Castinglux a.s.b.l. **Andy Bausch and Nilton Martins** presents

# (MAACH ET KUERZ)

**6 SHORT FILMS DIRECTED BY ANDY BAUSCH** 6 STORIES ON THE ROAD BETWEEN 1984 - 2024



d'Kuerzfilmer vum Andy Bausch

THIERRY VAN WERVEKE - OTTO SANDER - KARIN BAAL MARCO LORENZINI - NICOLE MAX - SASCHA LEY BRIGITTE URHAUSEN - NILTON MARTINS - JOSIANE PEIFFER HERVE SOGNE - GINTARE PARULYTE - PITT SIMON CLAUDIA WILDE - MONIQUE REUTER - FRANK SASONOFF GUST MULLER - ALYNE FERNANDES - ROGER SEIMETZ - CHRISTIAN KMIOTEK AND MANY MORE...

# INTRODUCTION

Few directors have left a more lasting mark on Luxembourgish cinema than Andy Bausch and most of his feature films are well known to the general public in Luxembourg, such as "Troublemaker", "Club des Chômeurs" or "Rusty Boys". However, his short films are largely unknown to most Luxembourg cinema-goers because they have mostly only been presented at festivals or their existence has been limited to certain screenings abroad. It is of course always unfortunate when the life of short films is limited to festivals and the Internet, we want to change that.



# PROJECT PRESENTATION

Under the title "Make it Short - Maach et Kuerz"; we want to present 6 short films by Andy Bausch as a kind of retrospective in the cinemas, provincial cinemas and cultural centers of Luxembourg.

The inspiration for this idea is Andy Bausch's latest short film "The Butcher", which is based on a treatment by Luxembourg screenwriter Cedric Kieffer, who sadly died far too young. "The Butcher" will celebrate its world premiere in this context.

With the help of various partners such as the Cinemathèque, Kinepolis and Cinextdoor, the plan is to make an 82-minute program accessible to a wider audience on a tour of various cinemas, provincial cinemas and cultural venues. The short films are curious, funny and often very cinematically anchored.

Each film screening will be followed by an audience discussion with the director and 2-3 (or more) actors who have accompanied Andy Bausch on his artistic journey. The cast of these 6 short films reads like a small "who is who" of our Luxembourgish acting guard: Thierry van Werveke, Marco Lorenzini, Sascha Ley, Josiane Peiffer, Hervé Sogne, Nicole Max, Nilton Martins, Gintaré Parulyte, Brigitte Urhausen, Christian Kmiotek, Pitt Simon, Monique Reuter, ... but also German actors such as Otto Sander, Karin Baal and Claudia Wilde.

Although, as it is so often the case with Bausch, most of the films have English titles, four of the short films are in Luxembourgish, "The last 50 hours of Frankie Blue" is in German and "Freddie" has no dialog, The films are shown with English subtitles.

The 6 short films were shot between 1984 and 2024 and highlight both artistic development and thematic constants in Andy Bausch's work over four decades. With the necessary press support that an Andy Bausch film program will certainly have in Luxembourg, we expect a strong audience turnout (similar to the many provincial screenings of the "Thierry van Werveke Film Selection" that went through the cinemas this year, or the various "Rusty Boys" and "Little Duke" screenings in the Cinextdoor cinemas).



# COMMERCIAL BREAK



Andy Bausch has shot around 60 commercials in Luxembourg since 1987. They were intended for television and cinema. We have selected 12 original and entertaining commercials that we will show as part of the 6-film program. It will be a kind of "commercial break" to lead into the next film of the program. In these commercials we will discover a variety of actors (some of them are also in the short films), such as Thierry Van Werveke, Sascha Ley, Nicole Max, Frank Sasanoff,....

In addition, the commercials fit well into the context of the program, with different styles such as black and white, silent film, gangster story... a tribute to the cinema,

# ...DER DÄIWEL



1984 20 min

Cast: Thierry van Werveke / Monique Reuter / Gust Muller / John Goldschmit

#### **SYNOPSIS:**

In the attraction booth at a village fair, a drunken man encounters the devil in the flesh - naked in an iron cage for the public to see. Late at night, he frees the poor devil from his cage and takes him home with him.

produced by : Andy Bausch (B Film)

dop: Ender Frings music: René Nuss make up : Guy Schwarz edit: Andy Bausch

exec. producer: Paul Kieffer

#### **ADDITIONAL INFOS:**

première: Kinosch / Kulturfabrik Esch-sur-Alzette

sortie cinéma: Utopia ("Vun Däiwel, Vampiren a Gnomen")

televison: RTL



## **LETTERS UNSENT**



1996 21min

Cast : Otto Sander / Karin Baal / Thierry van Werveke / Josiane Peiffer / Marco Lorenzini / Nicole

Max / Sascha Ley / Monique Reuter / Alexandra Ley / Roger Seimetz /

Christiane Rauchs / Annette Schlecher / Ann Overstall a.o.

#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Three short stories based on letters that were written but never reached their destinations. The letter of a Luxembourgish emigrant to Brazil in the middle of the 19th century, the desperate letter of a woman in Minnesota during an Indian attack and, finally, the letter from a young woman who was married in 1906 by the Buffalo Bill during his short stay in Luxembourg.

produced by: Lynx Productions supported by Filmfund Luxembourg

dop: Klaus Peter Weber music: Gast Waltzing sound: Carlo Thoss edit: Carsten Orlt

exec. producer: Gina Bonmariage, Lynn Polak / Larue Hall

#### **ADDITIONAL INFOS:**

première: Klenge Kino / Schrondweiler

sortie cinéma: Utopia (Luxemburger Kurzfilmtage) 1996

television: RTL

festivals: Max Ophüls / Saarbrücken



## **LANGUAGE SCHOOL**



2002 5 min

Cast : Hervé Sogne / Frank Sasonoff / Runa Egilsdottir / Gintaré Parulyte

Marco Lorenzini / Christian Kmiotek / Mendaly Ries a.o.

#### **SYNOPSIS:**

A pimp takes his girls, most of whom come from the Eastern Bloc, to a language school so that they can learn the Luxembourgish language.

produced by : Rattlesnake Pictures & Zentropa

supported by ARTE dop: Klaus Peter Weber

music: Serge Tonnar / The Convertibles

sound: Carlo Thoss edit: Misch Bervard

exec. producer: Brigitte Kerger

#### **ADDITIONAL INFOS:**

première: ARTE Filmreihe VISIONS OF EUROPE "25 Filme aus 25 Ländern"

filmpremière: 1/5/04 Lisbonne / Portugal

television: ARTE / ZDF / Danish, Dutch, Spanish, Hungarian, Estonian, British,

Lituanian, Swedish tv & many more

festivals: Copenhagen / Locarno / Rio de Janeiro / Toronto / Karlovy Vary and many more



# THE LAST 50 HOURS OF FRANKIE BLUE



2006 8 min

Cast: Thierry van Werveke / Claudia Wilde / Corinna Gerlach / Regina Vorbach / Luisa Wolke

#### **SYNOPSIS:**

A crook who has been shot lies at the port of Hamburg waiting for his killer and remembers the last few months, comparing his fate to that of a soccer player.

produced by: Rattlesnake Pictures & Espera Production

supported by Equinox Productions

dop: Klaus Peter Weber sound: Raoul Nadalet

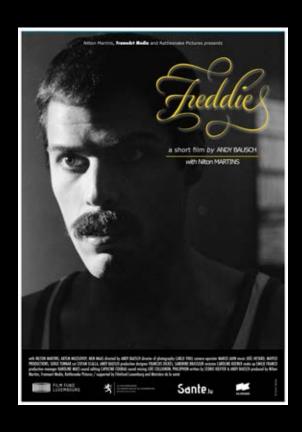
production design : Axel Werner edit: Raoul Nadalet / Andy Bausch

#### **ADDITIONAL INFOS:**

première: Kino Abaton / Hamburg exploitation: Kino Abaton / Hamburg



## **FREDDIE**



2016 8 min

Cast: Nilton Martins / Men Maas / Gianfranco Celestino

#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Freddie Mercury receives a ghostly visit from his doppelganger in his dressing room. Freddie's fears are put to the test.

produced by Nilton Martins

FrameArt and Rattlesnake Pictures

supported by : Filmfund, Ministère de la santé, Kulturfabrik, Santé.lu, Aids.lu,

dop: Marco Jahn / Carlo Thiel

written by: Cédric Kieffer and Andy Bausch

sound: Arnaud Mellet

music: Joël Heyard / Serge Tonnar edit: Stefan Scalla /Andy Bausch

#### **ADDITIONAL INFOS:**

première: Kulturfabrik / Esch-sur-Alzette with Band « Queenie »

Festivals: Feodosiya Internationale Festival 2017



# **THE BUTCHER**



2024 15 min

Cast: Nilton Martins / Marco Lorenzini / Alyne Fernandes / Brigitte Urhausen / Pitt Simon / Claire Johnston / Gilles Soeder / Leo Folschette

#### **SYNOPSIS:**

A butcher's apprentice gets his first taste of his somewhat illegal side job - disposing of annoying corpses - and meets the love of his life in the process.

produced by Nilton Martins

supported by Frameart Media, Philophon, Ville de Vianden, Castinglux a.s.b.l.,

dop: Marco Jahn

written by: Andy Bausch / by an idea from Cédric Kieffer and Nilton Martins

sound : Arnaud Mellet music : Jeannot Sanavia

edit: Julius Heimbach / Andy Bausch

Vital Provisions, Grip Cartel



## COMMERCIAL BREAK

Rinnen, Thill a Linden-Peusch (32 sec)

Luxlait (32 sec)

La Luxembourgeoise: Harry Potter (46 sec)

Moitzheim, New Mexico (33 sec)

Demy Cars (33 sec)

Optique Bichel (19 sec)

AIDS geet duerch de Gummi (30 sec)

Flaronis: d'Dänzerin (22 sec)

Flaronis: de Gangsterfilm (19 sec)

WK Stommfilm (15 sec)

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An entertaining, varied program that takes you through different eras and gives a further insight into Andy Bausch's world of cinema.

As well as discovering these films, the audience will have the opportunity to meet some of the cast and crew and talk about anecdotes from these projects.

We will upgrade the sound and (partially) rework the image to make the screening a little more homogeneous.

Trailers and teasers will be created for this special screening. Promotion will be done in Luxembourg and the Greater Region with all possible media to reach a wide audience. Let's (re)discover short films by Andy Bausch on the big screen.

Andy Bausch and Nilton Martins











#### Make it Short - Quotes:

« Onsem Lëtzebuerger seng Bréiwer sinn op jiddefall ni ukomm »

« What country are we in anyway...is it Belgium? »

« Der Däiwel! De gréissten Peschtvull vun allen Zäiten! »

« We in Luxembourg, we have a language of our own... Lëtzebuergesch »

« Five minutes darling »

« Ech bréngen en net ëm...just zerstéckelen, e wier jo schonn dout! »

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