A FILM BY RICARDO LEITE

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SYNOPSIS

'Socks', an 8-year-old boy, has his parents in self-isolation. On board of his cardboard ship, built from the junk he finds at home, he contacts his best friend 'Donuts' via a walkie-talkie who, a building away, guides him on an unprecedented imaginary escape through the vastness of the outer space.



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

"A child's perspective on the world has always been something that interested me as a director. I am fascinated by the mechanisms they find to overcome problems and the way in which they manage to abstract themselves from reality, creating their own world and their own rules.

I had a very intense childhood and I still vividly recall the memories of that young age. Today, due to the context in which we live in, I know that I was privileged to have had all the freedom I wanted during my childhood, and it somehow saddens me to see what children are currently being deprived of.

We decided to create a narrative that addressed this theme, focusing on the experiences of a child during the confinement period. Even though he doesn't realize why he cannot continue playing with his best friend he still finds creative ways to continue with the games.

This story portrays two real heroes and their space adventures. Socks and Donuts play at distance communicating through a walkie-talkie, facing a terrifying threat, the Astro-Zombies, following an enormous odyssey the size of an apartment's immensity."

Ricardo Leite

BIOGRAPHY

Ricardo Leite is a producer, director and screenwriter born in Porto in 1991. He graduated from the Escola Superior Artistica do Porto, where he signed his first projects "É de Espinho Viva!" and "Ao Salvamento". He also holds a master's degree in Film Directing and Producing from the Escola Superior de Media Artes e Design of Porto.

The award-winning film "A Instalação do Medo" stands out in his career. In 2017 the film also had screenings at the Cinémathèque Française and distribution in the portuguese theaters – as a complement to the film "Suburbicon" by George Clooney.

In the summer of 2021, he premieres the series "Capitães do Açúcar" - his TV debut as a director - for the portuguese public TV channel, RTP.



CAST & CREW

WITH Rodrigo Tarábbia Francisco Barbosa Joana Africano

WRITER André Barbosa Ricardo Leite Andreia Ribeiro

DIRECTOR Ricardo Leite

PRODUCER Andreia Ribeiro José Freitas Inês Jonas Ricardo Leite ASSISTANT DIRECTOR José Freitas

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY Francisco Bartilotti

CAMERA ASSISTANT João Pedro Pinheiro João Carlos da Silva

SOUND Luís Henrique Silveira

PRODUCTION DESIGNER Andreia Ribeiro

ART DIRECTOR Sílvia Sanahuja ASSISTANT ART DIRECTORS Daniela Cruz Ana Rafaela Guimarães Sara Vieira Jotta Sousa

EDITOR Margarida Keating

ASSISTANT EDITOR Raquel Ferreira Rita Ferreira

POST-PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR Gonçalo Santos

VISUAL EFFECTS Nuno Costa

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SOUNDTRACK André Barbosa

MUSIC PRODUCTION Miguel Serrão Guilherme Correia

COLOR GRADING Carlos Borges

COLOR ASSISTANT Vasco Araújo

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT Paulo Nogueira

LEGAL COUNSELLING Carlos Morgado

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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