Film

BALOMANIA

Sissel Morell Dargis, Denmark, 2023
92 min. | DK/Documentary











BALOMANIA takes us deep into the heart of Brazil's favelas, where a secret society of giant hot air balloon makers risk everything to create and fly their illegal masterpieces, hoping to "paint the sky" with their vibrant colors. Despite being labeled as delinquents and dangerous by the authorities, these 'baloeiros' are akin to street artists, operating in secrecy while bringing joy to their communities and evading government threats and bounty hunters. Under the exclusive guidance of legendary ‘baloeiros’, film director Sissel shares her remarkable initiation into the balloon brotherhood, where the art of launching monumental silk paper creations becomes an act of social redemption and of collective dreaming.

Basic information

Credits

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Director	Sissel Morell Dargis
Producer	Jesper Jack, Marie Schmidt Olesen, Sissel Morell Dargis
Director of Photography	Sissel Morell Dargis
Editor	Biel Andrés, Rikke Selin, Isabela Monteiro de Castro, Steen Johannessen, Sissel Morell Dargis
Sound	Carlos García, Miguel Villada, Ezequiel Pinedo Leon
Composer	Aquiles Ghirelli, O Novissimo Edgar
Production country	Denmark
DFI subsidy	Konsulentstøtte

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