

A Day Longer Than a Day

Experimental Short Film by Alexander Maß

A Day Longer Than a Day is a 15-minute experimental short film exploring the chaotic tidal currents of the Euripus Strait, a narrow channel off the coast of Chalkida, Greece. On six days each lunar month, three days after Sun, Earth, and Moon form a 90-degree constellation, gravitational tidal forces weaken. The result is a collapse of the regular tidal rhythm into sudden and violent irregularities, reversing direction up to fourteen times within 24 hours.

The film interlaces images of water surfaces shaped by gravity with human silhouettes that serve as metaphors for memory, inner contradictions, and emotional processes. A soundscape, produced by playing a violin bow across electric guitars, renders the pull of gravity into sonic form. This is accompanied by a poetic voice-over by the artist, who reflects on the phenomenon of Euripus, recalling Aristotle's early attempts to understand the strange currents.

The work highlights gravity not only as a physical force but also as a metaphor for emotional equilibrium. It implicitly points to tidal energy as a largely untapped renewable resource. By linking natural phenomena with human contradictions, impulsivity, dissonant behavior, and short-term economic thinking, the film becomes a poetic appeal to inner growth and sustainable ways of living.

In addition to its festival screenings, the work can also be presented as a cinematic sculpture: projected in 4K onto a raw black steel plate suspended by cables, the film interacts with a chemically and sculpturally shaped surface, producing unique metallic reflections that shift as viewers move around it.

Writings

A Day Longer Than a Day

by Alexander Maß

A silver coin to a boatsman,
Who set us in a convenient place,
Where a day seems longer than a day
And colored birds are diving into an
Irregularity of space,

and

In the manner of a wind,
Only a few meters away,
Inverted time begins to run
As we look back and forth
Through different horizons,
Till they unveil
How dark waves can become

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How heavy oceans,
Still lightly flowing through,
With you, together,
And ancient faces,
Dying suddenly
In red and blue.

Should we not do what our hearts feel?

Are we not together,

Whatever we decide?

The answer seems impossible,

Like certain constellations of sun and moon and tide.

Horses and flowers on a sunny path,

With lines engraved,

So beautiful,
Connecting stars and fluid mountains with
Our souls
And their contained experiences of unlove.

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Through the Falling Night
by Alexander Maß

Memories,
Much stronger than the direct light,
Will guide us like a soundwave,
Ascending through the falling night.

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Technical Specifications

Year of Production: 2023

Project Type: Experimental short film (optional installation as cinematic relief)

Runtime: 15 minutes (looped)

Format: 4K digital, 16:9, color, stereo sound

Language: English (voice-over)

Subtitles: Available upon request

Country of Origin: Germany

Filming Locations: Greece, Germany

Direction, Text, Voice, Music and Sound, Animation, Editing: Alexander Maß

Camera: Alexander Maß, Marion Orfila

Cast: Philipp and Pascal Klinke, Reiner Maß, Alexander Maß, Gregory Carlock and Sakina
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Installation Option: When shown as a cinematic relief, the film is projected onto a raw black steel plate (50 × 30 cm, 6 kg), suspended by four cables. The chemically treated and engraved surface produces shifting metallic reflections as viewers move around it. Audio is experienced via headphones in the exhibition space.

Awards & Selections

- Official Selection – Canberra Short Film Festival 2023, Experimental Category (Australia)
- Official Selection – The Art of Brooklyn Film Festival 2023, Film As Art Category (USA)
- Official Selection – 48 Stunden Neukölln Art Festival, Curated Program (Berlin, 2023)
- Official Selection – European Short Film Festival (Berlin, 2023)
- Best Artist Film, Short – **Winner** – Cine Paris Film Festival (France, 2022)
- Honorable Mention – Best Experimental Film – Athens International Monthly Art Film Festival (Greece, 2023)
- Official Selection – Sea of Art Film Festival (Norway, 2023)
- Best Video Art – **Winner** – Five Continents International Film Festival (Venezuela, 2023)
- Best Artist Film (Short) – **Winner** – Berlin Indie Film Festival (Germany, 2022)
- Official Selection – International Art Film Festival London / Birmingham, Poetry Category (UK, 2023)

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