

Majur

Brazil. 20'



In August 2016, Rafael Irineu met Majur as head of communication at Tadarimana indigenous territory, where he recorded his first short film "Meu Rio Vermelho" (Available on the Brasil Play Channel). Months later, Majur invited Irineu to do a photo shoot, and thus began the partnership that would result in the recordings of the new documentary. It was recorded in secret between 2017 and 2018 at the request of Majur, only the chief cacique knew the fate of the

recordings. Nowadays, *Majur* (person and movie) is known and respected by all of the village. The film is essentially of great importance behind the cameras: a 100% local team (professionals from Mato Grosso, located in the Brazilian Midwest region), made up of professionals who are newcomers to the main functions, and formed by indigenous people, gay, women and trans to tell their story. The short film was contemplated by an edital of culture fund of the City of Cuiabá, audiovisual category, destined for beginner filmmakers.

After being released in June at the International Festival of Sexual and Gender Diversity (DIGO) in Goiânia, it was selected in the 46th Festival de Cinema de Gramado, one of the most important cinema events in Brazil.



Rafael Irineu, 24, LGBTQ, lives at Mato Grosso, Brazil, in the city named Rio Vermelho, or Rondonópolis (the official name). It was in the hinterland of Bahia that he began to photograph, at age 11, with a digital camera a way to overcome a child depression. Still in 2006, the interior city of Bahia was the background for his photos and videos. His neighbor was a benzedeira (a Brazilian prayer) and indicated his services to couples and pregnant women. He was baptized by a photographer who introduced him to the technical notion. Graduated in Radialism by Universidade Federal do Mato Grosso (UFMT), participated in collective photographic exhibitions, scholarship student for two years in the Coxiponés Cineclub, and made a documentary. "My Rio Vermelho" was exhibited in more than 30 festivals, six abroad, is available on CanalBrasilPlay and on TV Brasil. In 2018, "Majur" was launched at LGBTQ festival "DIGO", in Brazil, selected for the 46th edition of Festival de Cinema de Gramado and continues on the festival circuit.