

# GODS OF MOLENBEEK

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## SYNOPSIS

The Molenbeek district of Brussels. In media seen as jihadi capital but home sweet home to the 6 year-old boys Aatos and Amine. Together they search for answers to the big questions. Aatos envies Amine's Muslim faith and looks for his own gods, although his classmate Flo questions him; she is strongly convinced that anyone who believes in God is completely nuts.

The threat of the adults world suddenly interrupts the children's play as terrorist bombs explode in a metro station nearby. The streets are filled with tanks, armed soldiers and policemen. Bed-time stories now evoke images of violence and even friendship is put on trial until an expected twist reshapes their lives for good.

### REVIEWS:

The filmmaker has cleverly made a film that puts the magic of childhood in the foreground as a comment to the world around the two boys. It's charming, it's what we remember from our own childhood, it's what a grandfather like me sees so often, it gives hope, doesn't it? This film...

## FESTIVALS

2019

- \* Best Foreign Language Film at Doxs! Documentaries for children and youth -festival in Duisburg, Germany
- \* MakeDox: - Young Onion Award- for the best newcomer's film
- \* MakeDox:- Moral Approach Award
- \* Golden Lynx Award for Best Documentary Feature  
- New Directors | New Films Festival
- \* Double prize at Tampere Film Festival:  
Special prize and Church Media Foundation prize
- \* Audience Award and The Critic's Choice Award  
DocPoint - Helsinki Documentary Film Festival (Finland)
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- \* Göteborg International Film Festival (Sweden)
- \* Tampere Film Festival (Finland)

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79 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Children / Youth, Religion

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

French, Finnish

### PREMIERE

Germany (2019)

### COPRODUCTION COMPANY

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