



SUNBURNED

FEATURE FILM, 2K, 94 MIN., GERMANY / NETHERLANDS / POLAND

FILM INFO

Writer & Director Carolina Hellsgård (EVER AFTER, WANJA)
Produced by Nicole Gerhards / NiKo Film // GE
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CAST

Claire Zita Gaier (MAIKÄFER FLIEG)
Amram Gedion Oduor Wekesa (STYX)
Sophie Sabine Timoteo (HOW I TAUGHT MYSELF TO BE A CHILD,
 CRONOFobia, THE DRIFT)
Zoe Nicolais Borger (GUARDIANS)

CREW

Cinematographer Wojciech Staron (Silver Bear for his outstanding artistic achievement for
 EL PREMIO)
Editor Ruth Schönege (EVER AFTER, THE WICKED UNCLE)
Set design Ben Zuydwijk (Golden Calf for J.KESSELS)
Sound design & Mix Mark Glynne (Golden Calf for STAGES)
Music Alex Simu (Golden Calf for BEYOND SLEEP)
Casting Ulrike Müller & Jacqueline Rietz
Costume Alette Kraan
Make-up Susanne Woerle-Jiritano



LOG LINE

Feeling neglected by her mother and sister on their holiday in Spain, 13-year-old Claire tries to help a young Senegalese beach vendor to escape his misery.

SYNOPSIS

Claire (13) is vacationing with her sister Zoe (15) and mother Sophie (40) at a resort hotel in southern Spain. Sophie spends her days by the pool and shows a minimum of interest in her daughters. In the beginning Claire clings to her older sister Zoe, who mercifully lets her tag along. But when Zoe meets a boy her own age, Claire is left alone. By the beach Claire befriends Amram, a young Senegalese beach vendor. As their relationship deepens, Claire tries to help him, but unintentionally ends up making his desolate situation even worse.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

I remember my own vacations as a teenager with the family; the strange mix of apprehension and boredom that set in as the summer holidays began. The eternal power struggle between my sister and I, and how we alternated between being friends and in conflict with each other. I remember how the holidays allowed us to take on new personas, and how our teenage-selves evolved as we encountered new people. It was an intoxicating feeling, closely related to the promise of leaving our childhood behind. Our road to adulthood often took place against the backdrop of poverty and political unrest in the countries we visited. But like most tourists we indulged in the food, people and culture, instead of reflecting upon the circumstances. SUNBURNED is about all this; tourism, immigration and ultimately the dream about Europe. The film centers around the story of two young people and their shared longing for a better existence.

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