

Filmography

FEATURE FILMS

Last Dolphin King

Feature-length documentary: 2022, 90min, 4K

Direction: Luis Ansorena Hervés, Ernest Riera

Production: Carles Brugueras & Marieke van den Bersselaar

A Polar Star Films' production for NETFLIX ORIGINALS

Festivals: IDFA 2022, Frontlight

Release in Netflix: November 24th 2022

The Builders of the Alhambra

Feature-length documentary: 2022, 90min, 4K

Direction: Isabel Fernández

Production: Carles Brugueras, Isabel Fernandez & Marieke van den Bersselaar

A co-production between Al Pati Productions, Polar Star Films and El de las Dos Vidas A.I.E. (Spain)

In collaboration with RTVE, ORF, ARTE/ZDF and Aljazeera Documentary Channel. With the support of de Creative Media, la Junta de Andalucía and ICEC.

International Distribution: ORF Enterprise and Versión Digital

Festivals: Valladolid Seminci, 2022

Theatrical release in Spain: November 25th 2022.

McCurry – The Pursuit of Color

Feature-length documentary: 2022, 90min, 4K

Direction: Denis Delestrac

Production: Carles Brugueras & Marieke van den Bersselaar

A co-production between Polar Star Films, Intrepido Films & Steamroller Media A.I.E

A co-production between SWR, ARTE. With the support of ICAA, Creative Media Europe and ICEC

Nacional and international distribution: Dogwoof

Festivals:

- DOC NYC, 2021 – Official Selection (World Premiere)
- Glasgow Film Festival, 2022 – Official Selection (European Premiere)
- Salem Film Festival, 2022 – Official Selection
- Doclands, 2022 – Official Selection
- Berkshire International Film Festival, 2022 – Official Selection
- Shanghai International Film Festival, 2022 – Official Selection

- GOYA Awards, 2023 – **Candidate for Best Documentary**
- GAUDÍ Awards, 2023 – **Candidate for Best Documentary**
- International Festival of Films on Art (FIFA), 2023 – Official Selection
- EPOS - The International Art Film Festival, 2023 – Official Selection

Theatrical release in Spain: June 10th 2022

Dúo

Fiction, drama: 2022, 108 min, 2K,

Director: Meritxell Colell Aparicio.

Producer: Carles Brugueras, Belén Sánchez Silvero

Executive producers: Carles Brugueras, Belén Sánchez Silvero, Nicolás Münzel Camaño, Nathalie Trafford, Macarena López Bergeret.

A Polar Star Films' production, in co-production with Pensilvania Films, Paraiso Production and Manufactura de Películas and with the support of Ibermedia, ICAA, INCAA and ICEC.

Distribution in Spain: Atalante

International distribution: Begin Again

Festivals (a selection):

- Malaga International Film Festival, 2022 – Zonezine Section (World Premiere) – **Winner of Jasmine Branch for Best Direction**
- D'A Film Festival, 2022 – “Un impulso colectivo” Section
- Cinema Jove de València, 2022 – “Special Projection” Section
- Cerdanya Film Festival, 2022 – “Cinefilia” Section
- Abycine, 2022 – “Talents Lanza” Section
- ACID, 2022 (France) – Official Selection
- Cineacultura of Rastisbona, 2023 – Official Selection
- Cinemaatic Catalan FF, 2023 – “Catalan Cinema” section

Theatrical release in Spain: March 19th 2022

THE SECRET OF DOCTOR GRINBERG

Creative documentary: 2020, 91 min, 2K

Director: Ida Cuéllar

Production: Carles Brugueras, Marieke van den Bersselaar, Inés Massa & Ida Cuéllar

A co-production between Polar Star Films & Primo Content (Spain)

In collaboration with SPR & Fosforescente (Mexico)

Festivals:

- Sheffield Documentary Film Festival, 2020 – Official Selection (**World Premiere**)

- Málaga International Film Festival, 2020 – Official Selection (**National Premiere**)
- Guanajuato Film Festival, 2020 – Official Selection
- DocsMX Festival, 2020 - Official Selection – Winner **Audience Award**
- Guadalajara Film Festival, 2020 – “A Mexican Festival” section
- Morbido Film Festival, 2020 – Official Selection
- DocsValència, 2020 – Official Selection – **Winner Panorama Prize**
- DocsBarcelona, 2021 – Official Selection – **Winner Latitud Award**
- FIDBA – Official Selection
- Festival Internacional de Cine Judío México, 2022 – Official Selection – **Winner of the first Mexican features competition**
- Punta del Este Jewish Film Festival, 2023 – Official Documentaries Competition

Theatrical release in Spain: September 8th 2022

MY NAME IS VIOLETA

Creative documentary: 2019, 76 min, 2K

Directors: David Fernández de Castro & Marc Parramon

Production: Carles Brugueras, Joan Úbeda & Marieke van den Bersselaar

A co-production between Mediapro & Polar Star Films (Spain)

In collaboration with DKISS, Movistar+ & Televisió de Catalunya (Spain)

With the support of ICEC

Internacional Distribution: Limonero Films

Festivals:

- Málaga International Film Festival, 2019 – Special Documentary Session (World Premiere)
- Docs Barcelona, 2019 – Official Selection – **Winner of Audience Award & Amnesty International Catalunya Award**
- San Sebastian International Film Festival, 2019 – Made in Spain Section
- Memorigame Festival, 2019 – Official selection, **Winner of Youth Memori Award**
- Gilbert Baker Film Festival, 2020 – Official Selection, **Winner of Best in Festival and Best Documentary**
- Thessaloniki International LGBTIQ Film Festival, 2020 – Official Selection
- QUEERSICHT, 2020 – Official Selection

Theatrical release in Spain: June 28th 2019

IDRISSA, CHRONICLE OF AN ORDINARY DEATH

Creative documentary: 2018, 94 min, 2K

Directors: Xavier Artigas & Xapo Ortega

Production: Carles Brugueras, Marieke van den Bersselaar & Belén Sánchez

A co-production between Polar Star Films & Metromuster (Spain)

With the support of ICEC, ICAA, MEDIA Europe, The Rosa Luxemburg Foundation & Televisió de Catalunya

Festivals:

- Sevilla International Film Festival, 2018 – Official Selection
- L'Alternativa 2018 – Official Selection
- FIC-CAT, 2019– Official Selection – **Winner Best Documentary**
- Documenta Madrid 2019 – National Features Competition – **Winner of Screenly Award**
- Alcances 2019 – Official Selection – **Winner of Audience Award**
- **Recipient of Montserrat Roig Journalism Award, 2019**

Theatrical release in Spain: November 15th 2019

TIME THIEVES

Creative documentary: 2018, 84/52 min, HD

Director: Cosima Dannoritzer

Production: Carles Brugueras, Christian Popp & Marieke van den Bersselaar

A production between Polar Star Films & Yuzu Productions (France)

In coproduction with ARTE France, RTVE & TVC

In collaboration with Servus TV (Austria), SRF (Switzerland), RTS (Switzerland), YLE (Finland) & YesTV (Israel)

With the support of MEDIA Slate Funding, MEDIA TV Programming & ICEC

International Distribution: Autlook Filmsales

Festivals:

- Docs Barcelona, 2018 – Official Selection Latitud Section
- Festival Sant Cugat Fantàstic, 2018 – **Winner Best Script**
- Festiver, 2018 – **Honorable Mention in International Competition**
- One World, 2018 – Official Selection
- IV International Conference on Time Perspective, 2018
- United Nations Association Film Festival, 2019 – Session 22 – **Winner of Best Editing Award**

FACING THE WIND

Fiction, drama: 2017, 108 min, 2K

Director: Meritxell Colell

Producer: Carles Brugueras

Executive Producers: Carles Brugueras, Nathalie Trafford & Maxi Dubois

A production by Polar Star Films

In coproduction with Habitación 1520 (Argentina) & Paraiso Production (France)

With the support of ICAA, INCAA, Eurimages, Cinéfondation L'Atelier, REC & Sources 2

Festivals (a selection):

- Berlinale, 2018 – Forum
- Málaga International Film Festival, 2018 – Zonecine Section, **Winner of Biznaga de Plata Award**
- Guadalajara International Film Festival, 2018 – Official Selection
- Sofia International Film Festival, 2018 – International Competition
- Festival de Cinéma Espagnol de Nantes, 2018 – Opera Prima Competition
- Festival D'A 2018 – “Talents” & “Un Impulso Colectivo” Section – **Special Mention Talents Award**
- Nara International Film Festival, 2018 – International Competition
- San Sebastian International Film Festival, 2018 – Made in Spain Section
- Reykjavík International Film Festival, 2018 – New Visions Competition
- Chicago International Film Festival, 2018 – New Directors Competition
- Seminci Festival, 2018 – Spanish Cinema Section

Theatrical release in Spain: November 23th 2018

FREIGHTENED, THE REAL PRICE OF SHIPPING

Creative documentary: 2016, 52/83 min, HD

Director: Denis Delestrac

Production: Carles Brugueras & Marieke van den Bersselaar

A production between Polar Star Films & Compagnie des Taxi-Brousse (France)

In coproduction with SWR/NDR (Germany), France 5, Al Jazeera Doc Channel (Qatar)

In collaboration with TVC, SRF (Switzerland), SVT (Sweden), RTS (Switzerland), NRK (Norway), Knowledge (Canada), TéléQuébec (Canada)

With the support of Creative Europe-MEDIA Programme of the European Union, ICEC & CNC

International Distribution: About Premium Content

Festivals (a selection):

- San Francisco Green Film Festival, 2016 – Official Selection
- Docs Barcelona, 2016 – Official Selection
- Sheffield Doc/Fest, 2016 – Official Selection

- Deauville Awards, 2016 – **Winner of Golden Green Award**
- DIG Awards, 2016
- Vancouver International Film Festival, 2016 – Official Selection
- Another Way Film Festival, 2016 – **Winner Best Film**
- DocsMX, 2016 – Breaking Docs Section
- Planet in Focus, 2016 – Official Selection
- FICMA, 2016 – Documentary Features Section
- **Grand Prix Écrans Publics 2016 Award**

FALCIANI'S TAX BOMB

Creative documentary: 2015, 90/52 min, HD

Director: Ben Lewis

A production between Gebrueder Beetz (Germany) & Polar Star Films

In coproduction with SWR/ARD (Germany), TVE, Televisió de Catalunya (Spain), RTS (Switzerland), SRF (Switzerland)

In association with ARTE, DR (Denmark), SVT (Sweden) & YLE (Finland)

With the support of NRW Filmstiftung, Creative Europe-MEDIA Programme of the European Union, ICEC

International Distribution: Outlook Filmsales

Festivals (a selection):

- DokFest Munich, 2015 – Dok.money section – **World Premiere**
- DocsBarcelona, 2015
- Sheffield Doc/Fest, 2015
- Vancouver International Film Festival, 2015 – Non-fiction features
- CPH:DOX, 2015 – Top Dox Section
- DocsBarcelona+Medellín, 2015
- EIDF, 2015
- Vukovar Film Festival, 2015 – In Competition
- Milano Film Festival, 2015 – Colpe di Stato Section
- SEANEMA Film Festival, 2015

GOOGLE AND THE WORLD BRAIN

Creative documentary: 2013, 89/52 min, HD

Director: Ben Lewis

Producer: Bettina Walter

Executive producer: Carles Brugueras

A production between Polar Star Films & BLTV (United Kingdom)

In coproduction with ZDF/ARTE (Germany), BBC (United Kingdom), TVE & Televisió de Catalunya (Spain)

In collaboration with LICHTPUNT (Belgium), SVT (Sweden), NRK (Norway), DR (Denmark), VPRO (Netherlands); Knowledge Network (Canada) & ERT

(Greece)

With the support of MEDIA Development & Distribution & EURODOC 2010

International Distribution: Films Transit International

Educational distribution (United States & Canada): Media Education Foundation

Theatrical release in Spain: December 12th 2013

Festivals (a selection):

- Sundance, 2013 – International Documentary Competition
- Rincón International Film Festival, 2013 – **Winner Best Documentary**
- 37th Cleveland Film Festival, 2013 – In Competition
- RiverRun International Film Festival, 2013 – In Competition
- 56th San Francisco International Film Festival, 2013 – Documentary Features
- DOXA Documentary Film Festival, 2013
- Documenta Madrid, 2013 – International Competition Documentary Features
- Docs Barcelona, 2013 – Official Selection
- Sheffield Doc/Fest, 2013 – **Special Mention by Jury (in competition)**

PARROT AT THE MILKBAR

Creative documentary: 2014, 80/52 min, HD

Director: Inés Thomsen

Executive producers: Carles Brugueras & Thomas Tielsch

A co-coproduction between Polar Star Films & Filmtank (Germany)

In collaboration with Televisió de Catalunya (Spain)

With the support of Filmförderung Hamburg Schleswig-Holstein y MEDIA Development

Festivals:

- Docs Barcelona, 2014 – Official Selection
- Documenta Madrid, 2014 – Panorama Section
- Festival Alcances, 2014 – Official Selection
- Hofer Filmtage, 2014 – Official Selection
- Festival Internacional de cine y Derechos Humanos, 2015 – Official Selection
- Filmsfest Schleswig-Holstein, 2015 – **Winner Best Film Award**
- Achtung Berlin, 2015 – **New Berlin Film Award**

THE LITHIUM REVOLUTION

Creative documentary: 2012, 52 min, HD

Director: Andreas Pichler

Producer: Georg Tschurtschenthaler

Executive producers: Christian Beetz & Carles Brugueras

A co-coproduction between Polar Star Films & Gebrueder Beetz (Germany)

In collaboration with WDR/ARTE (Germany)

With the support of MEDIA Development, NRW Filmstiftung y EED

Festivals:

- **Herbert Quandt Award 2013**
- **Life After Oil Award 2014**
- DCEFF, 2014 – Official Selection
- Ecofalante, 2014 – Official Selection
- FIFEL, 2014 – Official Selection
- Festival du Film Vert, 2015 – Official Selection

THE CLUB

Creative documentary: 2009, 67min, HD/Digibeta

Director: Rose Kowalski

Producer: Madeleine Sheehan

Executive producer: Carles Brugueras

A coproduction between Polar Star Films & Televisió de Catalunya (Spain)

With the support of MEDIA & ICIC

Festivals (a selection):

- International Documentary Festival “Santiago Alvarez in Memoriam”, 2010 – Official Selection
- Edge Documentary Festival, 2010 – Official Selection
- DocsDF International Documentary Festival, 2009 – **Winner Best Iberoamericano Documentary**
- DOK Leipzig Market, 2009 – Official Selection
- MEDIMED Documentary Market, 2009

MAÑANA AL MAR

Creative documentary: 2006, 90/52min, 35 mm

Director: Inés Thomsen

Producer: Carles Brugueras & Bettina Walter

A coproduction between Polar Star Films & GOP03 (Germany)

With the support of ICIC & Kulturelle Filmfoerderung Schleswig-Holstein

International Distribution: GOP03

Festivals (a selection):

- It's All True Sao Paulo, 2007 – **Best Documentary**
- Achtung Berlin, 2007 – **Best Documentary & Best Camera**
- Ophuels Festival Saarbruecken, 2006 – **Best Documentary Saarbruecken**

- Documenta Madrid, 2006 – In Competition
- L'Alternativa Barcelona, 2006
- Rencontres Internationales du Documentaire de Montreal 2006
- Max Ophüls Prize Festival, 2006 – **Best Documentary**
- Prix Europa Television Award, 2006

THE DEVIL'S MINER

Creative documentary: 2005, 82/52min, Betacam

Directors: Richard Ladkani, Kief Davidson

A production between Urban Landscapes & La Mita Loca Film Production (USA)

In coproduction with Polar Star Films

In association with Provobis Film Hamburg

Festivals:

- Tribeca Film Festival, 2005 – **Emerging Filmmaker Special Mention**
- Hot Docs Film Festival, 2005 – **Fipresci Award & Honourable Mention
Best International Documentary**
- Jerusalem Film Festival, 2005 – **Winner Best International
Documentary**
- Chicago Film Festival, 2005 – **Silver Hugo Award for Best
Documentary**
- Woodstock Film Festival, 2005 – **Winner Best Documentary**
- Mexico City Film Festival, 2005 – **Humanitarian Award**
- Directors Guild Award, 2006 – **Nominee for Outstanding Achievement
in Documentary Direction**
- European Film Awards, 2005 – **Nominee for Best Documentary**
- Ida Award, 2005 – **Nominee for the Pare Loretz Award**

SHORT FILMS

When The Mountain Rumbles

Documentary short film: 2022, 28 min, 4K

Director: Alba Bresolí Aliberch

Producers: Carles Brugueras, Marieke van den Bersselaar, Chloé Atkinson.

Executive producers: Carles Brugueras, Marieke van den Bersselaar

A Polar Star Films' production with the support of ICEC and ICAA

Festivals (a selection):

- Malaga International Film Festival, 2022 – Official Selection of Documentary Shorts – **Jury Special Mention**
- IndieLisboa, 2022 – International Competition
- DocumentaMadrid, 2022 – National Competition – **Youth Jury Award**
- Sheffield, 2022 – “Short –This Land is Our Land” Section
- Cerdanya Film Festival, 2022 – **Best Documentary Short Award**
- Mostra Foradcamp, 2002 - Official Selection – **Public Award & Jury Special Mention**
- Festival Jóvenes Realizadores – Granada Film Fest, 2022 – International Competition – **Special Mention**
- IDFA, 2022 – “Best of Fests” Section
- FIPADOCs, 2023 – New Talents Section
- Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, 2023

Tempesta

Fiction short film: 2018, 13 min, HD

Director: Marta González

Producer: Carles Brugueras

A production by Polar Star Films

With the support of ICEC & ICAA

The Final Fair

Documentary short film: 2015, 34 min, HD

Director: Ricardo Íscar

Producer: Carles Brugueras

A production by Polar Star Films

Festivals:

- Seminci Valladolid, 2015 – DocEspaña Section
- Alcances, 2016 – Official Selection
- Festival Cinespaña Toulouse, 2016
- Alcine, 2016 – Official Selection – **Winner Best Editing & Special Mention**

- Atlantidoc, 2016 – Casa de la cultura de Atlantida section – **Winner Best Medium-Length Film**

La voz de Hans

Short Film, drama: 2010, 15 min, 35mm

Director: Luca Vaccì

Producer: Carles Brugueras

A production by Polar Star Films

With the support of ICAA & ICIC

FRAGILE GROUND

Documentary short film: 2009, 8 min, betacam

Direction: C. Brugueras, R. Kowalski, J. Miralles, E. Noguer, A. Basagaña

Producer: Carles Brugueras

A production by Polar Star Films

Conceived, written, shot and edited over 5 days (5-9th March 2009) for the International Documentary Challenge 2009.

Festivals:

- International Documentary Challenge HotDocs Festival, 2009 – **Best Filmography & Best Experimental Genere**
- Ecozine, 2010 – Official Selection
- MECAL International Short Film Festival, 2010
- Manlleu Film Festival, 2010 – Official Selection
- Festival International de Curtmetratges en Català, 2010 – Official Selection
- Summer Film Festival Wisconsin, 2012

CHAT NOIR

Short film, drama: 2008, 12 min, 35mm

Director: Daniel Fibla Amselem

Producer: Carles Brugueras

A coproduction between Polar Star Films & Gabiwan Productions

With the support of ICAA & ICIC

Festivals:

- The Iberoamericano Short Film Festival, 2009 – Official Selection
- FIC-CAT, 2009 – **Best Short film**
- San Francisco United Film Festival, 2009 – Official Selection
- Valencia Youth Cinema Festival, 2009 – Official Selection
- Short Film ACE Award, 2009

LAZARUS TAXON

Short film, Sci-fi/Horror: 2008, 15 min, 35mm

Director: Denis Rovira

Producer: Carles Brugueras

A coproduction between Polar Star Films & Pure Films (Spain)

With the support of ICAA & ICIC

Festivals:

- FIC Mostoles Festival Internacional de Cortometrajes, 2009 – **Best Spanish Film**
- FIC-CAT, 2009 – Official Selection
- FIBABC Madrid, 2009 – Official Selection
- San Francisco United Film Festival, 2009 – Official Selection
- Valencia Youth Cinema Festival, 2009 – Official Selection
- Espoó Fantastic Film Festival, 2009 – Official Selection & **Méliès Award Nominated**
- Atlanta Underground Film Festival, 2009 – **Best Horror Short**
- Sci-Fi World International Short-Film Festival, 2009 – **Best Script Award**

THE BATHERS

Short film, drama: 2004, 5 min, 35mm

Director: Rose Kowalski

Producer: Carles Brugueras

A production by Polar Star Films

Festivals (a selection):

- Brest European Short Film Festival, 2004
- Mecal, 2004
- Girona Film Festival, 2004 – **Finalist**
- Illes Balears Festival, 2005 – **Finalist**
- Clermont-Ferrand Festival, 2005 – Selected Programme
- Kino Film, Manchester International Short Film Festival, 2005
- Alcances, Muestra Cinematográfica del Atlántico, 2004
- Clermont-Ferrand Festival, 2022 – Retrospective