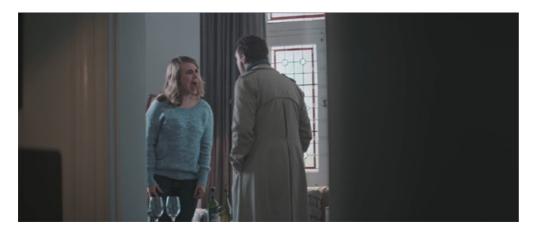


60-second short film by Bauke Brouwer selected for Filminute 2016

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A Weekend with Harry represents South Africa in the 11th edition of Filminute



The international one-minute film festival, opened this week with a collection of the world's best ultrashort films, each delivering a complete story in exactly one minute: <u>http://www.filminute.com</u>

"This year's collection of shortlisted films are cinematic and deeply satisfying to watch," says Filminute Co-Founder and Head of Jury John Ketchum. "The kind of deep emotions these films elicit and their resonance beyond the final frame is something that our selection committee looks for. It's easy to imagine many of these films as engaging, longer-format works." Much of the strength of this year's collection is also owing to the more than 1800 films the festival screened before narrowing down to the final 25.



The 17 countries that are represented in the competition this year are: Canada, France (2), Germany (2), India, Iran (2), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Romania, South Africa, Spain (5), Switzerland, UK, Ukraine, Uruguay, and USA (3).

This is the fourth time that a film directed by Bauke Brouwer has been selected to represent South Africa at Filminute. This year, *A Weekend with Harry* tells the story of a couple struggling to come to terms with their separation. *A Weekend with Harry* was a film inspired by real events and people. "Sometimes you hear stories and you know you have to make it a film." says director Bauke Brouwer.

"For me what makes the one-minute format so appealing is that I get to pour all my energy into one minute and make sure that each second contributes to the whole film."

You can vote/share for A Weekend with Harry here: http://www.filminute.com/films/2016/a-weekend-with-harry/

As always, Filminute has assembled a dynamic and relevant international jury comprised of: Taiwanese master filmmaker *Hou Hsiao-Hsien*; award-winning filmmaker (and Filminute 2010 2X shortlisted director) *Motke Dapp*; acclaimed author *John Vaillant*; and FIPRESCI film journalist and Vice President, *Barbara Hollender*. They are joined by writer, artist and Santa Maddalena Foundation advisory board member, *Nayla Elamin*, last year's Best Filminute winner, *Guillaume Renusson*, and Filminute Co-Founder, *Sabaa Quao*. The jury is headed up by Filminute Co-Founder and Executive Director, *John Ketchum*.

The "BEST FILMINUTE" prize and five commendations will be awarded by the Filminute jury. The public at large is invited to view, share, comment upon, and rate all 25 films. Everyone is also entitled to a single vote for the film they feel deserves the People's Choice award. As well, Filminute partners CineCoup and Cineuropa will be offering their annual prizes.

Voting is open until 25 October. The FILMINUTE winners and awards will be announced on 28 October.

For more information including past Filminute winners see <u>www.filminute.com</u> / Filminute can be followed on Twitter at <u>http://twitter.com/filminute</u> and Facebook at <u>http://www.facebook.com/filminute</u>.

About Filminute

Filminute is the international one-minute film festival that challenges filmmakers, writers, animators, artists, designers, and creative producers to develop and submit the world's best one-minute films. <u>www.filminute.com</u>

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Film credits - A Weekend with Harry:

Director & Writer: Bauke Brouwer Producer: Candice Brouwer Director of Photography: Zenn van Zyl Art Director: Sarah Mattheyse Hair & Make up: Andrea Smith Editor: Bauke Brouwer Colourist: Regardt Voges Final Mix: Michael Bothma Soundtrack: Aisha Badru "Happy Pretending" Music clearance: Mark Algranti

Cast: Sarah Potter Matt Newman Presley as Harry For more, visit: https://www.bizcommunity.com