« LAGOA DO ABANDONO »

« LAKE MESSEJANA »

by Diego Maia

TECHNICAL SHEET

GENRE : Animation (Drama, Fantasy, Ecology, Family)
DATE OF PRODUCTION : 2026
DURATION : 10 min
LANGUAGES : No Dialog

SYNOPSIS

In 2040, at the abandoned Lake Messejana, a pair of egrets struggles to find a safe place to nest and protect their eggs as a large-scale construction project brings workers and heavy machinery dangerously close.

CREDITS

Production Company : BARRA NOVA
Executive Producer : Caroline Louise, Natália Parente e Diego Maia
Director : Diego Maia
Screenwriter : Diego Maia, Natália Parente
Original music: Marta Aurélia, Éden Barbosa e João Victor Barroso
Music production: Vitor Cozilos, João Victor

Barroso e Diego Maia
Sound design and re-recording mixing: Lucas
Coelho
Sound editing assistant: Leticia Belo
Mix studio: Atelier Rural
Foley: Tres Sonido Argentina
Foley recorder: Emilio Iglesias e Diego Colombo
Foley Artist: Gabriel Santamaria e Gabriel
"Mago" Kevicky
Supervisor and foley editor: Jose E. Caldararo

BIOGRAPHY

Diego Maia (1983) was born in Fortaleza, Brazil. He's been creating illustrations for almost 20 years for the film, game, and animation industries.
He investigates the connections between figurative painting, animation, and music, using references to Brazilian culture such as its rich coastline and the ghettos of the city, as well as imagining oneiric universes or those related to game fiction.
Director of the animated short films Barra Nova and Lake Messejana, officially selected for Annecy 2026.

FILMOGRAPHY

Short Films

Barra Nova (2023)
Premiered at the Oberhausen International Short Film Festival and selected for Animafest Zagreb, Imaginaria, and other international film festivals.

Lake Messejana (2026)
Premiered at the Annecy International Animation Film Festival in the Official Short Films Competition and selected for Imaginaria.

PRIX / AWARDS

2026 – Audience Award – Brasilia Film Festival (Brazil)

SELECTIONS EN FESTIVAL / FESTIVAL SELECTIONS

2026 – Short Film Official Competition - Annecy Animation International Festival (France)
2026 – Short Film Official Competition – Imaginaria Animated Film Festival (Italy)
2026 – Short Film Official Competition – Bolton Film Festival (United Kingdom)
2026 – Short Film Official Competition – Bucheon International Animation Festival (South Korea)
2026 – International Short Film Official Competition - CINANIMA - International Animated Film Festival of Espinho (Portugal)
2026 – Official Competition – Brasilia Film Festival (Brazil)
2026 – Official Competition – Animage (Brazil)
2026 – Official Selection – ANIMALCOI (Spain)
2026 – Official Selection – Animateka (Slovenia)
2026 – Official Short Competition – Rio de Janeiro International Film Festival (Brazil)
2026 – Official Competition – Spark Animation (USA)
2026 – Official Competition - Canlandıranlar International Animation Film Festival (Turkey)
2026 – Official Competition - Tehran International Short Film Festival (Iran)
2026 – Official Competition – BitBang (Argentina)
2026 – Official Competition – Thessaloniki Animation Festival (Greece)
2026 – Official Competition – Tangier Film Festival (Morocco)
2026 – Green Animation Program – Piccolo Festival Dell'Animazione (Italy)