

GABRIEL B. ARRAHNIO
DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER

Gabriel B. Arrahnio remembers the chaos in his mind when he moved from Cameroon to Germany just before his 13th birthday. The new culture and language were a big challenge for him. But as a teenager, he was flexible enough to adapt. These experiences shaped him, and even 19 years later, he still sometimes wonders if he has fully assimilated.

His passion for storytelling found expression in film after completing an internship at a production company in Wuppertal. He began implementing his ideas with friends, writing scripts, and making films. Each of his films addressed social issues, inspired by the diversity of his environment and his own experiences. It became clear to him that storytelling and filmmaking were not just hobbies but his passion, through which he found the strength to process many topics.

Gabriel's understanding of his sexuality was deepened by a visit to Berlin, where he was fascinated by the liberal attitude towards sexual expression. He eventually moved to Berlin, continued to intern at production companies, and in 2015, he was hired as the first in-house director at the advertising agency Jung von Matt, marking the beginning of his career as an advertising director. However, Gabriel wanted more. As a self-taught individual, he aspired to further educate himself and perfect his craft. After his time at Jung Von Matt and several years as a freelancer in advertising, he decided to apply to film schools. Since 2019, Gabriel has been studying directing at the Film University Babelsberg Konrad Wolf and was nominated for the German Short Film Award 2023 among others.

Gabriel lives and works in Berlin, dedicating himself to writing and directing fictional formats, documentaries, and advertising. He aims to tell stories about minorities that are often overlooked in world cinema



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FILMOGRAPHY - GABRIEL B. ARRAHNIO

2024 **WE ARE FAMILY (WT)**
TV-SERIES | ZDF NEO (WORK IN PROGRESS)

2023 **FAMILY OF CHOICE**
TV-SERIES | RTL+

2022 **I WAS NEVER REALLY HERE**
SHORT FILM

Nomination German Short Film Award 2023
German Board of Film Recommendation – seal of recommendation „highly recommended“
Filmschool Fest Munich - Audience Award
Poitiers Film Festival - Student Jury Award
FILMZ Mainz - Audience Award
Berliner Kurzfilmrolle - 2. Place
Bamberger Kurzfilmtage - Special Mention
BFI Flare London LBGQTIA+ Film Festival - Competition
Interfilm Berlin - Competition
Aesthetica Short Film Festival - Competition
45th Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival - Competition
52. Sehnsüchte International Student Film Festival
Queer Film Festival München
AG Short Film – Shortexport a.o.

THE DEVIL INSIDE ME
SHORT FILM

CAN YOU SEE ME
SHORT FILM

2021 **THE GREATEST SIN**
SHORT FILM
Hamburg International Queer Film Festival - Best Short Film
Queer Lisboa - Special Mention
Afrika Film Festival Köln - Special Mention
Film Fest Dresden - Competition

2020 **BLACK BOYS DON'T CRY**
SHORT FILM

2019 **SHAME**
SHORT FILM
Young Directors Award - Silver Winner

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