

ICEBREAKERS

THE FILM

SYNOPSIS

Icebreakers follows a journey onboard a large vessel crossing the frozen Baltic Sea. It is the portrait of a place and the machinery it holds: passengers in transit dreaming of desire and cabaret artists desiring to dream. Between attraction and repulsion, the ferry is at the crossroads of an amusement park and a film studio.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

I am fascinated by spaces and their relation to film. Capturing an empty room with a camera can give us access to a multitude of invisible stories that are hidden in the objects and forms that compose it. Passenger ferries are pompous vessels with an undeniable aura. Cruises like the one in Icebreakers invite everybody to perform and dream, yet target a certain class. By embarking on them I wanted to explore our desires and cravings. Icebreakers is the portrait of a place shaping what we ultimately long for. But how far does our consciousness reach? The ferry is a microcosm that renews itself every night and while its passengers are changing, the place remains the same. We never leave it since we are in its belly, as if we were trapped. Its attraction force is so strong that our eyes want to look at it constantly. I wanted to recreate this feeling of gazing, like tourists gaping at sights.

PROFILES

Maximilien Van Aertryck is a French-German filmmaker born in 1989. He has a passion for the relation between architecture and moving images and often combines it with escapism in his work. He lives in Stockholm. (Filmography: 2011 - Icebreakers)

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Vincent Bitaud, 28, is a french photographer and cinematographer from Paris.

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Icebreakers is the first film on which they worked together.

PRODUCTION FACTS

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Production year	2011
Production countries	Sweden / France
Length	14 minutes and 53 seconds
Screening format	Digibeta PAL, 16/9, Stereo, Colour English/Swedish audio with English subtitles

Images	Vincent Bitaud
Sound Mixing	Fabrice Allain
Post Production	Charlotte Gonzalez
Director / Editor	Maximilien Van Aertryck

Many thanks to	Enri Teedla Karl Griffel Tanya Popova Pascha Petr & Ekaterina François Charles Domergue / Geste Marie Dubas Isabelle Mayor
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Icebreakers is a self produced film.

Festivals

Gothenburg Film Festival 2012

Visions du Réel - Nyon 2012

Vårrullen Film Festival - Stockholm 2012 (WINNER Videoverket prize)

Timishorts - Timisoara 2012

International Short Film Festival - Hamburg 2012

FEST - Espinho 2012

Festival of NAtions Ebensee 2012

Film Leben Festival - Documentary competition

Raindance Film Festival, London - Official selection

Candem Documentary Festival, USA - International competition

Kasseler Dokfest - International competition

Interfilm Berlin 2012

Exground Filmfest Wiesbaden 2012

Konstanzer kurz.film.spiele 2012

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