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by Anaïs-Tohé Commaret | with Fatime Coulibaly, Adiar Coulibaly, Foussein Coulibaly, Emma Gonzales-Commaret

France 2022

Berlinale Shorts | International premiere

In suburban housing estates in France, young people are wishing for money and success. Their dreams even clog up the air conditioning ducts until everything begins to drip. What might happen if you swallow light?

Back

by Yazan Rabee

Netherlands 2022

Berlinale Shorts | International premiere | Documentary Form

He has left his Syrian homeland, but he cannot escape from a recurring nightmare where state security forces are pursuing him while the home that can save him seems beyond his grasp. How deep into the past do the roots of a trauma reach?

Les chenilles

by Michelle Keserwany, Noel Keserwany | with Masa Zaher, Noel Keserwany

France 2022

Berlinale Shorts | International premiere

Two women meet as waitresses and tentatively become friends. They are both from the Levant and living in exile in France. A film about the Silk Road, about exploitation – then and now – and about female solidarity, friendship and solace.

Eeva

by Morten Tšinakov, Lucija Mrzljak | with Lucija Mrzljak, Kaspar Jancis, Draško Ivezić

Estonia / Croatia 2022

Berlinale Shorts | International premiere | Animation

It is pouring rain at the funeral. There are many tears, too much wine, several woodpeckers and a handful of dreams to fill in the gaps.

From Fish to Moon

by Kevin Contento | with Jean Voltaire, Sue, Nestor, Greg

USA 2022

Berlinale Shorts | International premiere | Documentary Form

A small supermarket somewhere in the American backwoods. The staff come in early, drink coffee and restock the shelves. They chat about the air conditioning, would like to read poetry in peace and sometimes even get lucky on the slot machine.

Happy Doom

by Billy Roisz

Austria 2023

Berlinale Shorts | World premiere

Flickering and pulsating, spitting and swallowing at the same time. The screen becomes a vibrating membrane; colours, shapes, beats and sounds a psychedelic whirlpool. A short, fast-paced audiovisual ode to the hypnotic power of colour and vertigo.

La herida luminosa (*Daydreaming So Vividly About Our Spanish Holidays*)

by Christian Avilés | with Sam Zeitlin, Julia Fossi, Dina Serra, Clara Sans, Lily Roberts

Spain 2022

Berlinale Shorts | International premiere

Driven by their desire for light and warmth, British teenagers take a trip to the Balearic Islands. They must absorb the sun and store it in their bodies to take it back to their cloud-covered kingdom.

It's a Date

by Nadia Parfan | with Diana Berg, Olena "Tiger"

Ukraine 2023

Berlinale Shorts | World premiere

Kyiv in 2022. A car races at breakneck speed through the city at dawn. Filmed from a subjective camera angle in a single unedited shot, this film captures the emotions in a state of emergency caused by the war.

Jill, Uncredited

by Anthony Ing | with Jill Goldston

United Kingdom / Canada 2022

Berlinale Shorts | International premiere | Documentary Form

At first you do not even notice her; she is one of many. But, little by little, you begin to become aware of her and her special presence. A tribute to the figures in the background without whom those in the foreground would be unable to take centre stage.

A Kind of Testament

by Stephen Vuillemin | with Naomi Christie, Angela Clerkin, Freida Siddall, Aisha Arden, Bethy Read

France 2023

Berlinale Shorts | World premiere | Animation

A young woman comes across animations on the Internet that have clearly been created from her private selfies. A stranger with the same name confesses to identity theft. But death is quicker than the answer to the question: "Why?"

Marungka tjalatjunu (*Dipped in Black*)

by Matthew Thorne, Derik Lynch | with Derik Lynch, Dominic Roberts, Christopher Stewart, Dale Baker

Australia 2022

Berlinale Shorts | International premiere | Documentary Form

The film follows Yankunytjatjara man Derik Lynch's road trip back to Country for spiritual healing, as memories from his childhood return. A journey from white city life in Adelaide back home to his remote Community (Aputula) to perform on sacred Inma ground.

As miçangas (*The Beads | Perlen*)

by Rafaela Camelo, Emanuel Lavor | with Pâmela Germano, Tícia Ferraz, Karine Teles

Brazil 2023

Berlinale Shorts | World premiere

Two young women retreat to a remote holiday home. While one of them undergoes a medical abortion, the other quietly cares for her. A snake slithers around them, unnoticed.

Mwanamke Makueni (*A Woman in Makueni | Eine Frau in Makueni*)

by Daria Belova, Valeri Aluskina | with Peter Oluoko, Mary Wanjuku Wambua, Beatrice Nafula, Nancy Syombuak, Daniel Kitonga

Germany 2023

Berlinale Shorts | World premiere

She is in prison, waiting. But he has a long way to travel and arrives too late. He wanders through the strange city, lost, until he meets a woman who is willing to help him with some gentle magic.

Nuits blanches (*Sleepless Nights | Schlaflose Nächte*)

by Donatienne Berthreau | with Solène Salvat, Léa Schweitzer, Nans Laborde-Jourdàa, Badis Behi

France 2023

Berlinale Shorts | International premiere

April 2022 in France. The presidential election is entering its final round and the atmosphere is tense. Solène, a waitress, drifts through the night. She takes drugs, hurts people's feelings and increasingly loses her grip.

Ours (*Bear | Bär*)

by Morgane Frund

Switzerland 2022

Berlinale Shorts | International premiere | Documentary Form

An amateur filmmaker meets the film student who is supposed to edit his material, the focus of which is allegedly bears. A debate arises about the power of the voyeuristic gaze.

Qin mi (*Daughter and Son*)

by Cheng Yu | with Wuchen Xingzi, Li Minghao

People's Republic of China 2022

Berlinale Shorts | International premiere

Sachiko and Ming are living together, perhaps they are a couple. They discuss everyday things, slip into different roles and thereby tell each other about their relationship.

Terra Mater - Mother Land

by Kantarama Gahigiri | with Cheryl Isheja

Rwanda / Switzerland 2023

Berlinale Shorts | World premiere

There she stands, confidently, like a goddess of technological junk, surrounded by endless mountains of rubbish, plastic, stench and rare earths. Her accusations are angry, composed and to the point.

The Veiled City

by Natalie Cubides-Brady | with Aerynne Eastwood

United Kingdom 2023

Berlinale Shorts | World premiere | Documentary Form

In 1952, London was engulfed in the Great Smog. As a result of industrialisation, a leaden fog settled over the entire city. The archive images from this period become letters from a desolate future.

The Waiting (Das Warten)

by Volker Schlecht | with Karen Lips

Germany 2023

Berlinale Shorts | World premiere | Animation, Documentary Form

A biologist describes her research into various species of frogs in the rainforest of Central America and their mysterious disappearance as if it were a criminal case. Brilliantly animated drawings accompany her vivid scientific analysis.

Wo de peng you (All Tomorrow's Parties)

by Zhang Dalei | with Zhou Xun, Wang Yibo, Zhang Chen, Zhang Huilin

People's Republic of China 2022

Berlinale Shorts | International premiere

China during the 1990 Asian Games. A cinema screening is taking place at a factory in the evening. The janitor distributes the limited tickets while a shy poet waits for someone. A gently told, nostalgic portrait.