

# OIL ROCKS

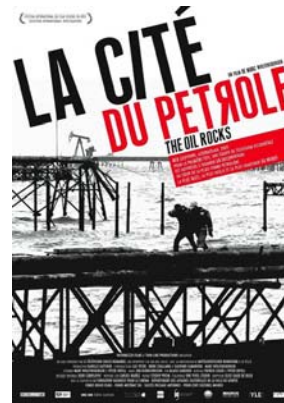
La Cité du Pétrole

With Swiss director:

**Marc Wolfensberger**

## Festivals 2009/2010:

Cinequest Film Festival, San Jose/California  
Tokyo International Film Festival/ Japan  
Visions du Réel, Nyon/Switzerland  
Thessaloniki Documentary Film Festival, Greece



52 min. Documentary

Languages: Azerbaijani, Russian & French w/English subtitles

OIL ROCKS - Behind this enigmatic name lies the first and largest offshore oil town ever built; A vast, sprawling web of oil platforms in the middle of the Caspian Sea, commissioned by Stalin in 1949. Imagine: 2,000 oil rigs, 300 kilometres of bridges, rusty old Soviet trucks rolling back and forth, nine-storey building blocks, thousands of oil workers, a cultural palace, a lemonade factory, a green park...

Combining black & white archives from the Soviet era and contemporary footage, the film tells the story of this timeless place and of some of its amazing inhabitants. It is the first time a Western film crew is allowed to make a documentary on the site since its creation.

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## Los Angeles screenings:

- followed by a Q & A with the director -

Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 pm

Echo Park Film Center  
1200 N Alvarado St. @ Sunset Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90026 | 213.484.8846

Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm

USC School of Cinematic Arts  
University of Southern California

Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 pm

Electric Lodge  
1416 Electric Avenue @ Milwood Avenue  
Venice, CA 90291 | 310.306.1854



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