

# AFTER PARTY

A film by Vicu Bazan Szelest

Title: After Party

Runtime: 00:05:32

Country of Production: NL

Genre: Drama / Thriller / Social Commentary

Completion Year: 2025

## Director's Statement

After Party is my debut short film—and a deeply personal one.

As a first-time female filmmaker, I wrote, produced, directed, and starred in this film, while also composing its original score. Every part of this project came from my own lived experience, and I poured myself into it creatively, emotionally, and physically.

The story is based on my real-life journey from chaotic afterparties and substance-fueled nights to sobriety and the emotional clarity (and loneliness) that followed. I wanted to tell a story about what happens when the party doesn't end—but your place in it does.

## Why Film Festivals?

I'm submitting After Party to festivals to open up a conversation around sobriety, youth culture, and emotional disconnect. I want this film to speak to people who've felt alone in the middle of a crowd—or who've realized that “fun” sometimes hides something much heavier underneath.

As a debut filmmaker, I'm excited to share my voice, connect with fellow creators, and grow through this experience. This is the beginning of my filmmaking journey, and I hope it leads to more stories that challenge, question, and reflect real emotional change.

## About the Director

Vicu (she/her) is a Argentine actress and filmmaker based in Amsterdam. With a background in film, theatre, music, and dance, she acted across Europe in series like Maxima and FBI International, as well as leading roles in award-winning short films. Her directing debut fuels her passion for stories that dive into the emotional complexity of nightlife culture.