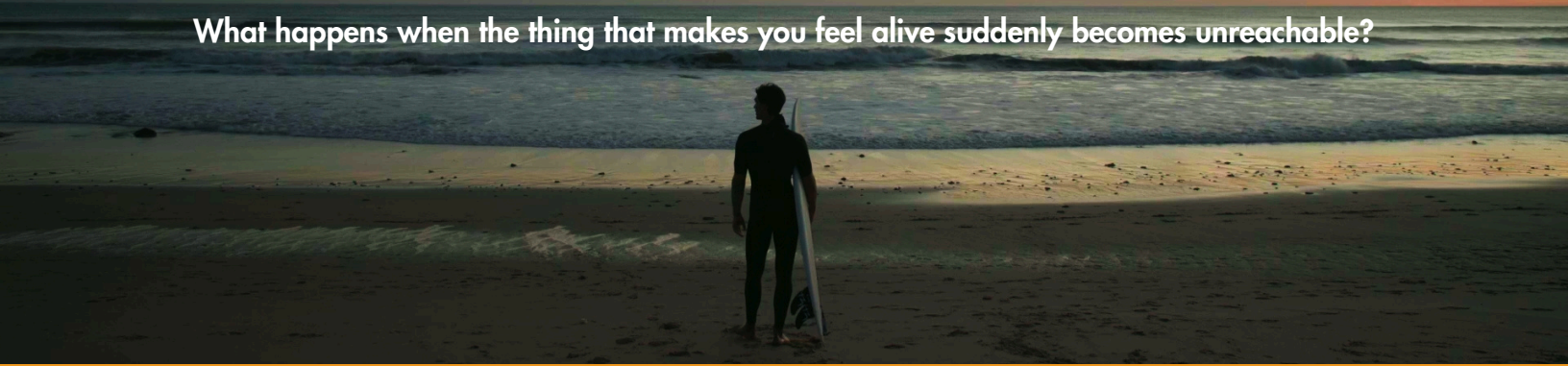


Beyond the Break

What happens when the thing that makes you feel alive suddenly becomes unreachable?



THE FILM

Beyond the Break is a cinematic short documentary about Robbe, a surfer whose life has revolved around the ocean for years—until a mental health crisis in Indonesia forced him out of the water completely.

After spending much of his life chasing intensity through elite water polo, downhill skateboarding, and eventually surfing, Robbe built his identity around the ocean. But when recurring illness spiraled into severe anxiety, fear, and isolation, he found himself unable to do the very thing that gave his life meaning.

As Robbe reflects on losing surfing, rebuilding himself through therapy, and confronting the fears that still linger today, he prepares to return to Indonesia—the place where everything unraveled. Through quiet observational cinematography, the film follows him as he revisits both the physical landscape and emotional terrain that changed his life.

More than a surf film, *Beyond the Break* is a story about identity, resilience, and the courage required to return to the places that once broke us.

WHY THE FILM

Everyone has something that helps define who they are—a passion, a career, a relationship, a dream, or a way of life. But when that thing is suddenly taken away through illness, burnout, loss, or unexpected change, we are often forced to confront a difficult question:

Who am I without it?

While surfing provides the backdrop, the film explores a universal experience: what happens when the thing that gives your life structure, purpose, and meaning suddenly becomes unavailable.

At a time when conversations around mental health have become more important than ever, *Beyond the Break* offers an honest and deeply human perspective on recovery—not as a single breakthrough, but as a gradual process of rebuilding trust in yourself, in others, and in life itself.

Ultimately, the film invites audiences to reflect on their own relationship with fear, uncertainty, and change—and the quiet courage required to move forward when there are no guarantees.



“ If I couldn't surf anymore, it would be like losing someone. ”

— Robbe Van Haverbeke





THE JORUNEY AHEAD

Production in Europe has been completed. The final chapter of the film will follow Robbe's return to Indonesia—the place where his anxiety first took hold and where he hopes to reconnect with the life he almost lost.

Following production, Beyond the Break will move into post-production, festival submissions, community screenings, and strategic distribution opportunities. We are currently building a small group of partners who share the film's commitment to authentic storytelling, mental wellbeing, and meaningful audience engagement.

DISTRIBUTION PLAN

- **Film festival screening** - The film will be submitted to a curated selection of documentary, outdoor, adventure, and surf film festivals to build awareness and generate industry interest.
- **Community Screenings** - Engage surf communities, wellness organizations, and local groups through conversations around mental health, resilience, identity, and personal growth.
- **Organizational & Corporate Screenings** - Screenings and facilitated discussions for nonprofits, wellness organizations, and corporate wellbeing programs focused on resilience, burnout, life transitions, and emotional wellbeing.
- **Digital & Editorial Outreach** - Strategic outreach to film, outdoor, wellness, and surf media platforms to connect the story with audiences interested in mental health, identity, and personal transformation.

PARTNER BENEFITS

- **Authentic Storytelling** - Connect your brand with a real story of resilience, identity, and recovery.
- **High-Value Content Assets** - Access cinematic photography, social content, and documentary storytelling that can be repurposed across marketing, community, and internal initiatives.
- **Meaningful Audience Engagement** - Participate in conversations around mental health, wellbeing, and personal growth through screenings, discussions, and digital campaigns.
- **Flexible Collaboration Opportunities** - From content licensing and screenings to exclusive distribution partnerships, collaborations can be tailored to align with your audience and objectives.

“ It's not going to be a one-click moment. It's going to be a small step forward, step back. Small step forward, step back. ”

— Robbe Van Haverbeke



THE TEAM

Led by award-winning filmmaker Christopher Larson of Nye Horisonter, Beyond the Break builds on a body of work centered around identity, belonging, and personal transformation. Drawing from years of experience creating intimate documentaries across Europe and Latin America, Christopher combines cinematic storytelling with a deeply human approach to filmmaking. Through long-term trust and personal access, the film offers a rare and authentic perspective on anxiety, resilience, and the journey back to oneself.