Save Our Souls

Author/Director: Jean-Baptiste Bonnet

Producer: Habilis Productions

Country: France

Length: 91'

The Mediterranean Sea is a deadly desert for those who want to cross and reach Europe. Off the coast of Libya, the crew of the Ocean Viking are on the lookout for lost boats. After a high-risk rescue, shipwrecked travelers and rescuers live together aboard awaiting to dock at a safe port. This period on board is the first shelter the survivors get in the midst of their journey, fostering a unique bond with the rescuers. A human link which is like a life jacket.

Awards: Perception Change Award @ Visions du Réel, Switzerland / Transpalux Prize @ Festival du Film de Saint Paul Trois Châteaux - France / Amnesty International & On Demand Distribution CG Entertainment Award @ Festival Dei Popoli - Italy / SIGNS AWARD in the DOCUMENTARY SECTION @ Internationales Festival Zeichen der Nacht - Berlin / Prix du Public + Prix des Étudiant-e-s @ Filmer le Travail - France / Broken Silences Award - Best Social Political Feature @ Doc.Coimbra - Portugal / Prix du public - / Prix du public - Au Cinéma pour les Droits Humains - Amnesty International - France / Prix Tënk - Festival Jean Rouch - France

Festivals:
World Premiere @ Visions du Réel - Grand Angle, Switzerland / IDFA - Best of Fests, Netherlands / Festival Dei Popoli - Italy / Kasseler Dokfest - Germany / Festival du Film de Lama, France / Festival de Cinéma de Douarnenez, France / États généraux du film documentaire de Lussas, France / Festival International du Film Francophone de Namur, Belgium / Human Rights Film Festival Berlin, Germany / Festival du Film de Saint Paul Trois Châteaux, France / One World Slovakia - Slovakia / Traces de Vies - France / Siberia DOC - Russia / Internationales Festival Zeichen der Nacht - Berlin Germany / Tournai Ramdam Festival - Belgium / DOC.Coimbra International Documentary Festival, Portugal / Filmer le Travail - France / Au Cinéma pour les Droits Humains d'Amnesty International - France / CPH:DOX (Urgent Matters) - Denmark / Human Rights Film Festival Zurich -Switzerland / DOC.Coimbra, Portugal / Festival Jean Rouch - France / Rencontres du film documentaire de Mellionnec - France / Festival du Film d'aventure et de Nature - France / Festival Nostre Mar - France / Ecofalante Environmental Film Festival - Brazil / Étonnants Voyageurs - France / Changer la fin - France / Les Écrans de l'Aventure - France / French Film Festival - Ireland

TV participation: France Televisions

Original version: English, Arabic

Credits:
Director, photography, Sound: Jean-Baptiste Bonnet. editing: François Sculier

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