

# Stars shine brightly at The Right Juice premiere

Last Friday the home-grown, low-budget movie *The Right Juice* premiered in its place of birth, the Algarve, with a screening and red carpet event befitting a Hollywood blockbuster.



Lúcia Moniz with Miguel Damiano (Photo: Supplied)

The indie movie's lead actors – Mark Killeen, Lúcia Moniz, Miguel Damiano, Ellie Chidzey and Beau McClellan – glided down the red carpet and into Faro's Figuras Theatre, which had been bedecked with mini orange trees in a nod to the region and the movie's main theme.

Following a round of interviews with the national press the stars then moved into the main auditorium where an audience of several hundred people eagerly awaited them.

Among them were smatterings of local expat and local residents who had made brief appearances in the movie, excited to witness the first public airing of their contributions.

The build-up to last Friday night has been considerable since the production of the movie was first announced back in May 2011 and filming started in 2012.

Over the past four years the producers have worked tirelessly not only to keep the name in the public domain but to bring the movie to completion and with a polished finish.

Financed largely through crowd-funding and private sponsorship the final product is one that not only those involved can

be proud of, but that the region can be too, as stressed by the vice-president of the Algarve Tourist Board João Fernandes, who attended the glittering event.

Since being announced the public has been teased with tidbits from the movie, such as its trademark blue three-wheel vehicle, the intriguing port-a-loo and orange trees.

But now that it has all come together and fallen into place the overall product is an enjoyable and light-hearted movie that showcases the best the region has to offer: its stunning weather, landscape and camaraderie among the locals.

It follows the story of main character Oliver Fellows (played by Mark Killeen), a former city banker who moves to the Algarve to live his dream of the simple life, growing oranges.

After unearthing a sinister plot by arch-enemy Andreus Dranius (Beau McClellan) – who happens to live just a stone's-throw away – to buy-out the valley for mining, Oliver embarks on a race against time to expose the truth and save the local residents' land, with more than a few entertaining twists along the way.

For those involved in *The Right Juice*'s production, Friday's premiere was "incredibly successful" and undoubtedly proof that with determination and hard-work a dream can become a reality, even if, as in Oliver Fellow's case, it isn't quite as planned.

The *Right Juice* will now open in cinemas across the Al-

garve (Faro, Portimão, Guia, Lagos and Tavira) on 18 September, before hitting screens at cinemas throughout Portugal from 2 October.

The *Right Juice* is distributed by NOS in Portugal, and is released under the Portuguese title 'O Sonho Certo'.

For more see: <http://www.therightjuice.net>.



Ellie Chidzey with Kristijan Knigge (Photo: Supplied)

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