

Now Boarding

2001, colour, 35 mm, 15 min
Fiction

A man and a woman miss their plane to London. Next, they wait in the cold-blue, almost deserted airport, wondering if it might be better to go to Berlin by train. Gradually, it becomes clear that their relationship is under pressure. They are not only waiting for their flight, but also for their affair to end.

Director: Rosemarie Blank
Production: CASA-FILM
Script: Rosemarie Blank
Photography: Jan Wouter van Reijen
Editing: Rosemarie Blank
Sound: Sam Simons
Soundmixing: Mark Dubbeldam
Cast: Kader Abdolah, Chaim Levano, Bert Luppès, Nicole Ohliger
Release: International Filmfestival Rotterdam
TV company: Kunstkanaal Amsterdam
Distribution: Filmmuseum Amsterdam



Farewell Pavel / Vaarwel Pavel / Lebwohl Pavel

1999, colour, 35 mm, 92 min
Fiction

Vaarwel Pavel is set in two cities.

In Rotterdam we follow the Russian journalist Alexei Petrov. He is staying in a scruffy hotel for an investigation into Russian ships that have been detained in the harbour and writes an article about female slavery. His contact with a Russian prostitute gets him into trouble when he tries to get her a forged passport. While Alexei becomes entrapped in a criminal web in the West, his 14-year-old son Pavel is searching for his father in St. Petersburg and is taking his first steps on the path to love. The events in both cities run almost parallel, but are told from different perspectives of time. After a while, there is a shift. For Pavel, who is on his way to adulthood, time passes at increasing speed, while for Alexei, who feels increasingly threatened, time seems to stand still.

Director: Rosemarie Blank
Script: Rosemarie Blank
Photography: Martin Gressmann
Art direction: Michael Suzdalov, Diana van de Vossenberg
Editing: Jan Wouter van Reijen
Sound: Harold Jalving
Soundmixing: Ad Roest
Cast: Adrian Brine, Boris Khovles, Valary Kuchareschin, Bert Luppès, Vlatka Simac, Kostia Smirnov, Isil Zabłudowskij
Production: René Scholten, SNG Film BV
Executive producer: Karin de Boer
TV company: NPS TV, ZDF, Das kleine Fernsehspiel, Sibylle Hubatschek-Rahn
Release: International Filmfestival Rotterdam, Berlinale Panorama
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