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Montreal 2015



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with INA GEERTS & KRIS CUPPENS director of photography THOMAS BUELENS sound RAF ENCKELS
produced by SIREAL FILMS with support of the FLANDERS AUDIOVISUAL FUND
producer WIM VANACKER written & directed by KRISTOF HOORNAERT

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Logline / Short Synopsis

Late afternoon, somewhere in a big city, a man comes home to his wife and child - a portrait of a family in our modern civilization, captured in real time.

Long Synopsis

'I am surprised it took so long before people talked about a trend as sushi was already hot in the nineties. In the eighties it was a thing to eat in New York...It took very long for it to break through here,' says the man on the radio. It's late afternoon somewhere in a big city. A woman enters with a laundry basket and starts ironing... A portrait of a family in our modern civilization, captured in real time.

Cast:

Woman: Ina Geerts

Man: Kris Cuppens

Son: Jef Cuppens

Crew:

Director: Kristof Hoornaert

Writer: Kristof Hoornaert

Producer: Wim Vanacker

Director of Photography: Thomas Buelens

Sound: Raf Enckels

Technical info:

14'

1: 1.85

Color

Stereo / 5.1

HD / DCP

Dutch spoken

English subtitled

Produced by **Sireal Films**

With the support of the **Flanders Audiovisual Fund**

Belgium 2015

Official Selections 2015:

Montreal World Film Festival 2015 - World Competition - International Premiere

BFI London Film Festival 2015 - Official Selection - European Premiere

Film Fest Gent 2015 - European Short Film Competition - National Premiere

Thessaloniki International Short Film Festival - International Competition

Biography Director:

After an early education in electro-mechanics, Kristof Hoornaert (1980, Belgium) eventually chose to study Audiovisual Arts in Ghent and Brussels. His first short film **"KAÏN"** premiered in the official competition of the 59th Berlin International Film Festival, where it got nominated for the Golden Bear.

He also edited the short film **"NUCLEAR WASTE"** by Ukrainian filmmaker Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy, which premiered in the official competition of the 65th Locarno International Film Festival, where it won the Silver Leopard. The film got also nominated for the award "European Film Academy Short Film 2013". In 2013 he wrote, directed and produced his second short film **"THE FALL"** - a 17 minute short film that was shot in only 1 day. The film won several awards and got selected in more than 40 film festivals worldwide. **"EMPIRE"** is his latest short film: an audiovisual reflection on our modern civilization, captured in a real time plan-sequence shot.

Currently he is preparing his first feature film **"RESURRECTION"** with Fobic Films.

Filmography:

- 2009 **KAÏN** - Short Film - **writer & director** (*nomination Golden Bear*)
- 2012 **NUCLEAR WASTE** - Short Film - **editor** (*nomination European Film Award*)
- 2013 **THE FALL** - Short Film - **writer, director & producer**
- 2015 **EMPIRE** - Short Film - **writer & director**

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