



# THE NIGHTS STILL SMELL OF GUNPOWDER

by Inadelso Cossa



## SYNOPSIS

Immersed in Mozambique's intricate history, I'm compelled to unravel the narrative woven into the film "The Nights Still Smell of Gunpowder." Returning to my grandmother Maria's village, I'm driven by a personal quest to expose the untold stories of my childhood during the civil war.

This film, a sensory exploration of personal and collective memory, originates from my childhood vacations amid the civil war's paradox. A rebel attack, concealed by my grandmother as fireworks, becomes the catalyst for my cinematic endeavor—an attempt to break the silence enveloping post-civil-war Mozambique.

Maria, once a storyteller, now battles Alzheimer's, blurring the lines between truth and fiction. In her village, echoes of a former rebel mirror the haunting presence of perpetrators and victims, intertwining day and night, reality and imagination. The ghosts of war that still inhabit the former rebel are possessing the presence.

Motivated by the need to dismantle societal denial, the film...

## FESTIVALS

2024

74 BERLINALE - Forum

21 CPH:DOX Copenhagen

DOXA Documentary Film Festival, Canada

Special Juri Prize - Olhar de Cinema - Curitiba IFF

68 BFI London

37 IDFA at Amsterdam

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Inadelso Cossa · PRODUCER Inadelso Cossa  
(16mmFILMES, Mozambique), Emilie Dudognon (Ida.Ida, France),  
Thomas Kaske (Kaske Film, Germany)

Mozambique, France, Germany,  
Portugal, Netherlands, Norway  
2024

93 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Family,  
Conflicts, War/Peace, Human  
Rights, Migration

### CONTENT CATEGORIES

Essay, Experimental

### PREMIERE

Berlin, Germany (2024)

### WORLD SALES

[Syndicado Film Sales](#)

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