

WINNER: GOLDEN PEACOCK (BEST FILM), 44th INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF INDIA
IN COMPETITION: Adelaide International Film Festival, Byron Bay International Film Festival,
Festroia International Film Festival of Portugal
OFFICIAL SELECTION: Big Picture Film Festival, Seoul Art Film Festival
WINNER: Australian Cinematography Awards Gold Award (Best Cinematography) & Judges' Choice Award

East Timor's first feature film

BEATRIZ'S WAR

(A Guerra Da Beatriz)

Limited season exclusively at Cinema Nova from July 10

East Timor's award-winning first feature film, *Beatriz's War (A Guerra da Beatriz)*, is the haunting, passionate story of one woman's conviction to remain true to the man she loves and the country for which she fought. A bold reworking of the 16th century French 'Martin Guerre' story, in this adaptation the original story is transposed to Portuguese Timor during the Indonesian occupation of the small colony. Beatriz's young husband disappears during a brutal massacre by occupying Indonesian forces, sixteen years later she is troubled by his sudden return; is this man her husband or an impostor? The mysterious stranger presents a chilling metaphor for the unresolved struggles and passions that challenge a new nation's independence, and a woman's heart.

This astonishing film from East Timor was made guerrilla-style by the very men and women who fought in the armed resistance and the clandestine movement during the small country's twenty-four year long war with Indonesia.

Following a sold-out season in Dili, **Beatriz's War** has already been seen by over 100,000 people across Timor-Leste during the dry season travelling outdoor cinema program of Cinema Lorosaé*.

Beatriz's War was made in a country with the smallest film industry in the world, East Timor, yet it shone in the country with the world's biggest, winning the top prize at the prestigious International Film Festival of India!

MEDIA SCREENINGS

9.30am, Monday 23 June

OR

6pm, Tuesday 24 June

Cinema Nova, 380 Lygon Street, Carlton

RSVP to cathy@cg-publicity.com

"This passionate film is commendable for its great sense of narration and clear political statement" Claire Denis, Filmmaker and Judge at the International Film Festival India.

"Beatriz's War is more than a knockout re-imagining of Martin Guerre – it's a great emotional truth about recent history" Greg Burchall, Film Critic.

"Of such films are industries born" Eddie Cockrell, Film Critic, Variety.

Beatriz's War - Booking Details:

www.cinemanova.com.au/catalogue/meet-the-filmmaker/beatrizswar

Language: Tetun & Indonesian

Running time: 101mins

DIRECTED BY Luigi Acquisto, Bety Reis

PRODUCER: Stella Zammataro, Lurdes Pires

SCREENWRITER: Irim Tolentino, Luigi Acquisto

CAST: Irim Tolentino, Jose Da Costa, Sandra Da Costa, Eugenio Soares, Doretea Soares, Augusta Soares, Osme Gonsalves, Commander Funu Lakan

KEY CREW: Cinematographer: Valeriu Campan, Film Editor: Nicholas Calpakdjian, Music: Osme Goncalves, Danny Da Silva Lopes, Jamie Saxe, Production Designer: Silvano Rodrigues

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IMAGES & INFO AVAILABLE: <http://www.aguerradabeatriz.com/>

INTERVIEWS: available with Luigi Acquisto, Lurdes Pires and some cast

SOUNDTRACK: available soon

*<http://www.cinemalorosae.com/>