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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Original Title	Paal
English Title	Paal (Child)
Running Time	21 minutes
Country	Mexico, Canada, Switzerland
Year	2012
Genre	Documentary
Language	Mayan and Spanish
Subtitles	English, French, German, Spanish
Director/Producer/Writer Executive Producers	Christoph Müller & Victor Vargas Cotorra Films, Creative Blends & Bebé Momia Producciones.
Photographer	Victor Vargas Villafuerte
Editor	Christoph Müller
Music	Tumben Kaay / FCP Children's Choir
Original Format	MiniDV NTSC
Available Formats	SD NTSC, HD 720p, BluRay
Website	http://www.creativeblends.tv/paal

SYNOPSIS

The documentary "Paal" tells the story of Memo, a Mayan child, whose biggest dream is to tell the stories of his people. Through his own vision and fantasy, we explore the everyday life and culture of his town, and the exuberant nature of Yucatan's jungle in the south of Mexico. "Paal" pays homage to a magical world that is not exempt from the influence of the occidental world.



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Christoph Müller

Christoph Müller is an independent filmmaker from Switzerland. He lives since 2003 in Mexico City, working as a director, photographer, editor and motion graphics artist on several documentaries and animations. In 2008 he wins as a director-editor numerous national and international film festivals with the short documentary Ciudad Huacal.



In 2011, Christoph creates the label Creative Blends to produce artistic and commercial projects in Mexico City, Basel and New York.

Filmography

- Ciudad Huacal (2007, documentary, 10 min.)
- Tepito: El pequeño templo (2008, documentary, 61 min.)

Victor Vargas Villafuerte

Victor was born in Mexico City in 1980. He studied Actuarial Sciences in ENEP Acatlán, UNAM, with specialty in finances. After that he worked for four years in actuarial related jobs and changed then to photography.



He studied photography and cinema on video within in the Casa del Lago in Mexico City. In 2009 he moves to Montreal where he studied commercial photography at Dawson College.

Currently, Victor works as a freelance photographer in Montreal, Canada.

FESTIVALS / PRIZES

Festivals

- Montreal International Documentary Festival RIDM, Montreal, Canada 2012
- Latin Short Film Festival of New York Corto Circuito, New York City, USA 2012
- Festival Filmar en America Latina FILMAR, Geneve, Switzerland 2012
- Morelia International Film Festival FICM, Morelia, Mexico 2012
- Festival de Cine y Video Documental ZANATE, Colima, Mexico 2012
- Festival Internacional de Cine Rural Arica y Parinacota ARICA NATIVA, Arica, Chile 2012
- International Documentary Film Festival of Mexico City DOCSDF, Mexico City, Mexico 2012
- Riviera Maya Underground Film Festival RMUFF, Playa del Carmen, Mexico 2012
- Festival Internacional de Curtas-Metragens de Sao Paulo Kinoforum, Sao Paulo, Brazil 2012
- Festival de Cine y Video Indigena FECVI, Morelia, Mexico
- Guanajuato International Film Festival GIFF Guanajuato, Mexico 2012
- Festival Internacional de Cine y Video Indigena FICVI, Puebla, Mexico 2012
- International Film Festival UABC FICUABC, Mexicali, Mexico 2012

Prizes

- **Best Short Film** Festival Internacional de Cine Rural Arica y Parinacota ARICA NATIVA, Arica, Chile 2012
- **Honorable Mention** Festival Internacional de Cine y Video Indigena FICVI, Puebla, Mexico
- **Honorable Mention** Riviera Maya Underground Film Festival RMUFF, Playa del Carmen, Mexico
- **Audience Award** Festival de Cine y Video Indigena FECVI, Morelia, Mexico
- **Best Documentary** International Film Festival UABC FICUABC, Mexicali, Mexico 2012

