

MERCI POUR VOTRE PATIENCE!

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FILM INFORMATION

English title: Thank you for your patience!

Duration: 17:10

Project type: Narrative, Short, Drama

Spoken languages: French, Dutch, English, Arabic

Subtitles: English

Completion date: October 2022

Year of production: 2022

Countries of production: Belgium, The Netherlands

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Aspect Ratio: 16:9

Shooting format: Digital

Screening format: DCP, ProRes, mp4

FPS: 25

Sound: 5.1

SYNOPSIS

EN: From a fixed point of view, we witness a tense bus ride in Brussels, when Samuel – a Congolese immigrant – gets on to voice his discontent with Europe.

NL: Vanuit één vast camerastandpunt zijn we getuige van een gespannen busrit in Brussel, als Samuel – een Congolese immigrant – instapt om zijn onvrede met Europa te verkondigen.

CREDITS

CAST

Samuel - Jovial Mbenga

Mathias - Peter Seynaeve

Mariam - Mariam Ahadouch

Saber - Saber Benyaich

Mylan - Rinaldi Nianga

CREW

Writer-director: Simon van der Zande

Producers: KASK & Conservatorium, Gillis Cornelis

Dramaturg: Luca Tichelman

Extras director: Servaes Dewispelaere

Frist assistant extras: Marvin Beekhuijzen

Second assistant extras: Eva Honings

D.O.P.: Matthee Van Holderbeke

1st AC: Joost van der Westen

2nd AC: Bruce Stevens

Sound recording: Andries Essel

Set dresser: Simon Dardenne

Costumes: Luca Tichelman

Image editing: Simon van der Zande

Sound editing: Simon van der Zande, Michel Coquette

Sound mixing: Michel Coquette

Grading: Kene Illegems

DCP mastering: Geert Vergauwe, Flow Postproduction

Credit design: Mario Debaene

DIRECTOR

BIOGRAPHY

Simon van der Zande (1991) is a filmmaker from Amsterdam, based in Brussels. He graduated from the master program Film at the KASK Conservatorium in Ghent with the short film *Merci pour votre patience!* (2022).

Before moving to Belgium to (learn to) make films, he obtained a research master in Philosophy and a bachelor degree in Art History at the University of Amsterdam. Thinking through social and philosophical themes plays a crucial part in Simon's filmmaking: by means of simple, recognizable situations his films investigate the (moral) complexities of living together and negotiating differences.

His bachelor film *Entre nous* (2021) was selected, among others, for the official student competition of Go Short International Short Film Festival Nijmegen and won the audience award at Ongezien Kort in Antwerp.

His master film *Merci pour votre patience!* (2022) premiered at Film Fest Gent, where it won the audience award and got a special mention from the jury. It was also selected for International Short Film Festival Leuven, where it won the prize for best debut.

FILMOGRAPHY

Entre nous (Between Us) – 2021 – student film

Selected for: Go Short International Short Film Festival 2021, Ongezien Kort Antwerpen 2021 (winner audience award), Brussels Independent Film Festival 2022, Sehsüchte 51st International Student Film Festival 2022

Merci pour votre patience! (Thank you for your patience!) – 2022 – graduation film

Selected for: Film Fest Gent 2022 (winner audience award & special mention by jury), International Short Film Festival Leuven 2022 (winner best debut, nominated Humo Award)

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