

Production Credits for "Mantis"

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Film synopsis

The stylised representation of a praying mantis' life cycle is the vehicle for a poetic reflection about nature's cycle of life and death, impulse for survival and desire of reproduction. The work is meditative, somewhat detached but detailed with its subject, in an attempt to avoid morals and allow free interpretation. The visuals are stylised in a simple and beautiful way, borrowing from Japanese art, to capture the essence of the subject rather than to create a formally realistic representation.

Filmmaker's biography

Jordi Moragues was born in Barcelona in 1970. With a background of audio-visual direction, and after some time of professional practice in this field, he dedicates to computer animation in the environment of advertising postproduction. In 1993 joins the Master of Image Synthesis and Computer Animation at the University of the Balearic Islands where, springing from his narrative interests, produces two pieces of world-wide acceptance and awarded at prestigious festivals like Imagina, SIGGRAPH, NICOGRAPH, London Effects & Animation Festival or Art Futura. Between 1994 and 1997 produces One Night at the Audiovisual Institute of the Pompeu Fabra University, where he taught computer animation as well. At present he works as a fellow at the Academy for Media Arts in Cologne.

Technical data

Film master: 35 mm. print, colour, Dolby Digital sound.
Video master: Digital Betacam, PAL, Stereo.
Duration: 7 min. 44 sec.