daniela Yohannes

Contact: SUDU CONNEXION

Website: <https://www.sudu.film/>

Festivals: New York African Film Festival
| Blackstar Film Festival | Rockaway Film Festival



Director's Photo



International Shorts

Been There Been There
2023 | 9 Minutes 45 Seconds
Switzerland

Synopsis:

Weekend trips, city breaks, a detour into nature or once around the world. Barely a few days off, you're already gone. Never before has the desire to travel been so widespread and visited places so overloaded. What do we get out of it, other than the picture proof that we have been there?

Director: Corina Schwingruber Ilić
Producer: freihändler Filmproduktion: Stella Händler
Contact: Square Eye
Website: <https://squareeyesfilm.com/>
Festivals: Locarno Film Festival | Toronto International Film Festival | Leeds International Film Festival | Palm Springs International ShortFest | Bucharest International Experimental Film Festival



Director's Photo



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International Shorts

Cry Me A River Cry
Me A River
2024 | 16 Minutes
Taiwan, India

Synopsis:

XIXI works as a professional mourner, hired to weep at funerals. During one of her performances, she unexpectedly loses the ability to summon tears at will. As a result, she finds herself torn between conflicting emotions and embarks on a journey of self-discovery.

Director: Suman Sen

Producer: I V Y Y U - H U A S H E N

Contact: Parallax International Sales

Website:

<https://www.midnightblurfilms.com/>

Festivals: Raindance Film Festival | Mumbai

Film Festival | Palm Springs International

ShortFest



Director's Photo



International Shorts

Cura sana Cura sana
2024 | 18 Minutes 19 Seconds
Spain

Synopsis:

Spain during the Noche de San Juan festival. Two sisters, 14-year-old Jessica and 8-year-old Alma, are once again on their way to pick up food stamps from the Caritas charity. The violence they have both experienced over the years at the hands of their father has turned Jessica into an angry, self-destructive teenager with a thick protective skin. She even subjects her little sister to her harsh, hostile behaviour. But during the course of their journey together, Jessica realises that she does not want to turn out like her father. She must learn to treat Alma with love instead of violence.

Director: Lucía G. Romero
Producer: Borja Nández, Ruth Porro Gisbert
Contact: Salaud Morisset
Website: <https://salaudmorisset.com/>
Festivals: Berlinale International Film Festival



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MARVIN & WAYNE
FILMS



International Shorts

El bus
The bus
2023 | 29 Minutes 45 Seconds
Spain

Synopsis:

This is a round-trip bus ride, which takes passengers on Friday mornings towards the weekend, and picks them up on Sunday afternoons to take them back to the place where they came from.

Director: Sandra Reina
Producer: Valérie Delpierre, Jaume Fargas Coll
Contact: Marvin&Wayne
Website: <https://marvinwayne.com/en>
Festivals: Huesca International Film Festival | Krakow Film Festival | International Izmir Short Film Festival | Festival de Málaga | Mostra Internacional de Films de Dones de Barcelona



Director's Photo



SWISS FILMS

SQUARE
EYES



International Shorts

Flores del otro Patio Flores del otro Patio

2022 | 15 Minutes 49 Seconds

Switzerland, Colombia

Synopsis:

In the Colombian Caribbean, a group of queer activists practice a militancy that challenges heteropatriarchal norms while engaging in other causes to collectively fight against the various social injustices that plague the region. When the management of the country's largest coal mine announces a press conference to promote the development of mining, the group prepares to carry out a denunciatory performative action... and resolutely queer.

Director: Jorge Cadena

Producer: Yan Decoppet, Gabriela Bussmann

Contact: Square Eyes

Website: <https://squareeyesfilm.com/>

Festivals: Glasgow Short Film Festival | Durban International Film Festival | Chicago International Film Festival | Oslo/Fusion International Film Festival | Internationale Kurzfilmtage Winterthur



Director's Photo



International Shorts

KEEP KEEP

2023 | 21 Minutes 58 Seconds

France, UK

Synopsis:

In a lighthouse now turned into a museum, Gordon, the former keeper, is confronted with loneliness and pines for days gone by. When Musa, an Afghan refugee, knocks on his door, Gordon finally finds the support he has been waiting for. But when Gordon discovers the true intentions of Musa's visit, he is faced with a moral dilemma that will throw his long held convictions into question...

Director: Lewis Rose

Producer: Chris Hees, Laura Jumel

Contact: Salaud Morisset

Website: <https://salaudmorisset.com/>

Festivals: Rome Independent Film Festival |

Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia |

Kaohsiung Film Festival International



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International Shorts

La noche dentro The Night
Inside
2023 | 23 Minutes 54 Seconds
Spain

Synopsis:

Belén, a young nurse, wakes up after being attacked. She is accused of ending the life of a child after giving him medicine. But she claims she injected the right medication and that she can prove it.

Director: Antonio Cuesta
Production Company: THE CREATIVE HIT SL
Contact: LINE UP - Film Agency
Website: www.lineupshorts.com/
Festivals: BUSAN INTERNATIONAL SHORT
FILM FESTIVAL | KAOHSIUNG FILM
FESTIVAL | XVI RODINIA SHORT FILMS
FESTIVAL | 39 GOYA AWARDS |
ARLINGTON INTERNATIONAL FILM
FESTIVAL



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International Shorts

Lie With Me Lie
With Me
2023 | 12 Minutes
Singapore, Malaysia

Synopsis:

As three guests arrive separately in a young woman's desolate apartment, we watch her life slowly unfold. Tantalizing fragments, seemingly disconnected at first, begin to fall into place as we try to piece together her mysterious story. Infused with sensual longing and layered with unspoken desire, Lie With Me is a haunting story about the search for love, truth and identity.

Director: Melvin MAK
Producer: Tan Rui Qi
Contact: Parallax International Sales
Website:
<https://www.midnightblurfilms.com/>
Festivals: Cleveland International Film
Festival | Hof International Film Festival



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International Shorts

Los Mosquitos Los
Mosquitos
2024 | 14 Minutes
USA, Costa Rica

Synopsis:

Aby, a 15-year-old Honduran teen, navigates the complexities of her life in the United States alongside her newly arrived cousin, Nata. As Thanksgiving Day unfolds, Aby's rebellious spirit clashes with the expectations of her caregiver, Aunt Magda, intensifying her desire to distance herself from her suffocating circumstances and setting in motion a series of emotionally charged encounters. Los Mosquitos explores family dynamics, cultural identity, and the universal human desire for belonging as Aby ventures out on a path that will ultimately lead her back home.

Director: Nicole Chi

Producer: Fumiya Hayakawa, Edna Díaz

Contact: Lights On

Website: <https://www.lightsonfilm.com/>

Festivals: SXSW - South by Southwest |
Milwaukee Film Festival | Georgetown
University Film Festival | Los Angeles Latino
International Film Festival | Cinema Jove -
Valencia International Film Festival



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International Shorts

Matta und Matto
Matta und Matto

2024 | 10 Minutes 16 Seconds
Switzerland

Synopsis:

In a dystopian world where touch is forbidden, Matta and Matto offer refuge to the lonely at Hotel Vaip. In the deceptive labyrinth of mind bending rooms at their transient hotel, deepest desires are fulfilled and surpassed, but this comes at a price.

Director: Bianca Caderas, Kerstin Zemp

Producer: Joder von Rotz

YK Animation Studio GmbH, Bern

Contact: YK Animation Studio GmbH

Website: <https://yk-animation.ch/>

Festivals: Ann Arbor Film Festival, USA |

Melbourne International Film Festival |

Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival

| Sundance Filmfestival | Pöff Shorts



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International Shorts

On The Surface On
The Surface
2021 | 4 Minutes
Iceland / USA / Mali

Synopsis:

A young Black woman goes swimming in the Icelandic sea and reflects on her experience of raising a child in a country that feels nothing like home. As she enters the freezing water, she relives her traumatic pregnancy. Being in the wild and facing her fears is helping her heal.

Director: Fan Sissoko
Production: Fan Sissoko (Iceland), & Art
With Impact (USA)
Contact: SUDU CONNEXION
Website: <https://www.sudu.film/>
Festivals: Clermont-Ferrand Short Film
Festival | Helsinki International Film Festival
| Nordisk Panorama Film Festival | MIFF
Mequinensa International Film | Nordisk
Panorama Film Festival



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International Shorts

Oyu Oyu
2023 | 22 Minutes
Japan, France

Synopsis:

It is the last day of the year and night falls on the small town of Toyama, Japan. A man goes to the public bath to retrieve a forgotten object. But once inside, the promise of a hot bath compels him to stay.

Director: Atsushi Hirai Producer: Martin Bertier MLD FILMS,
Damien Manivel MLD FILMS
Contact: MANIFEST
Website: <http://www.manifest.pictures/>
Festivals: Cannes Film Festival | San Sebastián International Film Festival | Karlovy Vary International Film Festival | Stockholm International Film Festival



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International Shorts

Save My Soul Save
My Soul
2023 | 14 Minutes
HONG KONG, NEPAL

Synopsis:

Weary of discrimination, a young mute seeks a new life in a valley. But wilderness living proves harsh, with survival a daily struggle. Inspiration strikes when he encounters cats fed by a blind man. Envisioning a life as a feline, the mute finds refuge in the man's home. Cuddled in the man's bed, the mute experiences newfound tenderness and momentarily, forgets his true identity. All that matters is their need for each other - a feeling he has never known before

Director: LEUNG Kam Fai

Producer: LAU Chi Fan

Contact: Parallax International Sales

Website:

<https://www.midnightblurfilms.com/>

Festivals: Psarokokalo International Short
Film Festival | New York Asian Film Festival |
Vancouver International Film Festival -



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International Shorts

Shi ri fang gu
Sojourn To Shangri-la
2023 | 19 Minutes
China

Synopsis:

A fashion commercial crew goes to shoot on the beach, only to discover that the installation built in advance has vanished due to the rising tide. Cal, an art assistant who has just entered the industry, has a strong sense of responsibility and self-esteem, and the task of finding the installation falls to her. Through her efforts, a drone flies out to search for the installation over the sea, while taking her into the unknown. The frantic and futile search is eventually transformed into a poetic and phantasmagorical journey.

Director: Yihan LIN

Producer: Guo Qiancheng (Robert)

Contact: Parallax International Sales

Website:

<https://www.midnightblurfilms.com/>

Festivals: Berlinale Shorts Competition |

FIRST International Film Festival Pioneering |

Beijing International Short Film Festival |

Osaka Asian Film Festival | Hamburg

Chinese Film Festival



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International Shorts

Stills Moving Stills

Moving

2024 | 16 Minutes

Taiwan

Synopsis:

A sculptor was diagnosed with ALS, facing this inevitable pain, the artist put her heart into her next work, a female figurine. As her body weakened, the sculpture, starts moving and open her eyes.

Director: Kevin Tsung-Hsuan Yeh

Produced By: Ivy Yu-Hua Shen, In

coproduction with : Unframed Lab

Contact: Parallax International Sales

Website:

<https://www.midnightblurfilms.com/>

Festivals: Sitges International Fantastic Film

Festival | PÖFF Shorts - Black Nights Film

Festival



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International Shorts

Terra Mater
Mother Land
2023 | 9 Minutes 51 Seconds
Rwanda, Switzerland

Synopsis:

There she stands, confidently, like a goddess of technological junk, surrounded by endless mountains of rubbish, plastic, stench, and rare earths. An angry appeal to the world to take responsibility for the consequences of capitalism, colonialism, and environmental destruction in Africa.

Director: Kantarama Gahigiri
Production: Films du Léopard, Ltd.
(Rwanda) & RGBW GmbH (Switzerland)
Contact: SUDU CONNEXION
Website: <https://www.sudu.film/>
Festivals: Sundance International Film Festival | Red Sea Film Festival | Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival | Leeds International Film Festival | Vancouver International Film Festival | Berlinale International Film Festival



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International Shorts

QU'IMPORTE LA DISTANCE
THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US
2024 | 18 Minutes
France

Synopsis:

At 5 in the morning, Yalla is in a hurry. Without her boss's permission, she leaves her night shift as a nursing assistant. She boards a bus, carrying only a heavy bag filled with clothes. The city is still asleep. Yalla sketches out on a piece of paper the various bus lines she needs to take. It's her first time making this journey: her son is waiting for her.

Director: Léo Fontaine
Producer: Emmanuelle Latourette, Fabrice Prél-Cléach
Contact: MANIFEST
Website: <http://www.manifest.pictures/>
Festivals: AFI Fest | Festival du Nouveau Cinéma | FEST - New Directors / New Films | Festival Internacional de Curtas Metragens de São Paulo



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International Shorts

Duyao Mao
The Poison Cat
2024 | 17 Minutes
China

Synopsis:

In southwest China, the ancient legend of the Poison Cat circulates. Hunter Tai has been feeling increasingly uneasy lately as he inexplicably connects the eerie cries in the forest and the strange occurrences in the village with his wife's unusual behavior. The age-old way of life he knows seems to be crumbling, echoing the prophecy in the legend.

Director: Tian Guan

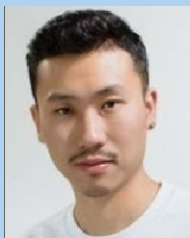
Production: Guanyu Film (Vivian Bao, Ningyuan Ding), Daqian Production (Angela Wang)

Contact: Parallax International Sales

Website:

<https://www.midnightblurfilms.com/>

Festivals: Mostra Internazionale D'arte
Cinematografica La Biennale Di Venezia |
Stockholm International Film Festival |
Pingyao Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon
International Film Festival



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International Shorts

The Storm in Her Heart
The Storm in Her Heart
2024 | 24 Minutes China

Synopsis:

Before leaving her home and her father to live with her mother in another city, 17-year-old Tianyue spends a brief holiday with her father at a riverside where they often went during her childhood. On the trip, she encounters a man who turns out to be her father's client, and their ambiguous relationship reveals her hidden yearnings. Amidst the first signs of a rainstorm and the unease of a goodbye, the girl's feelings pour out and her father's choices confuse her. Standing on the border between adolescence and adulthood, she prepares to let go of her past and start anew.

Director: Yibei Li

Producer: NgaiMan Chen

Contact: Parallax International Sales

Website:

<https://www.midnightblurfilms.com/>

Festivals: LUCAS International Film Festival



Director's Photo



International Shorts

THE UGLY CHICKENS THE UGLY CHICKENS

2024 | 28 Minutes 21 Seconds

Canada, United States, Switzerland

Synopsis:

Upon learning that the supposedly extinct dodo bird might still exist, ornithology UT Austin professor Paula Linberl, embarks on a cross-country expedition to unravel the mystery. Her first stop is in Mississippi, where she stumbles upon an unexpected discovery – fragments of a dodo beak that ignite her passion for the elusive 'ugly chickens.' With newfound hope, Paula follows a cryptic lead to Memphis, where rumors of a family having seen the dodo circulate. However, her search takes an unexpected turn when the woman she meets in Memphis directs her to her estranged sister, living in the remote Florida Keys. Undeterred, Paula goes to the Keys, where, an unexpected surprise awaits her.

Director: Mark Raso

Producer: George R.R. Martin, Mauro Mueller, Philippe Woodtli

Contact: Salaud Morisset

Website: <https://salaudmorisset.com/>

Festivals: HollyShorts Film Festival



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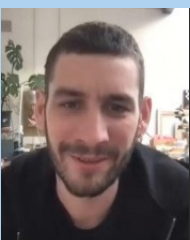
International Shorts

Transylvania
Transylvania
2023 | 15 Minutes
France

Synopsis:

Ewa is a 10-year-old girl living in a high building in a quiet town. She is an odd, lonely child and for good reason: she's convinced of being a vampire. Fascinated by Hugo, 15, she dreams of turning him into a vampire too, so that she can overcome her loneliness. When Ewa opens to him, she gets bullied by teenagers from the neighborhood. Hurt in her body and soul, she is ready to act in the creepiest, sickest ways to prove her identity to the world.

Director: Rodrigue Huart
Producer: Lucie Vigier
Contact: MANIFEST
Website: <http://www.manifest.pictures/>
Festivals: SXSW Film Festival | Chicago International Film Festival | IndieLisboa International Independent Film Festival | Sydney Film Festival



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International Shorts

WASHhh WASHhh
2024 | 23 Minutes
Malaysia, Ireland

Synopsis:

Set in Malaysia National Service Camp, a Chinese female trainee is commanded by the teacher to lead her multiracial female comrades to wash the stained sanitary pads in the middle of the night.

Director: Mickey Lai

Producer: Lim Shu Jia

Contact: Parallax International Sales

Website:

<https://www.midnightblurfilms.com/>

Festivals: Locarno Film Festival | Stockholm International Film Festival | Pingyao Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon International Film Festival | Leeds International Film Festival



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International Shorts

Nous Les Griots

We Are Griots

2023 | 17 Minutes 09 Seconds

France

Synopsis:

Malik, Daouda's son, wants to marry Mariama. Daouda discovers that their families are from two different castes : he is a griot when they are noble. Daouda's proud of his heritage which passes across the generations. But maybe his children are through with this.

Director: Demba Konate Producer:

Nouvelle Toile Contact: SUDU CONNEXION

Website: <https://www.sudu.film/>

Festivals: Clermont-Ferrand Short Film

Festival | CinéNomade Afrique Festival |

Ouaga Côte Court - Burkina Faso



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International Shorts

Avec L'humanité Qui Convient
With All Due Humanity
2023 | 25 Minutes
France

Synopsis:

In an employment office undergoing restructuring, H el ene, the deputy director, receives an alarming e-mail from a desperate unemployed woman. The woman threatens to kill herself on the premises of the agency. With the help of her team, H el ene tries to untangle the internal dysfunction at the origin of the case to prevent the irreparable. Time is running out.

Director: Kasper Checinski
Producer: Karine Blanc, Michel Tavares
Contact: MANIFEST
Website: <http://www.manifest.pictures/>
Festivals: C ot e Court | Clermont-Ferrand
International Short Film Festival | Busan
International Short Film Festival | OFF -
Odense International Film Festival



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