



## ‘HOME’

**A film by Mela Hilleard**

***Even among the ashes, a new home can arise.***

**Documentary, Independent, Experimental, Art House, Author Cinema, Found Footage**

**95 minutes, Colour, DSLR, 24 fps, 16:9, English, 5.1 Dolby Surround, DCP, UK 2023**

‘HOME’ upturns the cinematic rules of how we think a film should be made. This full-length documentary is made from found footage; shot over a number of years, using a hand-held camera shooting ‘with gut feelings’ unscripted events and in an almost reverse process, the script was written last.

The film focuses on family, identity, emigration, as well as the circle of life, death and rebirth. Its genesis and inspiration was a seven-year collection of films and photographs covering the lives of a handful of people ejected from their own cultures and homes, who are creating home and finding love at the house of a 90-year-old, bed-ridden writer in suburban London.

Our first viewer and critic, Tadeusz Sobolewski, wrote: *“This delicate film-diary sounded painful to me, but it also evoked a thought that we don’t want to let our private worlds be taken away. I don’t want to leave the house. I don’t want to take the future of the world on my shoulders. The world that is within our reach, close and ‘within our focus’ is important.”*

‘HOME’ premiered during the Kinoteka Polish Film Festival at the ICA in London and has been awarded Best Feature Film at the Kick-Off International Film Festival, at the same time it also received a special screening at the Center for Contemporary Art in Warsaw. Prior to this it has had pre-screenings in the UK: in London at Swedenborg House accompanied by the photography exhibition ‘RAINBOW’ and painting exhibition ‘SUNRISE CORNER’, POSK, the Nottingham’s Mammoth Cinema as part of Kino Kofo Notts, International Network of Experimental Fiction Filmmaking Festival and the University of the Salford. In France at the Kinopolska Bordeaux and L’Europe autour de l’Europe Festival in Paris. In Poland at the International Film Festival NNW in Gdynia, the Art Inkubator in Sopot, Media Festival Człowiek w Zagrożeniu in Łódź and the Festival Hommage à Kiesłowski in Sokołowsko.

**‘HOME’ website & trailer**

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