

## THE ZONE

Sinister, seemingly empty car parks, unnervingly quiet. These curious allotments, viewed from a driver's perspective, are visually distorted behind a soaked windscreen. All becomes chillingly apparent with the introduction of stories uttered by the women whose lives depend on them.

## DE ZONE

*'Zoals ze langs je schuiven en hun rondjes draaien, glurend vanachter het stuur...'*

DE ZONE is een strak gefotografeerde, beeldende film die een beklemmende en onthutsende kijk geeft op een typisch Nederlands fenomeen, de afwerkplek.

De camera kijkt veelal door de voorruit van een rijdende auto en toont ons de locaties vanuit het gezichtspunt van de man.

De uit interviews geselecteerde uitspraken geven een ontluisterend verslag van de belevingswereld van de prostituees.

## THE ZONE / DE ZONE

A film by  
Ben van Lieshout

The Netherlands 1999  
Running time: 18 min.  
35mm 1:1.66 colour  
Dolby SR, optical, 24 f/p/s

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## **The Zone**

### **AWARDS**

**At the 45e International Shortfilmdays Oberhausen THE ZONE was awarded 'The Youthprize of the City of Oberhausen 1999'.**

**At the 15th International Hamburg Short Filmfestival THE ZONE won the Grand Prix the 'Hamburger Kurzfilmpreis 1999'**

**At the 5th International Short Film Festival in Drama (Greece) THE ZONE won 'The Grand Prix' (the golden Dionysos) for best short film 1999.**

**At the 18th Uppsala International Short Film festival THE ZONE was awarded for a 'Jackdaw' , the Second Prize for best short film 1999**

**During the 19th VIPER International Festival for Film, Video and New Media 1999 in Lucerne THE ZONE received a Honorary Mention.**

**At the Berlin Interfilm Festival THE ZONE won The Fuji Award 1999.**

**At the 37th Gijón International Filmfestival (1999) THE ZONE received a Special Mention.**

**At the 6th Regensburger Shortfilmweek (1999) THE ZONE received a Special Mention.**

**At the 27th Brussels International Film Festival 2000 THE ZONE was awarded the Canal + prize for Best European Short Film .**

**At the 30th Tampere International Short Film Festival 2000 in Finland THE ZONE was awarded the prize for Best Documentary.**

**At the 15th Odense International Short Film Festival in Denmark, THE ZONE was awarded The Grand Prix.**

**In november 2000 THE ZONE was nominated by the EFA (European Film Academy) for Best European Short Film 2000 (Prix UIP)**

**At the 5th International Festival of New Film in Split 2000 (Croatia) THE ZONE was awarded The Grand Prix**

**At DokumentArt in NeuBrandenburg 2000 (Germany), THE ZONE received a Special Mention**

**At the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fetish Film Festival 2001 in Paris THE ZONE was awarded The Grand Prix Du Court Metrage**