

THE RABBIT HUNT



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Log Line

On the weekends during the harvest season, seventeen year old Chris and his family hunt rabbits in the sugarcane fields of the Florida Everglades.

Synopsis

In the Florida Everglades rabbit hunting is considered a rite of passage for young men. The Rabbit Hunt follows seventeen year old Chris and his family as they hunt in the fields of the largest industrial sugar farms in the US. The film records a tradition by which migrant farm workers in the communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee have been hunting and preparing rabbits since the early 1900s.

Website

www.therabbithunt.com

facebook.com/TheRabbitHunt

Credits

Director, Producer and Cinematographer - Patrick Bresnan

Producer and Editor - Ivete Lucas

Co-Producer - Maida Brankman

Executive Producer - Beth Earl

Associate Producer - Dóra Nedeczky

Featuring - Chris Burgess Jr., Ta'Questa Browning and the Burgess Family

Premiere:

Sundance Film Festival - Short Documentary Competition (World Premiere)

Berlin International Film Festival - Berlinale Shorts Competition (International Premiere)



Awards:

SXSW Grand Jury Award for Texas Short

Sheffield Doc/Fest Short Doc Award

San Francisco Film Festival Golden Gate Award for Best Documentary Short

Florida Film Festival Grand Jury Award for Documentary Short

Vienna Shorts Best Documentary and Fiction Film Award

Vienna Shorts Best Documentary Film Award

Art Film fest Kosice Special Mention for Best Short Film

Champs-Élysées Film Festival Best American Short

Greenwich Film Festival Best Documentary Short

Directors' Bio

Patrick Bresnan is a visual artist and filmmaker. He received his formal education working for notable Mission School artists Clare Rojas and Barry McGee (TWIST) before directing his short documentary THE SEND-OFF, which premiered at Sundance 2016 and received awards at SXSW, AFI FEST and San Francisco International Film Festival. That year, he and his partner Ivete Lucas were named among Filmmaker Magazine's 25 New Faces of Independent Film. THE RABBIT HUNT, his follow up short, premiered at Sundance 2017 before competing at Berlinale, and won ten awards, including Best Documentary at four Academy-qualifying events. Bresnan and Lucas are currently directing a feature documentary titled PAHOKEE, which takes place in the Florida Everglades.



“Timeless, brutal and elegant, The Rabbit Hunt captures a facet of American life that is rarely presented on screen.”

- SXSW Short Film Jury

“We feel strongly that a work of such empathetic humanism and unassuming but intense social engagement deserves the widest possible exposure.”

- VIS Jury

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