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New Portuguese television production is presented in Spain on the Conecta market

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June at the Conecta market, in Toledo, Spain.

Conecta Fiction & Entertainment is an international market dedicated to the audiovisual industry, which has been taking place since 2017 in Spain, and which brings professionals from more than 50 countries into contact to present projects (pitching), debates and lectures.

The organization had already announced that this year Portugal and Brazil would be the focus countries, with several producers, audiovisual companies and invited entities, and revealed this Tuesday which international projects were chosen for the pitching sessions.

The co-production program for fiction series includes "Águas Passadas", by Caracol Studios, "A Célula Dormecida", by the production company SPI, and "Novas Narrativas de Caça", by the production company Galo Bravo.

"Águas Passadas" is a thriller based on the detective novel of the same name by João Tordo, published in 2021 and starring PSP sub-inspector Pilar Benamor, who will have to unravel two crimes that occurred in Lisbon.

"A Célula Dormecida", which is in development and already has support from the Instituto do Cinema e Audiovisual, is written by Nuno Nepomuceno and Miguel Simal, and is produced by SPI.

"When Lisbon wakes up to the news of a terrorist attack, followed by the death of the prime minister, a professor and a journalist join forces to put an end to an international conspiracy that goes back to their past", reads the synopsis.

Also in the co-production program is the television series project "New hunting narratives", by Luís Almeida and Victor Lemos, consisting of seven episodes with many other stories united by the same theme: "The search for identity and belonging of black Portuguese, people of African descent, who struggle to be part of a society that often ignores and oppresses them", states the project's official page.

"New hunting narratives" is an initiative by Many Takes and Galo Bravo and among the authors associated with each episode are Luís Almeida, Cláudia Semedo, Gisela Casimiro and Diogo Carvalho.

The Conecta program dedicated to music series projects features "Um place ao sol", also produced by SPI, with a script by Pedro Lopes, Catarina Bizarro, Manuel Mora Marques, Marina Preguiça Ribeiro and Marta Pais Lopes.

The series follows Beatriz, a 35-year-old artist, on the verge of giving up her career in music, without concerts, with a daughter and an album ignored by the public.

In addition to all these projects, the Brazilian series "Gisberta - Life and death of a trans woman", written by Rodrigo Reboucas and produced by Volf Entertainment, by Portuguese producer and director Leonel, is also part of the program dedicated to drama documentary series. Vieira.

The project is about the death of Brazilian trans woman Gisberta Salce, murdered in 2006, in Porto, by a group of teenagers.

Conecta Fiction & Entertainment will take place from the 18th to the 21st of June in Toledo and among the invited entities are the Instituto do Cinema e Audiovisual, the Portugal Film Commission, the Association of Independent Television Producers, the producers Coral, SPI, Caracol Studios, Ukbar Filmes, Nu Boyana FX, Arquipélago Filmes and the television channels RTP and TVI.

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