



Mahboul

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At La Devinière, a psychotherapeutic institution for people with severe mental health issues, the residents are not regarded as ill. They simply are — and are allowed to be. The filmmakers also approach these residents and caregivers as equals. Not only respectfully observing, but also acting together. Through a participatory workshop, we work towards a film-within-the-documentary. Characters become residents, residents become characters. La Devinière invites us to reflect on our society and on norm(al)ity. The viewer, who at first looks at the residents with wonder — and sometimes unease — will come to recognize their story as universally human.

CREDITS

DIRECTOR: Jannes Callens, Jan Vromman

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CREATION DETAILS

TYPE: Film

PRODUCTION SHARE: Majority Flemish
Production

GENRE: Documentary

YEAR OF PRODUCTION: 2026

PRODUCTION STATUS: In pre-production

ORIGINAL TITLE: Mahboul

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE: French

TECHNICAL SPECS

RUNNING TIME: 80'

AVAILABLE IN: 2D

ASPECT RATIO: 16:9

SOUND FORMAT: 5.1 (+sub)

RELEASE FORMAT: DCP (2K)

COLOUR: Colour



MORE INFO

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