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Latvia**

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Wonderful Day, directed by Nīls Skapāns

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What's New in Latvia?

Latvia has taken two innovatory steps in fostering film production as well as audience access to film countrywide – the first will excite our fellow filmmakers from abroad, and the second will bring smiles and a sense of connection to film buffs young and old across Latvia.

Riga Film Fund

The Riga City Council has announced plans to establish a Riga Film Fund in February 2010, as part of economic incentives in developing Riga's creative industries. The Riga Film Fund will be a financial mechanism in attracting foreign film productions to be shot in Riga. Upon proving film production related expenses in Riga, film producers will be able to claim a 7–15 % cash refund. Previously such films as the Golden Globes and Emmy Awards nominated *Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler* (director J.K.Harrison), the BBC drama *Archangel* starring Daniel Craig (director Jon Jones), as well as films by Werner Herzog and Mika Kaurismäki have been shot in Latvia.

Werner Herzog said: In Latvia there are very interesting and impressive locations. The craftsmen and technicians, as well as the local talent, are equals of any in the world.

The Riga Film Fund is a joint incentive by the Riga City Council and National Film Centre of Latvia.

Latvian Films in Latvian Libraries

In March 2009 the National Film Centre of Latvia launched an innovative audiovisual project: *Latvian Films in Latvian Libraries*. Within the framework of the project, a selection of Latvian films was made available on the intranet of all 874 Latvian public libraries through the portal www.filmas.lv. There are currently 90 animation, documentary and fiction films available free of charge to all Latvian library visitors, among them the *Latvian Cultural Canon* films – a selection of the 12 most outstanding Latvian films of all time, made in the period from 1930 to 1988. During the first eight months of operations the portal has been viewed by 111 000 people. Films were requested and viewed by 12 000 library attendants, and approx. 6000 people have screened the films in their entirety. However, it is interesting to note that nine out of the top ten films viewed were children's/ family audience films, most of them in short animation format.

Ilze Gailite Holmberg
Director, NFC

The Hunt

Title The Hunt

Original Title Medības

Genre Full Moon Drama

Feature, 35 mm, 1:1.85, colour,

Dolby SR, 80', 2009

Director Andis Mizišs

Screenplay Elvita Ruka, Kaspars Odiņš

Cinematographer Agris Birzulis

Production Designer Jurģis Krāsons

Original Music Kārlis Auzāns

Sound Aleksandrs Vaicahovskis

Editor Igors Verenieks, Dāvis Simanis

Main Cast: Rolands Zagorskis, Guna Zariņa,

Andris Keišs, Jana Sekste, Santa Didžus,

Indra Burkovska, Kaspars Znotiņš,

Beate Grickeviča

Producer Guntis Trekteris

Production Company Ego Media

National Premiere 10.09.2009

International Premiere 01.12.2009

Black Nights FF, Estonia



After the lives of several people are tied into a intriguing knot upon meeting police officer Krasts one hot summer day, they're all brought together again on a full moon winter night. Intrigue develops among a couple of lovers, Gints and Elga, three adventure-race participants with one woman, Renate, on their team, three generations of a family whose father, Karlis, died in a tragic hunting accident, Karlis's daughter Aija, his former lover Livija, and a young girl hardened by life, who lives at a Christian home for expectant mothers. A detective twist is added by a bit of poison, which one of them will get.

ANDIS MIZIŠS

Features: The Hunt 2009 / Stumble (short) 2001 / Kleptomania (short) 1997

Documentaries: Jaguar's Corner 2010 / Inventurers. Behind the Mysteries of Coral Castle 2009 / Inventurers. To Kill or Die 2009 / The Church Will Arrive in the Evening 2007 / The Worm 2005 / The Followers 2003 / Roof on the Moonway 2001 / Expedition under Water and Time 2000/ Elza & Arturs 1998



Little Robbers



Cross your heart and hope to die! Can you honestly swear that at least once in your life you have not thought that robbing a bank is a good idea? Especially if you're five years old and that bank has just thrown your parents out of a brand new apartment because your father has lost his job. Robis (5) is no Zorro, but he'd like to be. His sister Louisa (7) thinks he's too childish, but can't resist the game of robbing a bank. Together they can pull off just about anything. Getting away with it is the hard part.



ARMANDS ZVIRBULIS

Features: Little Robbers 2009 / Tiritomba or the Golden Fish 2003 / The Gambit of Riga 2000 / The Desolate Nest 1998

Title Little Robbers
Original Title Mazie laupītāji
Genre Family adventure
 Feature, 35 mm, 1:1.85, colour,
 Dolby SR-D, 80', 2009

Director Armands Zvirbulis
Screenplay Māris Putniņš
Cinematographer Rein Kotov
Production Designers Viesturs Bērziņš,
 Ārija Meidropa
Costume Designers Līga Šulce, Katrīna Liepa
Makeup Artist Ilze Trumpe
Original Music Mārtiņš Brauns
Sound Anrijs Krenbergs
Editor Britta Nahler
Producer Gatis Upmalis
Co-producers Fiona Meisel, Katja Dor-Helmer
Production Company Studio F.O.R.M.A.
Co-production with MINI FILM (Austria)
Main Cast Gustavs Vilsons, Zane Leimane,
 Artūrs Skrastiņš, Juris Žagars, Karl Markovics,
 Gunārs Placēns, Skaidrite Putniņa, Aija Dzērve,
 Imants Strads
National Premiere 26.03.2009
International Premiere 06.2009, ZLIN
 International Film Festival for Children
 and Youth Czech Republic
World Sales: Beta Film, Christian Gockel

Rudolf's Gold

Title Rudolf's Gold

Original Title Rūdolfa mantojums

Genre Romantic Drama

Feature, HD, 16:9, colour,

Dolby Digital, 114', 2010

Director Jānis Streičs

Screenplay Jānis Streičs

Cinematographers Gvido Skulte,

Harijs Kukels, Imants Zaķītis

Production Designer Mārtiņš Milbrets

Costume Designer Santa Sila

Makeup Artist Dzintra Bijubena

Sound Gints Pelbergs

Original Music Uģis Prauliņš

Editor Līga Pipare

Main Cast Romualds Ancāns, Rēzija Kalniņa,

Artūrs Skrastiņš, Venta Vecumniece

Producers Andrejs Ēķis, Aigars Grauba

Production Company Platforma

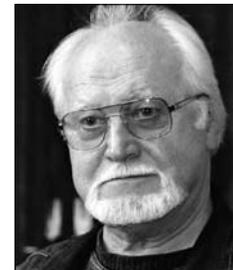
National Premiere 15.01.2010



The dawn of the XX century promised Latvians a prosperous and happy future. The nation's self-esteem had awakened, and farmers were increasingly able to rise above even the estate stewards. Rudups, old soldier of the Kaiser and, with his wealth and pride, a thorn in the Baron's side, becomes truly uncontrollable when he's hit by Cupid's arrow. The old boy is willing to do anything for simple maid Emily. But the girl loves his godson Karlis. It's all a mix of riches, of cheating, and the Baron's lawlessness. The fight of two relatives for Emily's heart changes the fate of both men and the maid, so she can see sunshine through the tears.

JĀNIS STREIČS

Features: Rudolf's Gold 2010 / Autumn Roses 2004 / Night-watchman and Laundress 2002 / Ipolit 2002 / Mysteries of the old Parish house 2000 / The Mills of Fate 1997 / The Child of Man 1991 / Carmen Horrendum 1989 / It Is Easy to Fall in an Overgrown Row 1986 / Rendezvous on the Milky Way 1985 / The Strange Passions 1983 / To Remember or Forget 1981 / To Remember or Forget 1981 / Limousine In the Color of White Night 1981 / The Unfinished Dinner 1979 / Theatre 1978 / The Master 1976 / My Friend-Unserious Man 1975 / My True Friend Sancho 1974 / Valodzīte 1972 / Shoot Instead of Me 1970 / Boys from Livs Island 1969 / Captain Enrico's Watch 1961



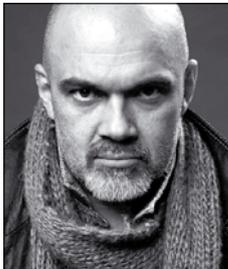
Amaya

Hard working Japanese woman Amaya, in her late forties, has nothing apart from her job as a masseur and a 23-year marriage to Chinese husband Renshu, a laundry worker. Their life goes by peacefully and each day is the same - dull. A day of change comes when Tao, her boss, invites Amaya and her husband's brother to train a small group of locals in massage techniques. Suddenly a foreigner, Paul, joins the course. Paul is a charming man in his early forties who leaves the impression of a light-hearted, superficial adventurer, to whom this trip is yet another occasion to work his charm on local women and leave some broken hearts. In Hong Kong Paul meets his ex-fiancé Lori and experiences a dramatic return to the time they were together, revealing old and painful wounds.



Title Amaya
Original Title Amaya
Genre Drama
 Feature, 35 mm, 1:1.85, colour,
 Dolby Stereo, 100'

Director Mārtis Martinsons
Screenplay Māris Martinsons
Cinematographer Gints Bērziņš
Production Designer Chi Ho
Costume Designer Sukie Yip
Original Music Andrius Mamontovas
Editor Māris Martinsons
Producers Linda Krūkle, Māris Martinsons,
 Chu Chen On
Production Company Krukfilms
Co-production with October Pictures
 (Hong Kong)
Main Cast Kaori Momoi,
 Andrius Mamontovas, Kristīne Nevarauska,
 Dexter Fletcher, Monie Tung
To be released 09.2010



MĀRIS MARTINSONS
Features: Loss 2009 / Anastasia 2006

feature
coming soon

Death to You

Title Death to You
Original Title Nāve Tev
Genre Drama/Comedy
Feature, 35 mm, 1:1.85, b/w,
Dolby Digital, 90'

Director Juris Poškus
Screenplay Juris Poškus
Cinematographer Aadel Nodeh-Farahani
Production Designer Ilva Klaviņa
Costume Designer Ginta Tinte Vesermāne
Makeup Artist Ginta Tinte Vesermāne
Sound Ernests Ansons
Editor Liene Bāliņa
Producer Madara Melberga
Production Company Fa Filma
Main Cast Iveta Pole, Artuss Kaimiņš,
Andris Keišs, Aigars Apinis, Varis Pīņķis
To be released 03.2010



A small village on the Baltic coast. A Company of three guys spend their days drinking beer, killing time and picking fights with neighbouring villagers. Andzha's intention to get married sends his girlfriend Simona on a quest for love. Simona, looking for true feelings, cannot stand Andzha's practical attitude. When Andzha's brother Guido unexpectedly arrives from being away at sea, their relationship is tested.

JURIS POŠKUS

Feature: Monotony 2007

Documentaries: But the Hour Is Near 2004 / Angels of Death 1999 /
110/220 1997 / Sunday Morning 1995 / The School of Life and Fish 1992 /
Meanwhile in Copenhagen 1992 / Stop All Engines 1991 / Agony in 1991 /
Walk Around Königsberg 1990



Gulf Stream Under Iceberg



Inspired by the works of Anatole France. The myth of Lilith represents the eternal drama in the relations of Man and Mother Nature, insatiable in her desire to give birth and destroy. This fairy tale – Lilith traveling through time and space and her “sweet” and damaging mission, is based on ancient Oriental legends, the Talmud and the medieval books of Cabala.



YEVGENY PASHKEVICH

Features: The Days of a Man 1989 / Infants (short) 1984

Documentaries (selected titles): Variations on the Theme 1986 / The Long Day 1981 / Novelettes on the Telephone 1978 / The Winter Landscape 1975 / Impressions 1975 / The Flight of the Swallow 1973

Title Gulf Stream Under Iceberg
Original Title Гольфстрим под айсбергом
Genre Drama
Feature, 35mm, 1:1.66, colour, Dolby SR, 123'

Director Yevgeny Pashkevich
Screenplay Yevgeny Pashkevich
Cinematographers Gints Bērziņš, Valērijs Martinovs
Production Designers Jurgis Krāsons, Pavels Parhomenko
Costume Designers Natalia Zamakhina, Sandra Sila
Makeup Artists Tamara Frid, Dzintra Bijubena
Producer Yevgeny Pashkevich
Production Company Nida Filma
Co-production with Russia Mihails Kopeikins, Natālija Ivanova
Main Cast Aleksejs Serebrjakovs, Ksenija Rappoport, Daņiļa Kozlovskij, Ville Haapasalo, Jurijs Curilo, Jekaterina Vilkova, Anna Azarova, Olga Šepitska, Natalija Čalaja, Jeļena Morozova, Tatjana Ļutajeva, Indra Burkovska, Rēzija Kalniņa, Jānis Reinis, Uldis Dumpis, Ģirts Ķesteris, Pēteris Liepiņš, Vigo Roga, Iveta Brauna, Regnārs Vainars, Lembits Ulfsaks, Ļubomiras Laucavičus, Jekaterina Migicko, Vaida Butīte.
To be released 12.2010

Mona

Title Mona

Original Title Mona

Genre Modern drama with elements of mysticism
Feature, 35mm, 1:1.85, colour,
Dolby SR, 100'

Director Ināra Kolmane

Screenplay Arvis Kolmanis, Ināra Kolmane

Cinematographer Uldis Jancis

Production Designers Jurģis Krāsons,
Līga Krāsone

Makeup Artist Asja Strēle

Special Makeup Effects Peter Gorshenin

Original Music Hilmar Orn Hilmarsson

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editors Jānis Juhņēvičs, Roberts Rubins

Producers Jānis Juhņēvičs, Fridrik Thor
Fridriksson, Ingvar Thordarson

Executive Producer Imants Mozers

Production Company Film Studio Devini

Co-production with Kisi Production

Main Cast Kristīne Belicka, Saulius Balandis,
Valery Yaremenko, Lauris Subatnieks

To be released Summer 2010



A story of different worlds – about a man and a woman, about the city and the countryside, about the future and the past, about animals and their killers, about deep and short-lived passion and the ancient mystery of a woman. It is a story interwoven with visions, metamorphosis and love.

INĀRA KOLMANE

Features: Frosty Flowers (short) 2001

Documentaries: Nude 2009 / My Husband Andrei Sakharov 2006 /
Vijaya 2005 / Going into Darkness 2003 / A World Apart 2002 /
Poco a Poco 2001 / The Latvian Legion 2000



Mushroomers



Peter is just another peter, so very ordinary. He works in an office where colleagues make fun of him and the boss makes sexual advances, and his sick mother harasses him at home. Step by step his life becomes completely unbearable. Once, by chance, Peter tries magic mushrooms, and this adventure turns into a new move towards a different life.

Title Mushroomers

Original Title Sēņotāji

Genre Comedy

Feature, Red Digital Cinema, 16:9, colour,
Dolby Stereo, 80'

Director Ivars Tontegode

Screenplay Ivars Tontegode

Cinematographer Jānis Skulme

Production Designer Evija Džonsone

Costume Designer Evija Džonsone

Makeup Artist Simona Strauja

Original Music Artūrs Bērziņš

Sound Ernests Ansons

Editor Andra Lejniece

Producer Roberts Vinovskis

Production Company

Locomotive Productions

Main Cast Andrejs Možeiko, Kristians Kareļins,

Mareks Balmans, Sandra Zvīgule, Dace Eversa,

Anete Saulīte

To be released 09.2010



IVARS TONTEGODE

Features: Possession 2009 (short)

This Happened to Them

Title This Happened to Them

Original Title Tas notika ar viņiem

Genre Drama

Feature, 35 mm, 1: 2.35, colour,

Dolby SR, 100'

Director Gatis Šmits

Screenplay Jānis Nords, Gatis Šmits

Cinematographer Soopum Sohn

Production Designers Aivars Žukovskis,
Jānis Bijubens

Costume Designer Keita

Makeup Artist Emīlija Eglīte

Original Music Kārlis Lācis

Sound Jonas Maksvytis

Editors Gatis Šmits, Jānis Nords, Oskars Morozs

Producer Alise Ģelze

Production Company Film Studio TANKA

Main Cast Andris Keišs, Gatis Gāga,
Vilis Daudziņš, Guna Zariņa, Kaspars Znotiņš

To be released 04.2010

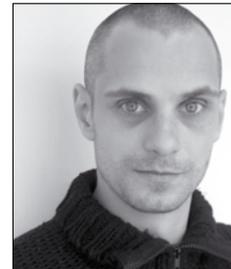


The lives of five colourful characters intertwine in a series of twisted and emotionally charged scenes. The chain of events each character endures pushes their understanding and tolerance to the limits. Combining both the elements of slapstick comedy and melodrama, *This Happened to Them* is a witty look at life in Latvia today. It shows an ironic cross section of modern Latvian society at a time of crisis. It is not, however, a social critique - the emphasis is placed on a plot-driven comedy.

GATIS ŠMITS

Features: Vogelfrei (co-director) 2007 / Agent Madly in Love (short) 2003 /
Work (short) 2001 / Never Let the Turkey Get You Down (short) 1999

Documentaries: The Vision of Patricia M Logan 2000



Threesome Dance

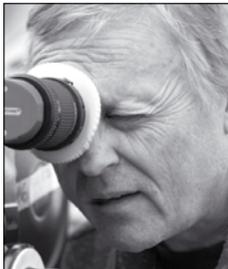


Title Threesome Dance
Original Title Dancis pa trim
Genre Historical Drama
 Feature, 35 mm, 1:1.66, colour,
 Dolby Digital, 110'

Director Arvīds Krievs
Screenplay Andris Puriņš
Cinematographers Dāvis Sīmanis,
 Valdemārs Jemeljanovs, Agris Birzulis,
 Andrejs Verhoustinskis
Production Designer Ieva Romanova
Production Designer Sandra Sila
Makeup Artist Dzintra Bijubene
Sound Andris Barons
Original Music Mārtiņš Brauns
Editors Liene Bāliņa, Kristians Luhaers
Executive Producer Kristians Luhaers
Main Cast Kristīne Nevarauska,
 Mārtiņš Freimanis, Jānis Vīngris
Producers Arvīds Krievs, Jānis Vīngris
Production Company Kaupo Filma
To be released 03.2010



Four Latvian legionnaires are sentenced to death for deserting the German army. A Latvian girl heads to the German headquarters to try to free her beloved. In the few hours remaining before the execution a love triangle plays out between the girl, a German officer and the prisoner.



ARVĪDS KRIEVS (SELECTED TITLES)

Features: You're Sexy When You're Sad 2005/ Eve's Garden of Paradise 1990/
 A Photograph With a Woman and Wild Hog 1987 / Raspberry Wine 1984 / The Game 1981 /
 The Guilty 1980/The Orange Twilight 1979
Documentaries: Father, Family and the Threshing Machine 2007 / Children of Their Own
 Land 2006 / A Bright Life 2006 / Photo Inta Ruka 2003 / Which Sledge to Choose 1995 /
 Baltic Way 1993 / The Master of Land 1993 / The Time of President 1992 /
 Basi, A Place in Kurzeme 1987 / 14 documentaries and science films 1974-1993

Gutenmorgen and the Time Machine

Title Gutenmorgen and the Time Machine

Original Title

Gūtenmorgens un laika mašina

Short, HDV, 16:9,

colour, stereo, 13', 2009

Director Elīna Ļihačeva

Story by Māris Bērziņš

Screenplay Elīna Ļihačeva

Cinematographer Astrīda Konstante

Production Designer Kate Krolle,

Agne Menniks

Sound Klāvs Siliņš

Editors Elīna Ļihačeva, Ilze Neidere

Producer Simona Kļaviņa

Production Company Latvian Centre for

Contemporary Art

Main Cast Kaspars Znotiņš, Ģirts Krūmiņš

National Premiere 12.09.2009.



Gutenmorgen gets persuaded by his friend Kalniņš that the van in his garage in fact is a time machine. They decide to travel back in time and get as far as God.

ELĪNA ĻIHAČEVA

Features (shorts): Gutenmorgen and the Time Machine 2009 /
Selection 2009 / Arvi&Anu 2008 / Murder in Mustamae 2008 /
Family And Friendship 2007 / Jellycake 2007 / Squirrelfriends 2006 /
Sybilla 2006 / Dogs 2005

Documentaries: Mothers Talk to Mothers: About Job 2007 /
Man in the Forest 2007 / Deep Heat 2005



Let's Play!



Title Let's Play!
Original Title Ejiet, Bēni, Rotaļās!
 Short, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
 colour, stereo, 18', 2009

Director Baiba Aizkalna
Screenplay Baiba Aizkalna
Cinematographer Aigars Sērmukšs
Production Designer Aivars Žukovskais
Original Music VSKB and friends
Sound Klāvs Siliņš
Editor Sandra Alksne, Aigars Sērmukšs
Producers Antra Cilinska, Elīna Zazerska
Production Company Juris Podnieks Studio
Main Cast Mārcis Lācis
National Premiere 09.2009



Regularly hanging upside-down improves one's sex life, while loss of consciousness should be used for self-development. These are views expressed by those who Vilhelms meet one evening on the way to work as night-watchman. But the reserved, worry-ridden young man goes on a radically different path to change his life.



BAIBA AIZKALNA

The Little Ant

Title The Little Ant
Original Title Skudriņa
Short, HD, 16:9, colour,
stereo, 10', 2009

Director Olafs Okonovs
Screenplay Olafs Okonovs,
adapted from Gunita Groša's short play
Cinematographer Uldis Jancis
Production Designer Ilva Kļaviņa
Costume Designer Evija Džonsone
Make-up Artist Ilona Zariņa
Sound Mihails Medvedjevs
Editor Olafs Okonovs
Producer Guna Stahovska
Production Company Platforma
Main Cast Juris Bartkevičs, Dace Eversa
National Premiere 28.09.2009



In the cemetery of small town, a Man and a Woman, both middle-aged, meet at sunset. He has a terrible plan of how to battle with cemetery vandals, but she is suspicious of his real purpose.

OLAFS OKONOVS

Feature (short): The Little Ant 2009

Documentaries: 1/10 of Earth-mother's office 2007 / 9 km from future 2005 /
Workshop on Country Side / Boriss says 2000 / Paris Quelques Parts 1993



Silence



Title Silence

Original Title Klusums

Short, 35 mm, 1:1.85, colour,

Dolby Digital Surround EX, 14', 2009

Director Laila Pakalniņa

Screenplay Laila Pakalniņa

Cinematographer Gints Bērziņš

Production Designer Jurgis Krāsons

Costume Designer Līga Krāsone

Makeup Artist Ilze Trumpe

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Kaspar Kallas

Producer Laila Pakalniņa

Production Company Hargla Company

Main Cast Guna Zariņa, Mirdza Ševele,

Rūdolfs Henčels

National Premiere 04.05.2009

International Premiere 05.2009,

Cannes International Film festival,

Short Films Competition



There should be silence in a museum. And someone should see to it that the silence is there. It's the logical order of things. However, it might seem weird to somebody.



LAILA PAKALNIŅA

Features: Silence (short) 2009 / Stones (short) 2008 / Fire (short) 2007 / The Hostage 2006 / Water (short) 2006 / The Python 2003 / The Shoe 1998 / Anna's Christmas (short) 1992

Documentaries: On Rubiks' Road 2010 / Three Men and Fish Pond 2008 / Theodore 2006 / Dream Land 2004 / The Bus 2004 / It'll Be Fine 2004 / Martins 2002 / Papa Gena 2001 / Wake up 2000 / The Oak 1997 / Ubans 1995 / The Mail 1995 / The Ferry 1994 / The Church 1993 / The Pilgrimage 1991 / The Linen 1991 / The Dome 1991 / The Choice 1990 / And 1988

Signs of Light

Title Signs of Light

Original Title Gaismas zīmes

Short, 35 mm, 1:1.85,
colour, stereo, 14'

Director Ilze Kunga

Screenplay Ilze Kunga, Ivo Briedis

Cinematographer Maksim Efros

Production Designers Ilva Kļaviņa,
Jurģis Krāsons

Costume Designer Evija Džonsone

Makeup Artist Ilze Trumpe

Music Jevgenijs Kobzevs

Sound Jevgenijs Kobzevs

Editor Artjom Antonov

Producer Laima Freimane

Production Company Screen Vision

Main Cast Egons Dombrovskis,
Sandra Zvīgule

To be released 03.2010



A man and a woman live above each other in the same house with windows facing out onto the same corner traffic lights. Their lives are accompanied by the changing signals: green, yellow, red... each color has different energy, different music and a different impact on people. These colors are crucial in bringing together this pair of lonely hearts.

ILZE KUNGA

Features (shorts): Business Trip to Forest 2005 / Rendezvous 2004 /
The Encounter 2002 / I Wish I Could Be 2001



animation

The Cuckoo and Her 12 Hubbies

Title The Cuckoo and Her 12 Hubbies

Original Title Dzeguze un viņas 12 vīri

2D animation, Betacam SP, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 8', 2009

Director Roze Stiebra

Screenplay Roze Stiebra

based on Pēteris Brūveris' poetry

Animators Maija Brence, Dagmāra Lauriņa,

Dita Māsēna, Marina Trēde

Scene Designer Gundega Muzikante

Character Designer Gundega Muzikante

Computer Graphics Dzintars Krūmiņš

Original Music Mārtiņš Brauns

Sound Dzintars Krūmiņš

Editor Roze Stiebra

Producer Ansis Bērziņš

Production Company

Dauka Animated Film Studio

National Premiere 10.05.2009



A sensation or good fortune? Or a lucky occurrence? The Cuckoo has 12 husbands, all of them splendid! Can this be true, and why is she the lucky one?

ROZE STIEBRA

Animation: The Cuckoo and Her 12 Hubbies 2009 / Sister and Brother 2008 / Did You Say Something? 2008 / Danceplay 2007 / Butterflies 2005 / The Little Fairy-Tales, 28 Films (1994-2006) / Adventures of the Sausage 2002 / The Unusual Rigans 2001 / A Piece of Cake 2000 / Into the Trap 2000 / Doggie 1999 / Come Back, Salmon! 1998 / The Cat's Mill 1994 / How the Baby Comes into the World 1991 / Ness and Nessy 1991 / Safety Technique in the Caboose 1988 / Looking-Rhymes 1988 / The Fairy-Tale is Sitting on the Threshold 1987 / The Tale about Getting on 1986 / The Bear of Happiness 1985 / Oh, My Dear Little Sister 1984 / In My Pocket 1983 / What is the Collective Farm 1981 / Looking for the Northern Daughter 1980 / The Little Hares' Bath 1979 / The Dog and the Wind 1978 / The Green Fairy-Tale 1977 / Dilly Dally in the Sun Garden 1976 / The Fairy Bird 1976 / Dilly Dally in the Kitten Park 1975 / The Golden Sieve 1975 / Dilly Dally in the Perpendicular's Kingdom 1974 / The Fairy-tale about the Holy Fiddler 1974 / Ringla's Trip 1973 About the Wolf Who Did Not Devour the Piglet 1972 / Five Cats 1971 / Hello Hella! 1970 / The Rainy Day 1969



Devil's Fuji



Title Devil's Fuji
Original Title Velna Fudži
 2D animation, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
 colour, stereo, 32', 2009

Director Kārlis Vītols
Screenplay Kārlis Vītols, Pēteris Vītols
Designer Kārlis Vītols
Animator Kārlis Vītols
Original Music Ingus Baušķenieks
Sound Ingus Baušķenieks
Editor Kārlis Vītols
Producer Viesturs Graždanovičs
Production Company URGA
National Premiere 15.01.2009



Mount Fuji in Japan is occupied by a Latvian Devil. He forces Latvian culture upon Japanese villages, thus trying to form a territory of a non-existent country. When the inhabitants of one of the villages are all turned into Rainis – the all-time greatest Latvian poet and playwright – an ambitious Samurai is sent to fight for Japan.



KĀRLIS VĪTOLS

Animation: Eclipse 2010 / Devil's Fuji 2009 / Mechanism 2007 / Garden of Fetish 2006 /
 The Trophy 2004 / Kloijih 2000 / The Red Glove 1998

Eclipse

Title Eclipse

Original Title Aptomsums

2D animation, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 10', 2010

Director Kārlis Vītols

Screenplay Kārlis Vītols

Designer Kārlis Vītols

Animator Kārlis Vītols

Sound Totem

Editor Kārlis Vītols

Producer Viesturs Graždanovičs

Production Company URGA

National Premiere 26.02.2010



During a solar eclipse nature performs a transcendental ritual. Two worlds collide, and a sacred gate is opened for the male to reach a female

KĀRLIS VĪTOLS

Animation: Eclipse 2010 / Devil's Fuji 2009 / Mechanism 2007 / Garden of Fetish 2006 /
The Trophy 2004 / Klojīhi 2000 / The Red Glove 1998



The Frog Who Didn't Sing



It's a hot summer and little elf Toots is worried that the stream will dry up. But the Sunrise Tree tells him he has nothing to fear - when it gets too dry, Frog will sing to the Thunder Beings to bring rain to the forest. All would be well if Dark Mother hadn't come up with a plan to silence Frog. She sends her myrmidons Horace and Bumble to make sure Frog sleeps through the big moment. The scene is set for a battle with the Elves of the Sunrise Tree to wake up Frog and save Toots and the others from a particularly thirsty end.



NILS SKAPĀNS

Animation: Wonderful Day 2010 / Tales of the Sunrise Tree. The Frog Who Didn't Sing 2009 / Flap Your Wings! 2008 / Half a Bear 2007 / The Witch's Button 2006 / The Telephone 2005 / Listen, Rabbit...Daddy Goes to London 2004 / Planet Solitude 2003 / Sandbox 2002 / Provocation 2001 / Spring 2001 / Brickania 1999 / Wild Robber 1999 / Home Hole Horrors 1999 / Bird Days 1998 / Grimm and Andersen with a Twist 1997 / Hop! Hop! Ladybird 1996 / Morning 1995 / Animals 1996-1998 / Munk and Lemmy 1993-1995

Title The Frog Who Didn't Sing (pilot episode of series Tales of the Sunrise Tree)

Original Title Kāpēc varde nedziedāja (Austras koka pasakas)

2D/3D animation, Digital Betacam, 16:9, colour, stereo, 15', 2009

Director Nils Skapāns

Screenplay Bob Swain

Cinematographers Renārs Vilkaušs, Gorazd Kranjc

Designer François Bruel

Animators Liga Skirmāne, Dita Māšēna, Pārsla Mauriņa, Maija Brence, Inta Silanža, Dace Lūce, Gunta Sudraba, Kristiāna Jansone

Scene Designer François Bruel

Character Designer François Bruel

Artists François Bruel, Gorazd Kranjc

Computer Graphics Gorazd Kranjc

Original Music Uģis Prauliņš

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs, Egons Kronbergs

Editor Nils Skapāns

Composition Renārs Vilkaušs

Producer Inga Prauliņa

Co-producers Gorazd Norčič, Bob Swain

Production Company Jet Media

Co-production with

Collective D.O.O (Slovenia),

Sidewinder Films Ltd (UK)

National Premiere 12.06.2009

Magic Water

Title Magic Water

Original Title Dzīvais Ūdens

Puppet animation, 35mm, 1:1.37,
colour, Dolby Digital, 10', 2009

Director Māris Brinkmanis

Screenplay Māris Putniņš

Cinematographer Pēteris Trups

Character Designers

Māris Putniņš, Pauls Timrots

Art Director Māris Putniņš

Computer Graphics Andris Gailītis

Animator Māris Brinkmanis

Original Music Māris Putniņš

Sound Normunds Deinats

Editors Pēteris Trups, Māris Brinkmanis

Producer Māris Putniņš

Production Company Animācijas Brigāde

National Premiere 03.2009

International Premiere 04. 2009

Kristiansand International Children's
Film Festival, Norway



Two animals, Munk and Lemmy, try to cultivate a small apple tree in the middle of desert, but the tiny plant is in need of water. Munk looks around for some water and fortunately finds an oasis with a spring. While returning with the water, Munk doesn't notice that every water drop that falls to the sand gives immediate life to a new plant. The water from the spring is magic! It brings everything to life, generating some unexpected trouble...



MĀRIS BRINKMANIS

Animation: Magic Water 2009 / Ship of Hope 2007 /
Hurry Up, Munchausen, Hurry Up! 2005 / Magician 2001



Master of Ice



Title Master of Ice
Original Title Ledus Pavēlnieks
 Puppet animation, Digital Betacam,
 16:9, colour, Dolby Digital, 24', 2009

Director Ēvalds Lācis
Screenplay Māris Putniņš
Cinematographer Ēvalds Lācis
Art Director Māris Putniņš
Animators Jānis Cimermanis,
 Māris Brinkmanis
Computer Graphics Andris Gailītis
Original Music Mārtiņš Brauns
Sound Anrijs Krenbergs
Editor Ēvalds Lācis
Producer Māris Putniņš
Production Company Animācijas Brigāde
National Premiere 03.10.2009
International Premiere 28.10.2009, France



Once upon a time a strange magician arrives during the festivities at the King's palace. He is a Master of Ice, and his specialty is to freeze everything. The King does not like the icy magic, and the magician is impolitely sent away. Even the Princess laughs at him. But later the angry magician returns and freezes the Princess, stealing her away to his ice castle. When they try to rescue her, the Mater of Ice freezes the whole kingdom. Only young Page remains unfrozen, and he is only one who can try to rescue the Princess...



ĒVALDS LĀCIS

Animation: Master of Ice 2009 / The New Species 2008

Once Upon a Time God...

Title Once Upon a Time God...

Original Title Reiz Dievs...

Drawing on paper animation,
Betacam SP, 4:3, colour, stereo, 13', 2009

Director Māra Liniņa

Screenplay Māra Liniņa

Artists Ilmārs Blumbergs, Ieva Jurjāne,
Kristīne Jurjāne-Klotiņa

Animators Dagmāra Lauriņa,
Dace Liepa, Edmunds Jansons

Composition Dāvis Rudzāts,
Aigars Gercāns, Edmunds Jansons

Original Music Kaspars Dimiteris,
Nils Īle, Uģis Vītiņš

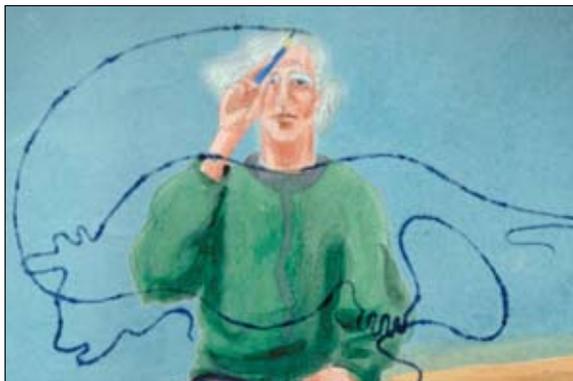
Sound Ģirts Bišs, Arnis Račinskis,
Mihails Medvedevs, Anrijs Krenbergs

Editors Māra Liniņa, Edmunds Jansons,
Aigars Gercāns

Producer Laima Freimane

Production Company Atom Art

National Premiere 17.06.2009.



A three-part animation series based on Latvian folklore about how God created the Universe and the three crucial world components - heavenly bodies, animals and humans. The driving forces behind the creation are partners and opponents, God and the Devil.

MĀRA LINIŅA

Animation: Once Upon a Time God... 2009 / Hornyhoof, Furball and Tiddlewink 2002 /
The Water-sprite 2001 / Like a Dream 2000 / Comet 1997



Pig's Happiness



Title Pig's Happiness

Original Title Cūkas laime

Puppet animation, 35mm, 1: 1.37, colour,
Dolby Digital, 12; 2009

Director Dace Rīdūze

Screenplay Ēvalds Lācis

Cinematographer Andrejs Apsītis

Scene Designer Ieva Kauliņa

Character Designer Roberts Cinkuss

Animators Dace Rīdūze, Jānis Cimermanis

Original Music Mārtiņš Brauns

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Andrejs Apsītis

Producer Māris Putniņš

Production Company Animācijas Brigāde

National Premiere 09.2009

International Premiere 10.2009, Chicago
International Children's film festival, USA



It's a sunny morning for the animals by the forest pond, but their lovely idyll is disrupted by a strange noise – an arriving car. A family of city pigs has come to spend their vacation in the countryside. The little wild boar sees the city piglet girl and romance is born, but the girl's narrow-minded parents create obstacles for the friendship. The forest animals, led by the little wild boar, decide to teach the pig family a lesson.



DACE RĪDŪZE

Animation: Pig's Happiness 2009 / Smile, My Friend! 2007 / Dream Dwarfs 2006 / Antlion 2004 / Firefly 2002 / Cats 2002 / Up and Down 2000

Red Rider

Title Red Rider

Original Title Sarkanais jātnieks

2D animation, Betacam SP, 4:3, colour,

Dolby SR, 3', 2009

Director Mārtiņš Pauliņš

Screenplay Mārtiņš Pauliņš

Cinematographer Renārs Zālītis

Designer Mārtiņš Pauliņš

Animators Taiga Zīle, Dace Dārzniece,

Ieva Šmite, Mairis Naglis

Character Designer Mārtiņš Pauliņš

Computer Graphics Renārs Zālītis

Art Director Mārtiņš Pauliņš

Sound Andris Barons

Editor Renārs Zālītis

Producer Vilnis Kalnaellis

Production Company Rija Films

National Premiere 04.12.2009

International Premiere 2.-5.04.2009

Animfest, Athens, Greece



A humorous story about a little girl with Napoleon syndrome. Through childlike joy, she not only tames the wolf, but her grandmother as well.

MĀRTIŅŠ PAULIŅŠ

Animation: Red Rider 2009



Springtime in Vārnu Street



Title Springtime in Vārnu Street
Original Title Pavasaris Vārnu ielā
 Cut-out animation, Betacam SP, 16:9, colour, stereo, 24', 2009

Director Edmunds Jansons
Screenplay Inga Ābele
Artist Ilva Kļaviņa
Original Music Ingus Baušķenieks, Edgars Šubrovskis
Sound Anrijs Krenbergs
Editor Edmunds Jansons
Producers Laima Freimane, Edmunds Jansons, Sabine Andersone
Production Company Atom Art
National Premiere 24.09.2009



A musical story about love, honour and forgiveness. Janka, a suburban Riga lad, dreams that he saves Zelma from a fire and is decorated with an order - a button flattened on the tram rails. Will he be courageous enough to stand up for his love in the eyes of everyone in the yard and park, where the Indians from the neighbouring street are lurking?



EDMUNDS JANSONS

Animation: Springtime in Vārnu Street 2009 / Little Bird's Diary 2007 / The Gift 2005 / Scissorsman 2005 / The White 2001 / Haiku 1995
Documentaries: The Black Spawn 2003

To Swallow a Toad

Title To Swallow a Toad

Original Title Norīt Krupi

2D animation, 35 mm, 1:1.85, colour,

Dolby Digital, 9', 2010

Director Jurgis Krāsons

Screenplay Ivo Briedis

Cinematographer Renārs Zālītis

Designer Jurgis Krāsons

Animators Taiga Zile, Dace Dārzniece,

Aleksandrs Šehovcevs, Maigurs Prusāns,

Mairis Naglis, Jolanta Bīgele

Character Designer Jurgis Krāsons

Art Director Jurgis Krāsons

Compositing Mārtiņš Veja

Original Music Andris Barons

Sound Andris Barons

Editor Jurgis Krāsons

Producer Vilnis Kalnaellis

Production Company Rija Films

National Premiere Spring 2010



Once some “round” intellectuals lived in a small town. They were smart, kind, farsighted and successful. The reason for their success – they could swallow toads. But some that were “square” also lived in the small town. They were pragmatic realists – good was repaid with good, evil with evil, and no toads were ever swallowed. They lived in peace until one day a “square” discovered that the “rounds” swallow toads...

JURĢIS KRĀSONS

Animation: To Swallow a Toad 2010 / Black Box 2006



View Finder



Title View Finder

Original Title Skatu meklētājs

3D animation, Digital Betacam, 16:9, colour, Dolby Digital, 3', 2010

Director Pēteris Noviks

Screenplay Pēteris Noviks

Animators Dagnis Krusts, Aleksandrs Admiralovs, Nils Blumbergs, Pēteris Noviks, Ilona Spruģe, Kristaps Raits

Scene Designer Pēteris Noviks

Character Designer Pēteris Noviks

Art Director Pēteris Noviks

Original Music Nik Phelps

Sound Nik Phelps

Editor Pēteris Noviks

Producer Vilnis Kalnaellis

Production Company Rija Films

National Premiere Spring 2010



A blind man waits for the traffic light to turn green. He experiences mind visions that reveal his inner world and the emotions created by his blindness. With no connection to the real world, he lives a dream within a dream.



PĒTERIS NOVIKS

Animation: View Finder 2010 / Place 2006 / Structuring 2006

When Apples Roll

Title When Apples Roll

Original Title Kad āboli ripo

Drawing on paper animation, 35 mm,
1:1.85, colour, Dolby Digital, 7', 2009

Director Reinis Kalnaellis

Screenplay Andrejs Prigičevs,
Māra Liniņa, Andris Akmentiņš

Cinematographer Renārs Zālītis

Designers Andrejs Prigičevs, Laima Puntule

Animators Taiga Zīle, Dace Dārzniece,
Jolanta Bīgele, Valentīna Lietuviete

Scene Designers Taiga Zīle, Māra Liniņa

Character Designer Andrejs Prigičevs

Computer Graphics Renārs Zālītis

Art Director Laima Puntule

Original Music Kārlis Lācis

Sound Andris Barons

Editor Reinis Kalnaellis

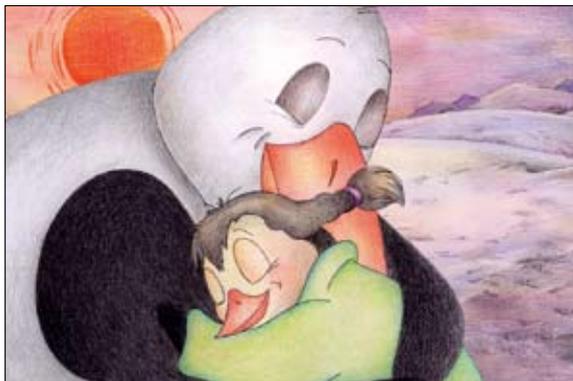
Producer Vilnis Kalnaellis

Production Company Rija Films

National Premiere 11.04.2009

International Premiere 10.01.2009

Berlin International Film festival,
Generation, Germany



Cat lives in an antique wood cabinet with his devoted friend Mouse. There is an apple orchard on the fringes of the old town. This autumn, while Cat is picking apples, things turn out differently. All of a sudden a strange egg rolls into the orchard.



REINIS KALNAELLIS

Animation: When Apples Roll 2009

Documentaries: The Fire and Clay Master 2009



Wings and Oars



A former pilot looks back at his life – the Earth, the Sky, the Woman – everything that took place on the journey from an air strip to an abandoned boat house.



VLADIMIR LESCHIOV

Animation: Wings and Oars 2009 / Lost in Snow 2007 / Insomnia 2004 / Grandad's Honey 2002 / The Letter 2002

Title Wings and Oars

Original Title Spārni un airi
2D animation, 35 mm, 1:1.85,
colour, Dolby Digital, 6', 2009

Director Vladimir Leschiov

Screenplay Vladimir Leschiov

Cinematographer Vladimir Leschiov

Designer Vladimir Leschiov

Animator Vladimir Leschiov

Scene Designer Vladimir Leschiov

Character Designer Vladimir Leschiov

Artist Vladimir Leschiov

Computer Graphics Vladimir Leschiov

Art Director Vladimir Leschiov

Original Music Pierre-Yves Drapeau,
Normand Roger

Sound Pierre-Yves Drapeau

Editor Vladimir Leschiov

Producer Vladimir Leschiov

Production Company Lunohod

National Premiere 19.06.2009

International Premiere 06.2009,
Annecy International Animation Film Festival,
France

Wonderful Day

Title Wonderful Day

Original Title Burvīga diena

Clay animation, HD, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 14'32", 2010

Director Nils Skapāns

Screenplay Nils Skapāns, Ilze Emse

Cinematographer Nils Skapāns

Designer Ilze Emse

Animator Nils Skapāns

Scene Designer Ilze Emse

Character Designer Ilze Emse

Artist Ilze Emse

Original Music Valts Pūce

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Computer Graphics Dāvis Rudzāts

Editors Nils Skapāns, Dāvis Rudzāts,
Edmunds Jansons

Producers Nils Skapāns, Antra Cilinska

Production Company Juris Podnieks Studio

National Premiere 05.02.2010

International Premiere 16.02.2010

Berlin International Film festival,
Generation, Germany



An ordinary day turns into an adventure and becomes an extraordinary day.



NILS SKAPĀNS

Animation: Wonderful Day 2010 / Tales of the Sunrise Tree. The Frog Who Didn't Sing 2009 / Flap Your Wings! 2008 / Half a Bear 2007 / The Witch's Button 2006 / The Telephone 2005 / Listen, Rabbit...Daddy Goes to London 2004 / Planet Solitude 2003 / Sandbox 2002 / Provocation 2001 / Spring 2001 / Brickania 1999 / Wild Robber 1999 / Home Hole Horrors 1999 / Bird Days 1998 / Grimm and Andersen with a Twist 1997 / Hop! Hop! Ladybird 1996 / Morning 1995 / Animals 1996-1998 / Munk and Lemmy 1993-1995



Shammies



Title Shammies

Original Title Lupatiņi

2D animation, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 5'

Director Edmunds Jansons

Screenplay Inese Zandere

Animators Mārtiņš Dūmiņš, Edmunds Jansons

Character Designers Reinis Pētersons,
Ūna Laukmane

Artists Reinis Pētersons, Ūna Laukmane

Original Music Jēkabs Nīmanis

Sound Ģirts Bišs

Editor Edmunds Jansons

Producer Sabīne Andersone

Production Company Atom Art

To be released 03.2009



A mitten, a sock, a kerchief and a cushion spend their time in a bedroom drawer. Each day is full of surprises and worries – the sun does not want to rise, the bathroom faucet drips, milk spills on the table...



EDMUNDS JANSONS

Animation: Springtime on Vārnu Street 2009 / Little Bird's Diary 2007 /
The Gift 2005 / Scissorsman 2005 / The White 2001 / Haiku 1995

Documentaries: The Black Spawn 2003

Tiger

Title Tiger (series Rescue Team)

Original Title Tīģeris

Puppet animation, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, Dolby Digital, 8'

Director Jānis Cimermanis

Screenplay Māris Putniņš

Cinematographer Ēvalds Lācis

Art Director Māris Putniņš

Animators Māris Brinkmanis,
Jānis Cimermanis

Computer Graphics Andris Gailītis

Original Music Mārtiņš Brauns

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editors Ēvalds Lācis, Jānis Cimermanis

Producer Māris Putniņš

Production Company Animācijas Brigāde

To be released 12.2010

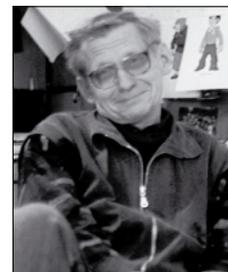


A Tiger cub and his mother are ill-treated by their owner, so the brave-hearted men of the Rescue Team must come to their aid, using an unusual solution to solve the tigers' dilemma.

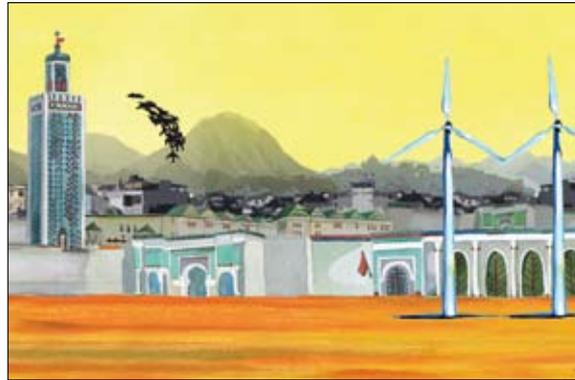
JĀNIS CIMERMANIS

Feature: I'll Buy Your Husband! 2003

Animation: Karu Tuleb! 2008 / The Latvian 2007 / Hunting, series Rescue Team 2007 / series Mischief II 2006 / The Three Musketeers 2006 / Poem about Threshing 2003 / Prop and Berta 2000 / The Little Knight 1998 / series Mischief IV 1995 / The Rhino, series Munk and Lemmy 1993 / Series Rescue Team 1991 – 2000 / series Mischief I 1990 / The Way 1988 / The Live Friend 1987 / The Foresters Grandson 1985



Woman and Wind



Title Woman and Wind

Original Title Sieviete un Vējš

2D animation, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 7'

Director Aija Bley

Screenplay Aija Bley

Animators Jolanta Bīgele, Iveta Hincenberga

Artist Patricija Brekte

Art Director Patricija Brekte

Producer Aija Bley

Production Company A. Bley Film Studio

To be released Summer 2010



Once upon a time Wind lived in a city in the East. Day in and day out he drove the sand. One day a Woman arrived from a distant city in the West. She succumbed to the playfulness of Wind, and a great passion was unexpectedly aroused. But the Woman's holidays were drawing to an end, and she returned to the city and her passionless husband...



AIJA BLEY

Animation: Island of Doctor D 2005 / The Prickly 2004

Features: Merry Christmas! (short) 2004 / Slurp (short) 1997 /
Verner's Suffering (short) 1996

Documentaries: Ice—Breaker and His Children 2009 / Manur's War Dance 2009 /
Chechnya with My Own Eyes 2007 / People of the Reindeer 2005 / Talking on the Way 2006 /
Letter to Embute 2006 / Village Close to Heaven 2004 / The Sounds of the Seasons 2003
/ I Love Dauvgavpils! 2003 / A Guard, Stalin and Airplanes 1998 / Ophelia's Dream 1995 /
Observations on the Corners of the State Borders 1994

documentaries

documentary

1x1



Title 1x1

Original Title 1x1

Documentary, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, Dolby SR, 52', 2009

Directors Gints Grūbe,

Daina Rašenbauma,

Screenplay Gints Grūbe

Cinematographer Uvis Burjāns

Editor Mati Kustavus

Producers Inese Boka-Grūbe,
Kārlis Kalsbergs

Production Company Labvakar

In Coproduction with Mistrus Media

National Premiere 04.2009



Since Latvia regained independence in 1991, only a small number of all those who emigrated during the 1940's returned, though many of them had been waiting for the occupation to end. This is about the first generation of Latvian émigrés - those who came back, and those who chose to stay in the West.



GINTS GRŪBE

Documentaries: Sounds that the Sun Makes 2010 / 1x1 (co-director) 2009 /
Discovered in Latvia (co-director) 2006 / Being Raimonds Pauls (co-director) 2006 /
The Good Life in Latvia (co-director) 2005 / Latvian Speaks 2003,
Four Handid 2008 (co-director)

DAINA RAŠENBAUMA

Documentaries: 1x1 (co-director) 2009 / Discovered in Latvia 2006 /
Being Raimonds Pauls (co-director) 2006 / The Good Life in Latvia (co-director) 2005,
Four Handid 2008 (co-director)

Aging with Joy

Title Aging with Joy
Original Title Vecmāmiņu koris
Documentary, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 52'

Director Ilze Ramāne
Screenplay Ilze Ramāne
Cinematographer Ilze Ramāne
Sound Andris Indāns
Editor Gunta Ikere
Producers Valdis Ābols,
Lukas Trimonis
Production Company
Vides Filmu Studija
Co-production with
Ultra Nominum (Lithuania)
National Premiere 03.2010



Three elderly ladies - Maiga, Velta and Mrs. Tone - meet every Tuesday at a Culture House in a suburb of Riga to take part in rehearsals with 40-odd other ladies of the “Granny Choir”. Some of them might be living more in the past than in the present, but there is one extraordinary feature common to all. Despite their age, low income and health issues, they appear to know how to grow old with dignity, a sense of humour and, as it seems, even joy.

ILZE RAMĀNE

Documentaries: Aging with Joy 2010 / Druskomania 2006 /
Memories 2006 / Remote Nightmare 2005 / Tutti Frutti 2005



Agapitova and the Rescued



This is a film about the return of an individual to the Far North, and to the past. Agapitova, Igarka – the vast lands of Siberia, to which Ilmārs Knāģis and 4,000 other children from Latvia were deported in 1941. In the autumn of 1942, 700 mothers and children of different nationalities were sent to the death island of Agapitova. Only 60 survived, among them six Latvian children – Biruta Kazaka, Pāvels Kliessbergs, Venta Grāvīte, Ilmārs Grāvītis, Pēteris Bērziņš and Valentīna Voiciša. The question remains: Why did this happen? And why is no one to blame?



Title Agapitova and the Rescued
Original Title Agapitova un izglābtie
 Documentary, Betacam SP, 4:3,
 colour, mono, 58', 2009

Director Dzintra Geka
Screenplay Ēriks Lanss
Cinematographer Aivars Lubānietis
Original Music Pēteris Vasks
Sound Armands Zvirbulis
Editor Armands Zvirbulis
Producer Dzintra Geka
Production Company Sibīrijas bērni
National Premiere 13.06.2009

DZINTRA GEKA

Documentaries: Agapitova and the Rescued 2009 / Igarka, Hope and Butterfly 2008 / 600 Stories That Have to be Told 2007 / John Dored's Island 2007 / Remember or Forget 2005 / Once There Was Siberia 2005 / Greetings from Siberia 2004 / Latvian Presidents 2005 / Signe and 2003 / Siberian Diaries, part 3-4 2003 / Siberian Diaries, part 1-2 2002 / Occupation of Latvia, part 1,2,3 2001 / The Children of Siberia 2001 / Cinema century in Latvia 10 parts 1999 / Latvia Radio – 75 1999 / Poikans 1998 / Eisensteins Eden 1998 / Latvia – 80 1998 / Captain Krulle 1997 / The Cakstes Family Tree 1994 / The Return of the Light 1993 / Aleksandrs Pelecis 1992 / Gundars Jankovskis 1991 / And We 1991 / I Was Born With A Song On My Lips 1990 / Pits Andersons 1989 / A House On The Main Road 1989 / Brothers Under Sun 1988 / Voldemars And Leontine 1987 / The Light In Your Window 1986 / A Play With A Wind 1984 / Olga Pirag's Singing 1982



Amazon of the Avant-garde

Title Amazon of the Avant-garde
Original Title Marta Liepiņa-Skulme –
avangarda amazone
Documentary, DV, 4:3, colour, stereo, 50', 2009

Director Laima Žurgina
Screenplay Džemma Skulme
Cinematographer Jānis Skulme
Sound Anrijs Krenbergs
Editor Agnese Ivane
Producer Antra Cilinska
Production Company Juris Podnieks Studio
National Premiere 04.09.2009



A film about the great 20th century sculptor whose work was inspired by the cubism of the 1920s, and her life story which contains all possible dramas for a creative person living in the previous century.

LAIMA ŽURGINA (SELECTED TITLES)

Documentaries: Amazon Of The Avant-garde 2009 / My Dear Riga 2003 / Tempus Perfectum 2000 / Trivium 1998 / Raimonds Pauls. Music Between Flesh and Soul 1997 / The Song of the North 1995 / Anniversary of the Century 1994 / These are also My Sons 1990 / Categorical Imperative 1989 / Dzemma 1986 / Ugly Duckling - a Child of Man 1985 / Imants Ziedonis. Writer's Portrait 1979 / The Fourth Dimension 1977



The Fifth Hamlet



Title The Fifth Hamlet
Original Title Piektais Hamlets
Documentary, HDV, 16:9, mono, 55', 2009

Directors Krista Burāne, Mārtiņš Eihe
Screenplay Krista Burāne
Cinematographer Inese Apse
Sound Egons Kronbergs
Editor Krista Burāne
Producers Mārtiņš Eihe, Krista Burāne,
Haralds Matulis
Production Companies Nomadi,
Academy of Culture
National premiere 14.01.2009



What does the question “to be or not to be?” mean? 86 year-old director Olgerts Kroders stages his fourth production of Shakespeare’s Hamlet at the Valmiera Drama Theatre. The theatre is more than merely his occupation, for he not only works there but also spends all of his time in it. The film depicts his routine and the rehearsal process up until the premiere, and provokes a dialogue using the four actors who have all played Hamlet in the different productions. O. Kroders’ life and the lives of the actors tell the history of Latvia and the fates of different generations.



KRISTA BURĀNE

Documentary: The Fifth Hamlet 2009



MĀRTIŅŠ EIHE

Feature (short): Ten Pink Minutes 2007

Documentary: The Fifth Hamlet 2009

Fortune's Favourite

Title Fortune's Favourite

Original Title Laimes luteklis
Documentary, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 52', 2009

Director Rūta Celma

Screenplay Rūta Celma

Cinematographers

[Dāvis Šimanis sen.,] Arvo Vilu

Sound Aivars Riekstiņš

Editors Rūta Celma, Dāvis Šimanis jr,

Producer Aivars Riekstiņš

Production Company Ego Media

National Premiere 16.04.2009



A portrait of prominent opera singer - bass-baritone Egils Silins. For 4 years, the crew followed the singer through the greatest European opera houses. The film reveals behind the scenes and performances of Richard Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*, Giacomo Puccini's *Tosca* at the Latvian National Opera, Wagner's *The Valkyrie* at the Zurich Opera, Georges Bizet's *Carmen* at the Vienna Opera, and Wagner's *Parsifal* at the Munich Opera.

RŪTA CELMA

Documentaries: (selected titles) *The Lucky One* 2009 / *Estonians in Latvia* 2004 / *The Fool in God's Dwelling* 2000 / *Coming Closer to Him* 1994 / *The Year of the Goat* 1992 / *The Call of Bloodlines* 1991 / *I Am Not Vagrant* 1990 / *The Mission* 1990



Grammar, Girls and All That Jazz



Title Grammar, Girls and All That Jazz
Original Title Un džess
Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour,
stereo, 52', 2009

Director Dainis Kļava
Screenplay Dainis Kļava
Cinematographer Valdis Celmiņš
Sound Andris Indāns
Editor Dainis Kļava
Producer Uldis Cekulis
Production Company Vides Filmu Studija
National Premiere 08.12.2009



When I was in my 7th year at school, my dad gave me his old 8mm film camera. The first thing I did was film my classmates. Nearly thirty years later, I decided to film them again. Does life continue even after the dream of life is over?



DAINIS KĻAVA

Documentaries: Grammar, Girls and all that Jazz 2009 / Sea of Attractions 2005 /
Lake Lubāns: Squaring the Circle 2001 / All Rivers Flow to the Sea 1998 /
Bear Man – Andrejs 1997 / Bird Man 1996 / The Naivists 1992

documentary

Head for 150 000 USD

Title Head for 150 000 USD

Original Title Latvietis, par kura galvu izsludināta 150 000 USD liela atlīdzība
Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour,
stereo, 30', 2009

Director Una Celma

Screenplay Una Celma

Cinematographers Aleksandrs Grebņevs,
Agris Birzulis

Original Music Jevgeņijs Kobzevs

Sound Jevgeņijs Kobzevs

Editing Oļegs Aleksejevs

Producers Dace Siatkovska, Una Celma

Production Company Latsfilma

Co-production with Lats Film AB (Sweden)

National Premiere 04.12.2009



A portrait of Lars Vilks, the State Secretary of Ladonia, a sculptor and a scandal-maker (as an art form), and professor of art theory. He is the only Swede, and also the only Latvian (by ancestry), with a price of \$150 000 on his head. But perhaps he has been under-valued. A look at Ladonia, and at the nemesis of Swedish officialdom.

UNA CELMA

Features: Finding Elvis 2008 / Don't Talk About It 2007 / Maximum Headroom 2005 / Handful of Bullets 2002 / Follow Me 1999 / The Island 1991 / Crossroads 1990 / Outside 1989
Documentaries: Women and the Guards 2009 / Head for 150000 USD 2009 / Ticket to the Future 2007 / A Holiday in the Sun (short) 2004 / And Then I Will Return for Real 2003 / Egg Lady 2000 / The Girls of 1960 1995



Ice-Breaker and His Children



Title Ice-Breaker and His Children
Original Title Ledlauzis un viņa bērni
Documentary, HDV, 16:9,
colour, 30', stereo, 2009

Director Aija Bley
Screenplay Aija Bley, Elvita Ruka
Cinematographers Haralds Vecvagars,
Miks Meirāns
Original Music Kristaps Krievs
Editors Agnese Ivane, Raimonds Špakovskis
Producer Elvita Ruka
Production Company Vides projekti
National premiere 22.01.2009



Former ice researcher and Orthodox pastor Andrey Voronin is called Ice-Breaker because of his brave opinions. A unique children's home, whose foster children are now famous in the whole of Russia, was created under his guidance. The pastor thinks that life is a fight and you have to be prepared for it all of the time. This is why, together with the children, he conquers the tops of mountains.



AIJA BLEY

Documentaries: Ice-Breaker and His Children 2009 / Mansur's War Dance 2009 / Chechnya with My Own Eyes 2007 / People of the Reindeer 2005 / Talking on the Way 2006 / Letter to Embute 2006 / Village Close to Heaven 2004 / The Sounds of the Seasons 2003 / I love Dauvgavpils! 2003 / A Guard, Stalin and Airplanes 1998 / Ophelia's Dream 1995 / Observations on the Corners of the State Borders 1994

Features: Merry Christmas! (short) 2004 / Slurp (short) 1997 / Verner's Suffering (short) 1996

Animation: Island of Doctor D 2005 / The Prickly 2004

documentary

inBreath

Title inBreath

Original Title ieElpot
Documentary, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 13', 2009

Director Linda Olte

Screenplay Linda Olte

Cinematographer Valdis Celmiņš

Original Music Jānis Žilde

Sound Aigars Endzelis

Editor Linda Olte

Producers Uldis Cekulis, Elina Zazerska

Production Company Vides Filmu Studija

National Premiere 02.10.2009



We live, and we don't know that at this very instant a new soul comes into the world. A film about the most magic moment of life.

LINDA OLTE

Feature (short): Scream! 2004

Documentaries: In Breath 2009 / Panorama 50 2008 / Imperishable Rule - XXIV Latvian
Song and Dance Festival 2008 / Nature Concert Hall Phylloscopus collybita 2007 /
One language 2007 / Talk to me Latvian! 2006



Inventurers. Behind the Mysteries of Coral Castle



RIGAS DOME



VALDŽI
KULTURĀLĀS PĀRŠI



LTV
LATVIJAS TELEVIZIJA



A venture into the territory charted by a question of how a humble man could uncover the mystery of levitation and come to a realization of the principles of pyramid building. Is the Florida Coral Castle, which inspired rock musician Billy Idol to compose Sweet Sixteen, purely a monument to lost love?

Title Inventurers.
Behind the Mysteries of Coral Castle
Original Title Veiksmes ceļinieki.
Kas bija ED.L?
Documentary, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 56', 2009

Director Vladislav Shchepin
Screenplay Nataly Arshavska
Cinematographer Uldis Cekulis
Sound Vladislav Shchepin
Editors Vladislav Shchepin,
Dmitrij Bolizhevsky
Producer Laima Freimane
Co-producer Uldis Cekulis
Production Company Screen Vision
Co-production with
Vides Filmu Studija (Latvija)
National Premiere 04.09.2009



VLADISLAV SHCHEPIN

Documentaries: Inventurers. To Kill or To Die 2009 /
Inventurers. Behind the Mysteries of Coral Castle 2009

Inventurers. To Kill or To Die

Title Inventurers. To Kill or To Die

Original Title Veiksmes ceļinieki.

Nogalināt vai mirt

Documentary, HDV, 16:9,

colour, stereo, 56', 2009

Director Vladislav Shchepin

Screenplay Nataly Arshavska

Cinematographer Uldis Cekulis

Original Music Vadim Kuprijanov

Editors Vladislav Shchepin,

Dmitrij Bolizhevsky

Producer Laima Freimane

Coproducer Uldis Cekulis

Production Company Screen Vision

Co-production with

Vides Filmu Studija (Latvia)

National Premiere 04.09.2009



This is the extraordinary story of the life of a white man – a tiger hunter in Brazil whose fame reached even as far as Hollywood. Was glory his aim and adventurousness his means to reach it? Or was the jungle simply the perfect environment for this man of steely character and with a fighter's gene to evolve in?

VLADISLAV SHCHEPIN

Documentaries: Inventurers. To Kill or To Die 2009 /
Inventurers. Behind the Mysteries of Coral Castle 2009



Jaguar's Corner



Title Jaguar's Corner
Original Title Jaguāra kakts
Documentary, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 71', 2010

Director Andis Mizišs
Screenplay Andis Mizišs
Cinematographers Māris Maskalāns,
Uldis Cekulis
Sound Anrijs Krenbergs
Editor Julia Vinten
Producer Uldis Cekulis
Production Company Vides Filmu Studija
National Premiere 04.2010



In 1946, a group of Latvian-Brazilian Baptist missionaries arrived at Rincon del Tigre (Jaguar's Corner), in the backwoods of Bolivia, to preach God's word to the Ayoreo Indians. After sixty years of selfless work in a largely hostile environment, something seems to have gone terribly wrong. Habituated to living under the protective wings of the mission, the Ayoreos seem neither willing to support themselves and start living on their own, nor able to return to their traditional way of life in the jungle. Dressed in second-hand clothes, they are stranded in the backwoods of Western-style civilization with no particular way to go.



ANDIS MIZIŠS

Features: The Hunt 2009 / Stumble (short) 2001 / Kleptomania (short) 1997

Documentaries: Jaguar's Corner 2010 / The Church Will Arrive in the Evening 2007 / The Worm 2005 / The Followers 2003 / Roof on the Moonway 2001 / Expedition under Water and Time 2000/ Elza & Arturs 1998

Lohengrin from Varka Crew

Title Lohengrin from Varka Crew
Original Title Loengrīns no Varka Kru
Documentary, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 80', 2009

Director Viesturs Kairiņš

Screenplay Viesturs Kairiņš

Cinematographers Gints Bērziņš,
Andrejs Verhoustinskis

Art Director Edmunds Jansons

Sound Aleksandrs Vaichahovskis,
Normunds Kļaviņš

Editors Dāvis Simanis, Gunta Ikere

Reviser Margarita Zieda

Producer Guntis Trekteris

Coproducer Viesturs Kairiņš

Production Company Ego Media

Co-production with United Intimacy (Latvia)

National Premiere 30.09.2009



A creative portrait of Latvian luger and Olympic medal winner, Martins Rubenis, who won Latvia's first Winter Olympic medal in Turin in 2006. Apart from his success in sports, in the circles of contemporary alternative culture he is known as DJ Betons from the association Varka Kru (Varka – from Russian *boiling*, Kru – from English crew). Like the medieval knight Lohengrin, Martins Rubenis arrives in his luge to fight a battle - with an adversary, with himself, with time and the world.

VIESTURS KAIRIŅŠ

Features: The Dark Deer 2006 / Leaving by the Way 2001 /
Magic Flute (short) 2001 / The Wedding (short) 2000

Documentaries: Lohengrin from Varka Crew 2009 /
The Monument 2004 / Romeo and Juliet 2004 / The Train 1998



Mansur`s War Dance



Title Mansur`s War Dance

Original Title Mansurs, tulkojumā Uzvarētājs
Documentary, Betacam SP, 16:9,
colour, 25', 2009

Director Aija Bley

Screenplay Elvita Ruka

Cinematographers Agris Birzulis, Uldis Jancis

Original Music Traditional ethno-music of
Chechnya

Editor Agnese Ivane

Producer Guntis Trekteris

Production Company Ego Media

National Premiere 22.01.2009



Chechen boy Mansur, who was born and grew up during war in Chechnya, thanks to his mother Sacita's persistence and his own talent, garners awards in dance contests all over the world, reminding people of his nation's culture and valour.



AIIJA BLEY

Documentaries: Ice—Breaker and His Children 2009 / Mansur`s War Dance 2009 /
Chechnya with My Own Eyes 2007 / People of the Raindeer 2005 / Talking on the Way 2006
/ Letter to Embute 2006 / Village Close to Heaven 2004 / The Sounds of the Seasons 2003
/ I love Dauvgavpils! 2003 / A Guard, Stalin and Airplanes 1998 / Ophelia's Dream 1995 /
Observations on the Corners of the State Borders 1994

Features: Merry Christmas! (short) 2004 / Slurp (short) 1997 /
Verner's Suffering (short) 1996

Animation: Island of Doctor D 2005 / The Prickly 2004

documentary

Nude

Title Nude

Original Title Akts

Documentary, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 26', 2009

Director Ināra Kolmane

Screenplay Ināra Kolmane

Cinematographers Andrejs Verhoustinskis,
Uldis Jancis

Original Music Alexei Aigui

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Jānis Juhņēvičs

Producer Jānis Juhņēvičs

Production Company Film Studio Deviņi

National premiere 06.01.2009



Some people collect family albums, but accomplished arts scholar, Sarmīte Sīle, takes a nude picture of herself every ten years. Behind this unique series of nude photos that span a lifetime is her story.

INĀRA KOLMANE

Documentaries: Nude 2009 / My Husband Andrei Sakharov 2006 /
Vijaya 2005 / Going into Darkness 2003 / A World Apart 2002 /
Poco a Poco 2001 / The Latvian Legion 2000

Features: Frosty Flowers (short) 2001



On Rubiks' Road



Title On Rubiks' Road
Original Title Pa Rubika ceļu
Documentary, 2KDSi, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 30', 2010

Director Laila Pakalniņa
Screenplay Laila Pakalniņa
Cinematographer Uldis Jancis
Sound Anrijs Krenbergs
Editor Kaspar Kallas
Producer Laila Pakalniņa
Production Company Hargla Company
National Premiere 05.2010



Rubiks' road is a bicycle path connecting Rīga and Jūrmala, and is still unofficially dubbed after the former Soviet Latvia Communist Party leader. While we filmed walkers, joggers, cyclists, dogs, birds, trains, mopeds and planes, Latvian citizen Alfrēds Rubiks, who strongly opposed Latvian independence, was elected to European Parliament.



LAILA PAKALNIŅA

Features: Silence (short) 2009 / Stones (short) 2008 / Fire (short) 2007 / The Hostage 2006 / Water (short) 2006 / The Python 2003 / The Shoe 1998 / Anna's Christmas (short) 1992
Documentaries: On Rubiks' Road 2010 / Three Men and Fish Pond 2008 / Theodore 2006 / Dream Land 2004 / The Bus 2004 / It'll Be Fine 2004 / Martins 2002 / Papa Gena 2001 / Wake up 2000 / The Oak 1997 / Ubans 1995 / The Mail 1995 / The Ferry 1994 / The Church 1993 / The Pilgrimage 1991 / The Linen 1991 / The Dome 1991 / The Choice 1990 / And 1988

Our Land and Liberty. Bermontiade

Title Our Land and Liberty. Bermontiade
Original Title Bermontiāda
Documentary, HDV, 16:9,
colour/b&w, stereo, 91', 2009

Director Askolds Saulītis

Screenplay Askolds Saulītis

Cinematographer Andris Priedītis

Underwater Camera Kaspars Braķis

Art Directors Jānis Kalniņš, Ivars Putrišķis

Computer Graphics Aigars Gercāns,

Nauris Ašenkampfs, Krišjānis Ābols,

Arnīs Hagendorfs, Māris Āboliņš,

Andris Pakalns

Sound Jānis Brunovskis

Original Music Jānis Brunovskis

Editor Askolds Saulītis

Main Cast Andris Keiņš, Ivan Shvedoff,

Hartmut Lange

History Consultant Kārlis Dambītis

Producer Bruno Aščuks

Production Company Studio Centurms in
cooperation with Subjektiv Filma

National Premiere 11.11.2009



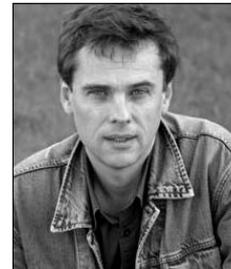
A film about the alarming events of the autumn of 1919, when the fate of modern-day, post WWI Europe was decided in Riga. Three world views clashed on the banks of the Daugava River – a national state for Latvians as proclaimed a year earlier, the Bolshevik revolutionary idea, and the resurrection of a monarchy. The reactionary monarchy interests were represented by German General Graf Rudiger von der Goltz, and Russian Colonel Pavel Bermont.

ASKOLDS SAULĪTIS

Feature: Tristan and Isolde (short / feature Three Stories About... Estonia/Latvia) 1999

Documentaries: Our Land and Liberty. Bermontiade 2009 / Debt to Afghanistan 2008/ The Anatomy of National Holiday 2005 / Keep Smiling! 2004 / Riga - the City of Inspiration 2003 / The Land who Sings 2003 / The Spring of Youth 2001 / The Red and the Brown 1999 / The Rape of Europe 1998 / Who Lives in Komunalka 1993

Animation: Clara & Rubinstein 1999



The Secrets of the Pyramid of Djoser



Latvian scientists – archaeologists, radar and photogrammetry specialists, architects, geologists, historians, computer programmers and others, banded together to create a unique technology for exploring archaeological sites, and made a sensational find in 2007. In the oldest stone building in the world – Egypt's Pyramid of Djoser – the Latvian scientific expedition discovered new underground rooms and a network of galleries. This new information has forced a reevaluation of previous assumptions about the role and function of pyramids.



ROMUALDS PIPARS

Documentaries: The Secrets of the Pyramid of Djoser 2010 / Double Portrait of a Coin 2008 / Stand up, Teacher 2005 / Steps in Pharaoh's Dust 2005 / We Are 2004 / The Actor's Solo 2003 / For All My Life 2003 / Liberty Life 2001 / Eastern Border of Land 2000 / Stork. The Secred Bird 2000 / Gavriila the Orthodox 1998 / The Road 1997 / Jāzeps Rancāns 1996 / Fly Safely 1996 / With Confidence of the Throne of Marcy 1995 / 99 meters from Rome to Forums 1993 / Seven Days in the August 1992 / Sun City 1991 / Janis Berzins. The Head of Intelligence Service 1990 / Film Magazine Art No 1 1982 / Ljeontyevs 1980 The Grand Prize 1979 / Window 1979 / Talk to Me, Mountains! 1974

Title The Secrets of the Pyramid of Djoser
Original Title Džosera piramīdas noslēpums
Documentary, HD, 16:9, colour, stereo,
90' (45'x 2), 2010

Director Romualds Pipars
Screenplay Romualds Pipars, Jānis Klētnieks,
Bruno Deslandes
Cinematographer Romualds Pipars
Sound Romualds Pipars, Aivars Riekstiņš
Editor Romualds Pipars
Producer Baiba Urbāne
Production Company Film Studio Ģilde
National Premiere 02.2010

Sounds That the Sun Makes

Title Sounds That the Sun Makes

Original Title Pa-saules skaņa
Documentary, HD, 16:9, colour,
stereo, 62'/52', 2010

Directors Dāvis Šimanis, Gints Grūbe

Screenplay Gints Grūbe

Cinematographer Andrejs Rudzāts

Original Music Leonid Desyatnikov,
Giya Kancheli, John Luther Adams,
Ko Matsushita

Sound Normunds Kļaviņš

Editor Andra Lejniece

Producers Inese Boka-Grūbe, Gints Grūbe

Production Company Mistrus Media

National Premiere 03.2010



This film follows the process of musical creation during a unique collaborative project, *World's Sun Songs*, where 17 well-known contemporary composers from all over the world met in a single musical space mediated by the Latvian choir *Kamēr...* Focusing on the sonic creation of seven of the composers - Giya Kancheli of Georgia, Leonid Desyatnikov of Russia, Dobrinka Tabakova of Bulgaria, Sir John Tavener of Great Britain, John Luther Adams of the United States, and Ko Matsushita of Japan, the film investigates musical interpretation and tries to answer the deceptively simple question, "How is music created?"

DĀVIS ŠĪMANIS

Documentaries: Sounds that the Sun Makes (co-director) 2010 /
The Draughtsman 2007 / Version LNO 2006

GINTS GRŪBE

Documentaries: Sounds that the Sun Makes (co-director) 2010 / 1x1 (co-director) 2009 /
Discovered in Latvia (co-director) 2006 / Being Raimonds Pauls (co-director) 2006 /
The Good Life in Latvia (co-director) 2005 / Latvian Speaks 2003



Tide



Title Tide

Original Title Bēgums

Documentary, HD, 16:9, colour,
stereo, 80', 2009

Director Ivars Zviedris

Screenplay Krista Burāne, Ivars Zviedris

Cinematographer Ivars Zviedris

Production Designer Egils Mednis

Original Music Raimonds Pauls,
Imants Kalniņš

Sound Aivars Riekstiņš

Editors Krista Burāne, Ivars Zviedris

Producer Ivars Zviedris

Co-producer Brendan Coleton

Production Company

Ansis Epnerns Film Studio AVE

Co-production with AKAJAVA (Ireland)

National Premiere 29.09.2009



People escaping from home. Escaping to a better life. Escaping from themselves to a globalized world. Over the last years, tens of thousands of Latvians have left Latvia in search of a better life in Ireland. This film reveals the way some of them live, far abroad from home and their families: their desires, emotions, life conditions and relationships.



IVARS ZVIEDRIS

Documentaries: Tide 2009 / Get Lost 2005 / While... 2005 / EU 2004 / Bluff 2003 /
The Song Festival 2003 / A Small Town 2002 / With a Bee in His Bonnet 2001 /
Latavio SOS 2000 / A Trip With Arvis 1999

documentary

Valkyrie Limited

Title Valkyrie Limited

Original Title Valkyrie Limited

Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour/b&w,
stereo, 52', 2009

Director Dāvis Sīmanis

Screenplay Dāvis Sīmanis

Cinematographer Andrejs Rudzāts

Sound Ernests Ansons

Production Designer Kristīne Plūksna

Editors Andra Lejniece, Dāvis Sīmanis

Producer Roberts Vinovskis

Production Company

Locomotive Productions

Main Cast Januss Johansons,

Inga Misāne, Ģirts Rāviņš,

Gatis Gāga, Elīna Vāne

National Premiere 03.2009



The documentary draws a portrait of an opera director who is staging Richard Wagner's Die Walküre. He is torn between the tragicomic routine of an opera house and his own perception of Wagner and the Ring cycle. The film witnesses the director's drama in maintaining the fragile link between a well-constructed performance and his own vision that lies within the music and the narrative, and is seen as German expressionism-like nightmares.

DĀVIS SĪMANIS

Documentaries: Sounds That The Sun Makes (co-director) 2010 /
Valkyrie Limited 2009 / The Draughtsman 2007 / Version LNO 2006



Version Vera



Vera Mukhina, born in Riga, went to Paris in 1912 to study under Rodin's pupil Bourdelle. Her monumental, 53 metre-high sculptural ensemble *Worker and Peasant Woman*, weighing 75 tons, becomes a sensation at the 1937 International Exhibition in Paris. Picasso expresses great enthusiasm of Mukhina's work. She truly believes in humanist ideals, and this is successfully used by the USSR propaganda machine. On her way back from Paris, the sculptress turns down her family's property valued at 4 million dollars to avoid possible trouble in Moscow. The film is a diary about an artist's relations with the State, herself and her work - a theme reaching over the boundaries of time.



Title Version Vera
Original Title Versija Vera
 Documentary, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
 b/w, stereo, 75', 2010

Director Ilona Brūvere
Screenplay Ilona Brūvere
Cinematographer Elina Bandēna
Production Designer Ilona Brūvere
Original Music Franks Martins Strauss
Sound Viktors Andrejevs
Editors Ilona Brūvere, Guntis Lēmanis,
 Valdis Zeļonka
Main Cast Kristiana Dimitere
Producer Ilona Brūvere
Production Company Kinolats
National Premiere 25.02.2010



ILONA BRŪVERE

Features: Ogist Is Wondering 1999 / Figures 1994 / He and She. Memories 1984
Documentaries: Version Vera 2010 / The Stations 2008 / In Bed with Surrealism. Augusts Sukuts 2007 / My World – Paris, Berlin, London, Rome 2002 / Seven Tricks 1994 / Nuthouse Davis 1993 / Duo 1991 / The Poet 1991 / Circus 1990 / The House of Passion 1990 / Tram No. 6 1989 / Knights and Standard Bearers on Stage! 1982 / And Adam Called his Wife Eve 1981

documentary

Victor

Title Victor
Original Title Viktors
Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour,
stereo, 52', 2009

Director Andris Gauja
Screenplay Andris Gauja
Cinematographer Aleksandrs Grebņevs
Original Music Austris Kalniņš, Andris Gauja
Sound Egons Kronbergs
Editors Andris Gauja, Liene Bāliņa
Producer Valdis Ābols
Production Company Vides Filmu Studija
National Premiere 11.06.2009



The only thing we can be sure of in this world is that one day we shall die. In spite of that, we tend to live our lives as if it is never going to happen. Yet there are many among us who are deprived of the right to think that way. Victor (31) has a rare form of cancer in an advanced stage, moreover, his wife is about to divorce him. Trapped in the antechamber of death and with his family falling to pieces, he knows that perhaps the most important decisions of his life must be taken here and now.

ANDRIS GAUJA

Documentaries: Victor 2009 / 3000 km to the Promised Land 2006



What Makes a Man



Title What Makes a Man

Original Title Padoties aizliegts

Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 90', 2009

Director Dzintars Dreiberģs

Screenplay Elvita Ruka

Cinematographers Dzintars Dreiberģs, Agris Birzulis

Sound Juris Lapinskis

Editor Gunta Ikere

Producers Vents Horsts, Elvita Ruka

Production Company Riga Film Studio

National Premiere 17.09.2009



The story of Aivars Ritenieks, a father and a coach, brings together a passion for sports and a passion for family. He is determined to raise his sons to be Olympic athletes. Boxing is their life. They must fight many fights with the corruption in sports, bureaucracy, envy and ill wishes, the demons of their pasts and themselves. He's a fighter who stands up against all odds and refuses to give up his principles... What is the price of victory?



DZINTARS DREIBERģS

Feature: Girl is Dancing (short) 2009

Documentaries: What Makes a Man 2009 / I Am a Volunteer 2008 / Duscechka 2007 /

In the Name of Love 2007 / Man in Aquarium 2007 / Fridge 2007 / Kis Cash 2006 /

Elevators in Which Nothing Happens 2005

Women and the Guards

Title Women and the Guards
Original Title Sievietes un sargi
Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour,
stereo, 52', 2009

Director Una Celma
Screenplay Una Celma
Cinematographers Agris Birzulis,
Uldis Jancis
Original Music Jevgenijs Kobzevs
Sound Jevgenijs Kobzevs
Editing Oļegs Aleksejevs
Producers Dace Siatkovska,
Agita Bergane-Berģe
Production Company Latsfilma
National Premiere 04.12.2009
World Sales Lombardo films,
Arien-Jacob Grahlike



A portrait of female prisoners and their guards in Afghanistan showing parallel lives - the lives of the female prisoners, the life of the warden of the women's prison, as well as the foreign advisors. The film will show the interplay of various levels of imprisonment. One level is the women themselves, the other is the strict and repressive rules for Afghan women, and yet another is the security threat of the outside world perceived by the advisors.

UNA CELMA

Features: Finding Elvis 2008 / Don't Talk About It 2007 / Maximum Headroom 2005 / Handful of Bullets 2002 / Follow Me 1999 / The Island 1991 / Crossroads 1990 / Outside 1989
Documentaries: Women and the Guards 2009 / Head for 150000 USD 2009 / Ticket to the Future 2007 / A Holiday in the Sun (short) 2004 / And Then I Will Return for Real 2003 / Egg Lady 2000 / The Girls of 1960 (1995)



Controversial History



Title Controversial History
Original Title Pretrunīgā vēsture
Documentary, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 52'

Director Ināra Kolmane
Screenplay Uldis Neiburgs
Cinematographers Andrejs Verhoustinskis,
Aivars Kalniņš, Renārs Vimba
Sound Jānis Juhņēvičs
Editor Jānis Juhņēvičs, Vita Pliča
Producer Jānis Juhņēvičs
Production Company Film Studio Deviņi
To be released 03.2010



In commemorating WWII events in Latvia each year, several “controversial dates” arise. These are remembrance dates that are viewed differently by Latvians, Russians and Jews. The film searches for answers through three main characters, each a representative of their nationality, and categorical in their opposing way of thinking. Why is a date that is celebrated and honoured by one side, also a symbol of deep pain and injustice for another? Why are there, to this day, in a country as small as Latvia, three or more completely differing historical interpretations...



INĀRA KOLMANE

Feature (short): Frosty Flowers 2001
Documentaries: Nude 2009 / My Husband Andrei Sakharov 2006 /
Vijaya 2005 / Going into Darkness 2003 / A World Apart 2002 /
Poco a Poco 2001 / The Latvian Legion 2000

documentary
coming soon

Destination Lost

Title Destination Lost
Original Title Pirmie
Documentary, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 52'

Director Kaspars Goba
Screenplay Kaspars Goba
Cinematographers Kaspars Goba,
Agris Birzulis
Producer Ieva Ūbele
Production Company Elm Media
To be released 10.2010



The story of three Somali teenagers who are among the first 'real' refugees in Latvia trying to start a new life in our country. The film will contain powerful personal narratives, the viewpoint of a society that has grown hostile towards the immigrants, and will look at the refugee question in the context of current world politics and numerous conflicts around the globe.

KASPARS GOBA

Documentaries: Five Stories About Nature 2009 /
Engure. The Lake Given by the Sea 2006 /
Seda. People of Marsh 2004 / Green City 2003



Failed State. Are We?



Title Failed State. Are We?

Original Title 4. maija republika
Documentary, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 70'

Director Antra Cilinska

Screenplay Jānis Domburs

Cinematographer Uldis Millers

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Sandra Alksne

Producer Antra Cilinska

Production Company Juris Podnieks Studio

To be released 05.2010



From the Singing Revolution in 1988 to the bankruptcy in 2008. From being a part of the USSR to the EU. Foreign occupation and local oligarchs. The Anatomy of Independence....this is the story of a state called the “Tiger of the Baltics” at the beginning of the 21st century, but which found itself on the edge of bankruptcy in early 2009. A “case study” of the country that gained its independence on May 4th, 1990.



ANTRA CILINSKA

Features (shorts): Neighbour 2006 / Time for Bed 2004

Documentaries: Us and Them 2006 / EU (co-director) 2004 / Where Does It All Begin? 2002
/ Baltic Saga 2000 / Is It Easy To Be...? 1998 / Girls from Chaka Street 1997 / Anatomy of a
Provocation 1996 / Unfinished Business 1993

documentary
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Homo@lv

Title Homo@lv

Original Title Homo@lv

Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 52'

Director Kaspars Goba

Screenplay Kaspars Goba

Cinematographers Kaspars Goba,

Marģeris Eglītis, Inese Apse

Producer Ieva Ūbele

Production Company ELM Media

To be released March 2010



The film will reveal the multi-layered conflict and heated debates between gays and lesbians trying to come 'out of the closet' in Latvia, and their numerous opponents praising nationalism, Christian values and the traditional family in the post-Soviet environment. Observation of the conflict through personal stories of the main protagonists will provide an opportunity for society to face its own fear, hatred and aggression, and to understand its causes and see the roots of radicalism in Latvian society.

KASPARS GOBA

Documentaries: Five Stories About Nature 2009 /
Engure. The Lake Given by the Sea 2006 /
Seda. People of Marsh 2004 / Green City 2003



How Are You Doing, Rudolf Ming?



Title How Are You Doing, Rudolf Ming?

Original Title Kā klājas, Rūdolfs Ming?

Documentary, HD, 16:9,

colour, stereo, 52'

Director Roberts Rubīns

Screenplay Jānis Kalve

Cinematographer Uldis Jancis

Original Music Andris Vilcāns

Sound Ilvars Veģis

Editor Sandra Alksne

Producers Guna Stahovska, Antra Cilinska

Production Company Juris Podnieks Studio

To be released 04. 2010



Rudolf is a 13 year-old boy who is obsessed with making films. As a matter of fact, it is the only thing he is really fond of. The film shows the conflict between the imaginary world of the boy and the society surrounding him, where everybody tries to make him live according to certain rules and dogmas.



ROBERTS RUBĪNS

Documentaries: Bravo, Mrs Tangijeva! 2007 / Highly in Mountains 2006

Inventurers. Mysterious King of Diamonds

Title Inventurers.

Mysterious King of Diamonds

Original Title Veiksmes ceļinieki.

Miklains dimantu karalis

Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 56'

Directors Vladislav Shchepin, Līga Pipare

Screenplay Natalya Arshavskaya

Cinematographer Valdis Celmiņš

Sound Vladislav Shchepin

Original Music

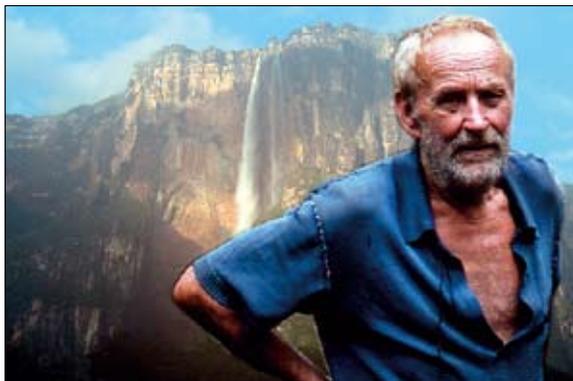
Editors Dmitriy Bolizhevskiy,

Vladislav Shchepin

Producer Laima Freimane

Production Company Screen Vision

To be released 05.2010



After hearing news of Jimmie Angel's famed "Golden River", Alejandro Laima, like many of his contemporaries, went searching for it. He has never publicized if he actually found it, but close friends say that he really had. He lived for over 40 years in the area of Angel Falls, Venezuela's favourite tourist attraction, and was considered a crazy man in his time. He died in the hearth of the Lost World, surrounded by strange stories and discoveries.

VLADISLAV SHCHEPIN

Documentaries: Inventurers. To Kill or To Die 2009 /
Inventurers. Behind the Mysteries of Coral Castle 2009

LĪGA PIPARE

Documentaries: Viktoria's Children 2003



Is It Easy To Be...? After 20 Years



Title Is It Easy To Be...? After 20 Years
Original Title Vai viegli...? Pēc 20 gadiem
Documentary, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 90'

Director Antra Cilinska
Screenplay Antra Cilinska
Cinematographer Uldis Millers
Sound Anrijs Krenbergs
Editor Sandra Alksne
Producer Antra Cilinska
Production Company Juris Podnieks Studio
To be released 03.2010



In 1986 Juris Podnieks, the outstanding Latvian filmmaker, made *Is It Easy To Be Young?*, where he held conversations “on equal ground” with young people who had taken their first independent steps in life. The problems they confronted were of a new nature for Soviet society then. The aim of this film after 20 years is to discover what happened to this rebellious generation. Through their stories we will see life in Latvia after 20 years of independence. How have their lives, thoughts and attitudes changed? What do they think of life today?



ANTRA CILINSKA

Features (shorts): Neighbour 2006 / Time for Bed 2004
Documentaries: Us and Them 2006 / EU (co-director) 2004 / Where Does It All Begin? 2002
/ Baltic Saga 2000 / Is It Easy To Be...? 1998 / Girls from Chaka Street 1997 /
Anatomy of a Provocation 1996 / Unfinished Business 1993

Latvians – 1937 – Latvians?

Title Latvians – 1937 – Latvians?
Original Title Latvieši – 1937 – Latiši
Documentary, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 52'

Director Dzintra Geka
Screenplay Ēriks Lanss
Cinematographer Aivars Lubānietis
Original Music Pēteris Vasks
Sound Armands Zvirbulis
Editor Armands Zvirbulis
Producer Dzintra Geka
Production Company Sibīrijas bērni
To be released 06.2010



Latvians have left their land for all corners of the earth over the last centuries - either driven out for disobeying the powers at large, or with visions of a better life, or due to wars and revolutions.

And not always to an easier life. But there was only one place where an anti-Latvian campaign was waged, where every Latvian was treated as a spy, a traitor, and the enemy, and therefore deserved to be tortured and shot. This was the 1937 repression in Russia, where the horror and pathologies and twisted peripeties, made Latvians into the betrayers and murderers of their own kind.

DZINTRA GEKA

Documentaries: Agapitova and the Rescued 2009 / Igarka, Hope and Butterfly 2008 / 600 Stories That Have to be Told 2007 / John Dored's Island 2007 / Remember or Forget 2005 / Once There Was Siberia 2005 / Greetings from Siberia 2004 / Latvian Presidents 2005 / Signe and 2003 / Siberian Diaries, part 3-4 2003 / Siberian Diaries, part 1-2 2002 / Occupation of Latvia, part 1,2,3 2001 / The Children of Siberia 2001 / Cinema century in Latvia 10 parts 1999 / Latvia Radio – 75 1999 / Poikans 1998 / Eizensteins Eden 1998 / Latvia – 80 1998 / Captain Krulle 1997 / The Cakstes Family Tree 1994 / The Return of the Light 1993 / Aleksandrs Pelecis 1992 / Gundars Jankovskis 1991 / And We 1991 / I Was Born With A Song On My Lips 1990 / Pits Andersons 1989 / A House On The Main Road 1989 / Brothers Under Sun 1988 / Voldemars And Leontine 1987 / The Light In Your Window 1986 / A Play With A Wind 1984 / Olga Pirag's Singing 1982



documentary
coming soon

Mud



Title Mud

Original Title Dubļi

Documentary, HD, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 60'

Director Dainis Kļava

Screenplay Dainis Kļava, Daina Teters

Cinematographer Valdis Celmiņš

Editors Dainis Kļava, Asnāte Rībena

Producer Ivars Zviedris

Production Company

Ansis Epnars Film Studio AVE

To be released 05.2010



Latvians think through mud and view the world through it. Where does our mud come from, and why does it steadfastly remain: in this land, in this language, and in these souls? Not just from the falling tears that turn dried earth into mud, but also from what has spilled over in bliss. The mud itself creates delight and inspiration - for new mud. These theories form the views of our Latvian rural folk. No statistics or overall economic generalizations are needed to understand and sense how we feel today.



DAINIS KĻAVA

Documentaries: Grammar, Girls and All That Jazz 2010 / Imposed Double Life of the Saamis 2008 / Sea of Attractions 2005 / Lake Lubāns: Squaring the Circle 2001 / All Rivers Flow to the Sea 1998 / Bear Man – Andrejs 1997 / Ķemeri National Park 1997 / Bird Man 1996 / The Naivists 1992

documentary
coming soon

Palavani

Title Palavani

Original Title Palavani
Documentary, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 52'

Director Teimur Tsava (Georgia)

Screenplay Teimur Tsava, Givi Odisharia

Cinematographer Uldis Cekulis

Producers Uldis Cekulis, Aija Bērziņa

Co-producer Teimur Tsava

Production Company Vides Filmu Studija

Co-production with

Palestra Film Production (Georgia)

To be released 10.2010



When the Georgian Orthodox Church bans the centuries-old tradition of holding folk wrestling tournaments in churchyards, Shakro, a veteran wrestler, thinks the Church has gone too far. He sets out to raise support for a plea to the Patriarch to cancel the ban.

TEIMUR TSAVA

Feature (short): Deserter 1980

Documentaries (shorts): The Balance 2006 / Tbilisoba-2005 2005 /

Dreaming of Tbilisi 2006 / Class Calendar 1992 /

The Tale of Lifanali 1979 / Station N9 1978 / Moses' Tent 1976



Snow Crazy



Title Snow Crazy

Original Title Sniegs

Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 52'

Director Laila Pakalniņa

Screenplay Laila Pakalniņa

Cinematographer Uldis Cekulis

Editor Gatis Belogrudovs

Producer Uldis Cekulis

Production Company Vides Filmu Studija

To be released 10. 2010



Downhill skiing is the most popular sport in Latvia despite the fact that there are no mountains. Indeed, there can't be too much optimism in life, and this will certainly be an optimistic film about people doing what they want, defying geography and logic.



LAILA PAKALNIŅA

Features: Silence (short) 2009 / Stones (short) 2008 / Fire (short) 2007 / The Hostage 2006 / Water (short) 2006 / The Python 2003 / The Shoe 1998 / Anna's Christmas (short) 1992

Documentaries: On Rubik's Road 2010 / Three Man and a Fish Pond 2008 / Theodore 2006 / Dream Land 2004 / The Bus 2004 / It'll Be Fine 2004 / Martins 2002 / Papa Gena 2001 / Wake up 2000 / The Oak 1997 / Ubans 1995 / The Mail 1995 / The Ferry 1994 / The Church 1993 / The Pilgrimage 1991 / The Linen 1991 / The Dome 1991 / The Choice 1990 / And 1988

Soup

Title Soup

Original Title Zupa

Documentary, 16 mm/Digital Betacam,
16:9, colour, stereo, 26'

Director Maira Dobele

Screenplay Maira Dobele

Cinematographer Aarne Tapole

Editor Markus Leppälä

Producers Inese Boka-Grübe,

Anna Katariina Järvinen

Production Company Mistrus Media

Co-production with

University of Arts and Design,
Helsinki (Finland)

To be released June 2010



The story of a trip in search of lost time. Instead of Marcel Proust's Madeleine cookie, the triggering element is Podravka chicken soup. The soup, well-remembered by many generations of former Soviet countries and in Eastern Europe, is still produced in Croatia today. It awakens memories, and is the driving force for making a trip, for talking to people. It helps realise the continuity of life, and guides us into contact with lost time, to search for the tragic and the comic in it.

MAIRA DOBELE

Documentaries (shorts): Ittasatu 2009 / Ei Häätä 2008 /
Museoelokuva 2008 / Muukalaiset 2007



The Tourist (Hello, where are you from?)

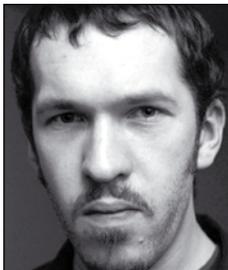


Title The Tourist
(Hello, where are you from?)
Original Title Tūristi
Documentary, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 52'/90'

Director Roberts Vinovskis
Screenplay Roberts Vinovskis
Cinematographer Kaspars Braķis
Sound Ernests Ansons
Editor Dāvis Šimanis
Producer Roberts Vinovskis
Production Company
Locomotive Productions
To be released 09. 2010



“Hello, where are you from?” is the question tourists most frequently hear. I am from Latvia, a small Eastern European country increasingly visited by tourists. I am thirty years old, and during the last twelve years I have made several films and visited 38 countries. I can be fairly described as a “professional tourist”. Now I’m returning to some of the places I have visited in order to find an answer to a couple of seemingly simple questions – what is a tourist, and what does a tourist expect and get from the places he or she visits?



ROBERTS VINOVSĶIS

Features: Jam 2001 (short) / City Man 1994 (short)

Documentaries: Working Class Ballet 2007 / Visions from Mexico 1998 /
The Beauty of the Unseen 1996 / En descendant la tour 1993 / Biography 1992

documentary
coming soon

Volga

Title Volga

Original Title Volga
Documentary, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 52'

Directors Inese Kļava, Ivars Zviedris

Screenplay Inese Kļava, Ivars Zviedris

Cinematographer Valdis Celmiņš

Editor Inese Kļava

Producer Aija Bērziņa

Production Company Vides Filmu Studija

Co-production with

Ansis Epnars Film Studio AVE (Latvia)

To be released 10.2010



The Volga car was a venerated object of desire in the Soviet Union - the ultimate dream, distant and close to unattainable. Some owners polished their cars daily but didn't drive them, because you don't drive your dream, do you? The Volga-21 model cars are still polished, caressed and adored in many garages across the former Soviet Union. It's even more of a luxury object than in the 1960s - an expensive and impractical fetish, driven only by fanatics, or by those who really love the Volga.

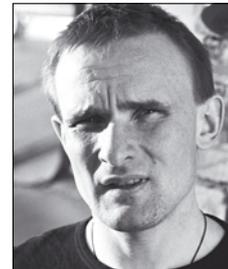
INESE KĻAVA

Feature (short): Through 2004

Documentaries: Ready 2006 / Ex-Amen 2005 / EU 2004

IVARS ZVIEDRIS

Documentaries: Tide 2009 / Rīga 2007 / Get Lost 2005 / While... 2005 / EU 2004 / Bluff 2003 / The Song Festival 2003 / A Small Town 2002 / With a Bee in His Bonnet 2001 / Latavio SOS 2000 / A Trip With Arvis 1999



A Well Dressed Truth



A story of two 13 year-old girls - Paula lives in Auce, Latvia, while Nadine resides in Tonsberg, Norway. Both girls try to control their clothing, hairstyle and outer appearance to the utmost detail, since this is the most visible signboard of their life. The inspecting atmosphere of a Latvian small town surrounds Paula, whereas Nadine regards clothes as a natural follow-up to playtime, and experiments with her image. In the film, the girls' clothing is a metaphor, which stands for their inner searches and changes.

Title A Well Dressed Truth

Original Title Sapucētā patiesība
Documentary, HDV/Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 52'

Director Ilze Burkovska – Jacobsen

Screenplay Ilze Burkovska – Jacobsen

Cinematographer Andrejs Verhoustinskis

Original Music Kārlis Auzāns

Sound Klāvs Siliņš

Editor Julie Vinten

Producer Trond Jacobsen

Co-producer Guntis Trekeris

Production Company

Bivrost film & TV (Norway)

Co-production with Ego Media

To be released 07.2010



ILZE BURKOVSKA – JACOBSEN

Documentaries: My Mother's Farm 2008 / Children Meets Art 2006 / Boys on the Bridge
2005 / The Scar from Norway 2004 / Gulliver's Garden 2003 / The Class Photography 2001

documentary
coming soon

Women in 4 Square Metres

Title Women in 4 Square Metres

Original Title Sievietes četros kvadrātmetros
Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 52'

Director Una Celma

Screenplay Una Celma

Cinematographers Agris Birzulis,
Aleksandrs Grebņevs

Sound Ilvars Veģis

Producer Dace Siatkovska

Production Company Latsfilma

To be released Autumn 2010



Statistics say that 40% of Latvia's defence personnel are female. Why do girls choose a military career – for the pay, for self-fulfilment or patriotism? What do these women do in day-to-day operations? What is the role of women in today's society? The answers to these questions arrive through exploring the life and work of five Latvian women in various military jobs.

UNA CELMA

Features: Finding Elvis 2008 / Don't Talk About It 2007 / Maximum Headroom 2005 / Handful of Bullets 2002 / Follow Me 1999 / The Island 1991 / Crossroads 1990 / Outside 1989

Documentaries: Women and the Guards 2009 / Head for 150000 USD 2009 / Ticket to the Future 2007 / A Holiday in the Sun (short) 2004 / And Then I Will Return for Real 2003 / Egg Lady 2000 / The Girls of 1960 (1995)



student
shorts

And the Deal Was About the Hens

Title And the Deal Was About the Hens

Original Title Iesākumā bija vista
Short, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 36', 2009

Director Anna Dubrovka

Screenplay Anna Dubrovka

Cinematographer Aleksandrs Grebņevs

Production Designer Jānis Kārklīņš

Costume Designer Vita Radziņa

Makeup Artist Ilona Zariņa

Choreographer Anna Dubrovka

Sound Jevgēņijs Kobzevs

Editor Oļegs Aleksejevs

Producer Dace Siatkovska

Production Companies

Academy of Culture, Latsfilma

Main Cast Svetlana Stojarova,

Kaspars Zvīgulis, Armands Krastiņš

National Premiere 09.2009

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A Russian girl, Kate, goes on a journey from Russia to Latvia. She is very warm-hearted and positive, but she meets some unpleasant characters in Riga and gets into a lot of trouble. She finds herself alone in a foreign country with no documents and no language. Ivars, a young Latvian man, helps Kate with her complicated situation. With passing time, these problems serve as the beginning of a romance. It's not only love though that helps Kate through all the obstacles, but also her ability to dream and see the world through the prism of dance, which makes everything brighter and more colourful.

The Breakwater



Title The Breakwater

Original Title Mols

Short, 16 mm, 16:9, colour,
Dolby Surround, 16', 2009

Directors Renārs Vimba, Inga Tropa

Screenplay Renārs Vimba, Inga Tropa

Cinematographer Renārs Vimba

Production designer Kaspars Kauliņš

Costume Designer Irēna Tjuniņa

Original Music Jēkabs Nīmanis

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs, Oskars Doma

Editor Renārs Vimba

Producer Renārs Vimba

Production Company Academy of Culture

Main Cast Jette Loona Kiivere, Zane Allena,

Artis Drozdovs, Kārlis Freimanis

National Premiere 04.05.2009

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Little Mika spends her summer days on the breakwater daydreaming about a career as a model. One morning Mika meets her idol Vika, a model from a popular TV show.

Chopper

Title Chopper

Original Title Kontrolieris
Short, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 24', 2009

Director Linda Ģibiete

Screenplay Linda Ģibiete

Cinematographer Egils Kurpnieks
Production Designer Ance Krieviņa

Music Valdis Ģibietis

Sound Toms Veismanis

Editor Edgars Dzenis

Producer Haralds Matulis

Production Company

Academy of Culture

Main Cast Jānis Vimba, Inga Misāne,
Maija Doveika, Dārta Zālīte,
Ingus Kniploks, Ance Krieviņa
National Premiere 09.2009

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“I just wanted to know, if I am capable of feeling.” (F. Dostoevsky)
A day will come when there will be nowhere to go. That day you’ll have to test how much you can endure, how courageous you are, and whether you can overcome yourself. Inspect yourself! Be a chopper!

Family Portrait



Away for a long time, Anna visits her hometown to spend time with her parents and friends and to rest from the daily troubles of living abroad. Mother wants to know every detail about her life, while Father has found someone with whom to share his achievements, and there is no common language with old friends anymore. It seems that everything has changed, and even walks by the sea or in the beloved city side-streets can't provide the long-expected comfort.

Title Family Portrait

Original Title Ģimenes portrets

Short, HDV, 16:9, colour,

Stereo, 25', 2009

Director Laura Zemvalde

Screenplay Laura Zemvalde,
Anna Kudēviča, Jekaterina Teļēgina

Cinematographer Jekaterina Zeļenova

Production Designers Katrīna Sauškina,
Kate Krolle

Sound Verners Biters

Editor Laura Zemvalde

Producer Normunds Zemvaldis

Main Cast Madara Saldovere,
Zane Jančevska, Varis Vētra, Inga Misāne

National Premiere 10.2009

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The Fencer

Title The Fencer
Original Title Paukotājs
Short, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 16', 2009

Director Astra Zoldnere
Screenplay Astra Zoldnere
Cinematographer Astrida Konstante
Production Designer Izolde Cēsniēce
Original Music Kārlis Auzāns
Sound Jevgeņijs Černovs
Editor Līga Gaisa
Producer Līga Gaisa
Production Companies Ego Media,
Baltic Film and Media School
Main Cast Lote Eglīte, Gatis Gāga,
Egils Viļumovs, Gustavs Krievkalns,
Tamāra Soboļeva
National Premiere 03.03.2009

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A young married housewife's dull routine is enlivened as she spies on the sexual escapades of her fencing instructor neighbour. She too is seduced by him, but fear of losing her family results in hysteria and an unpredictable climax.

The Fire and Clay Master



The harsh environment of Latgale determines the visual language and “provincial” aesthetic of this film, while the particular milieu of the surrounding pottery furnaces and old cottages depict an end of the line region where one man burns himself in the fires of his artistic passion – the making of clay pots.

Title The Fire and Clay Master

Original Title Uguns un mālu pavēlnieks

Documentary, 35 mm, 1:1.85,

colour, Dolby Digital, 9', 2009

Director Reinis Kalnaellis

Screenplay Reinis Kalnaellis

Cinematographers Jānis Skulme,

Bens Markuss, Reinis Kalnaellis

Music Juris Riekstiņš

Sound Andris Barons

Editor Reinis Kalnaellis

Producer Reinis Kalnaellis

Production Company Rija Films

National Premiere 23.06.2009

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Girl is Dancing

Title Girl is Dancing

Original Title Meitene dejo
Short, HDV, 16:9,
colour, mono, 26', 2009

Director Dzintars Dreiberģs

Screenplay Dzintars Dreiberģs,
Piret Sammel

Cinematographer Aleksandrs Grebņevs

Production Designers

Marika Aguļēviča, Aija Baumannē

Costume Designers Sabīne Skarule,
Zane Tesējska

Music Kantoris 04

Sound Andris Barons

Editor Gunta Ikere

Producers Inga Praņevska, Ilona Bičevska

Production Companies

Studija Locomotive Productions,
Baltic Film and Media School

Main Cast Ilze Būde, Gundars Āboliņš,
Lauris Dzelzītis, Baiba Neja

National Premiere 12.07.2009

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A human comedy at a ball in a small town's culture hall. A band plays schlager music, people dance to a speeded-up waltz, relax and solve relationships. In the middle of it all is a girl who is confused by men's logic. Though she doesn't find the secret code of the male gender, the experience gained allows her to realize her own value.

Happy Birthday, Sofka!



Sofka has a birthday and gets a lamp that is the beginning of her dream. But a misunderstanding occurs, and someone steals Sofka's lamp. Because of a friend's principles of justice, Sofka winds up in a criminal situation.

Title Happy Birthday, Sofka!

Original Title Daudz laimes, Sofka!

Short, HDV, 16:9,

colour, stereo, 20', 2009

Director Oskars Morozs

Screenplay Oskars Morozs

Cinematographer Astrīda Konstante

Production Designer Laura Stepāne

Costume Designer Laura Stepāne

Original Music Gaujarts

Sound Ernests Ansons, Verners Biters

Editor Oskars Morozs

Producer Haralds Matulis

Production Company

Academy of Culture

Main Cast Lāsma Pintere, Imants Strads,

Iveta Pole, Armands Berģis,

Regīna Razuma, Dace Vītola

National Premiere 09.2009

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Lambert

Title Lambert

Original Title Lamberts
Short, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 20', 2009

Director Oskars Rupenheits

Screenplay Oskars Rupenheits

Cinematographers

Astrīda Konstante, Juris Pilēns

Production Designers Laura Stepāne,
Stīna Skulme

Costume Designer Laura Stepāne

Sound Jevgēņijs Kobzevs

Editor Oskars Rupenheits

Producer Annija Tetere

Production Company

Academy of Culture

Main Cast Gundars Grasbergs,

Lilija Greidāne, Aldis Siliņš, Jānis Znotiņš

National Premiere 09.2009

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After the death of Yanek's father, his mother, whom he hasn't seen for years, visits him and makes claims on the flat where he and his father lived. He meets his stepbrother Norberth, who insists on staying with him. During a quarrel, Yanek's finger gets cut-off. His mother visits him in the hospital and follows him home, but he asks her to leave. Yanek then discovers Norberth in bed with a guy. He runs to his mother who collapses upon discovering the sexual orientation of Norberth. Yanek decides to take care of her.

Selection



The time for the annual great graveyard celebration is approaching in a small town. Scientist Laila can't attend it alone this year. She has to make a choice.

Title Selection

Original Title Selekcija

Short, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 21'

Director Elina Ļihačeva

Screenplay Elina Ļihačeva, Lote Eglīte

Cinematographer Valdis Celmiņš

Production Designer Ineta Sipunova

Original Music Jēkabs Nīmanis

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Elina Ļihačeva

Producers Ilona Bičevska,

Roberts Vinovskis

Production Company

Locomotive Productions

Co-production with

Baltic Film and Media School

Main Cast Guna Zariņa,

Andris Keiņš, Ivars Krasts, Mirdza Martinsone

National Premiere 08.03.2009

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Sisters

Title Sisters

Original Title Māsa un māsa
Short, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 22', 2009

Director Agnese Surkova

Screenplay Agnese Surkova

Cinematographer Juris Pīlēns

Production Designer Vita Radziņa

Costume Designer Vita Radziņa

Music Valters Suķis

Sound Vinsents Nātra

Editor Agnese Surkova

Producer Haralds Matulis

Production Company

Academy of Culture

Main Cast Ivonda Vilsona,

Inese Jurjāne, Anita Kvāla

National Premiere 09.2009

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