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## **Front Cover, Back Cover**

*Little Robbers*, directed by Armands Zvirbulis

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## Amateur

**Title** Amateur

**Original Title** Amatieris  
Feature, 2008, HD, 1:1.85,  
colour, Dolby SR, 85'

**Director** Jānis Nords

**Screenplay** Jānis Nords

**Cinematographer** Aadel Nodeh Farahani

**Production Designer** Vita Radziņa

**Original Music** Alexis Bennett

**Sound** Jevgēņijs Kobzevs

**Editor** Jānis Nords

**Producer** Jūlija Pasnaka, Ilze Neidere

**Production Company** Red Cats Film Studio

**Main Cast** Edgars Samitis,  
Ksenija Sundejeva, Regīna Razuma

**National Premiere** 10.04.2008

**International Premiere** 10.2008,  
Cotbuss IFF, Germany



For Victor, a bright but bored journalism student, the summer comes with bad news – his girlfriend Yvette is leaving for art school in Amsterdam. Victor desperately wants to go with her to live the bohemian life, but he has just three months to raise some money. He turns to a dangerous business to fulfil his dream.



JĀNIS NORDS

**Features:** Amateur 2008 / Rendezvous (short) 2005 / The Peace Makers (short) 2004

## Defenders of Riga



A story about friendship and love set against the miraculous victory over the joint German-Russian forces that ensured the survival of the Republic of Latvia as an independent state in 1919.



**AIGARS GRAUBA**

**Features:** Defenders of Riga 2007 / Dangerous Summer 2000 / Courage to Kill (co-director) 1993

**Title** Defenders of Riga  
**Original Title** Rīgas sargi  
 Feature HD, 2008, 2.35:1,  
 colour, Dolby Digital, 118'

**Director** Aigars Grauba  
**Screenplay** Aigars Grauba, Andrejs Ēķis,  
 Valentīns Jemeljanovs, Lisa Eichhorn  
**Based on the story by** Andris Kolbergs  
**Cinematographers** Gvido Skulte, Vladimir Bašta  
**Production Designers** Mārtiņš Milbrets,  
 Neils Matiss

**Line Producer** Sergejs Berdičevskis  
**Production Managers** Sergejs Berdičevskis,  
 Iveta Krūmiņa

**CGIs** Māris Āboliņš, Andris Pakalns  
**Original Music** Jumprava  
**Sound** Gints Pelcbergs, Pavel Reiholec  
**Editor** Līga Pipare

**Producers** Andrejs Ēķis,  
 Brigita Rozenbrika, Lisa Eichhorn  
**Production Company** Platforma Filma  
**Main Cast** Jānis Reinis, Elita Kļaviņa, Artūrs  
 Skrastiņš, Andris Keiņš, Ģirts Ķesteris,  
 Vilis Daudziņš

**National Premiere** 11.11.2007  
**Intenational Premiere** 09.2008, Open Film  
 Festival KINOSHOCK, Anapa, Russia

## Finding Elvis

**Title** Finding Elvis

**Original Title** Kur pazudis Elvis?

Feature, 2008, HDV, 1:1.85, colour, stereo, 78'

**Director** Una Celma

**Screenplay** Ingrīda Lēmane - Elerte

**Cinematographer** Jānis Eglītis

**Production Designer** Kaspars Kauliņš

**Sound** Jevgēņijs Kobzevs

**Editor** Gunta Ikere

**Producers** Una Celma, Dace Siatkovska

**Production Company** Latsfilma

**Main Cast:** Emīls Desainis, Matiss Kaža,

Mārtiņš Ivanovs, Harijs Spanovskis,

leva Pļavniece, Zane Daudziņa, Andris Bērziņš

**National Premiere** 25.10.2008



Elvis is missing, and five of his classmates decide to go looking for him. While in hot pursuit of his tracks, the children are caught up in a whirl of exciting adventures, encountering all sorts of people and unusual situations.

### UNA CELMA

**Features:** Finding Elvis 2008 / Don't Talk About It 2007 / Maximum Headroom 2005 / Handful of Bullets 2003 / Follow Me 1999 / Island 1991 / Crossroads 1990 / Outside 1989  
**Documentaries:** Runway Menu 2007 / Lugazhi – Amsterdam 2007 / Holiday in the Sun 2004 / And Then I'll be Back for Good 2003 / Egg Lady 2000 / The Girls of 1960 1994



## KK-2678



He lives and works in a world that contains only him, or so he thinks. Each day is spent exactly in the same way, stamping boxes, not asking where they come from or where they go. But an unexpected guest's sudden arrival leads to a dangerous discovery – perhaps outside of his small world there is something more?

**Title** KK-2678

**Original Title** KK-2678

Short Feature, 2008, HDV, 16:9, colour,  
Anamorphic, 16'10"

**Director** Uģis Olte

**Screenplay** Uģis Olte, Juris Zemītis, Vents  
Grinbaums

**Cinematographer** Juris Zemītis

**Production Designer** Aivars Žukovskis

**Original Music** Kristaps Derums, Skrips

**Sound** Klāvs Siliņš

**Editors** Uģis Olte, Dainis Kļava

**Producers** Elina Zazerska, Haralds Matulis

**Production Companies** Klipu Filmu Darbnīca,  
Latvijas Kultūras Akadēmija

**Main Cast** Mārcis Lācis

**National Premiere** 08.11.2008



UĢIS OLTE

**Features (short):** KK-2678 2008 / Red Spot 2008

**Documentary:** Stuck In Stikine 2007



## Little Robbers

**Title** Little Robbers

**Original Title** Mazie laupītāji

Feature, Family adventure, 2009, 35 mm,

1:1.85, colour, Dolby SR-D, 80'

**Director** Armands Zvirbulis

**Screenplay** Māris Putniņš

**Cinematographer** Rein Kotov

**Production Designers** Viesturs Bērziņš,

Ārija Meidropa

**Original Music** Mārtiņš Brauns

**Sound** Anrijs Krenbergs

**Editor** Britta Nahler

**Producer** Gatis Upmalis

**Production Company** Studio F.O.R.M.A.

**Co-production with** MINI FILM (Austria)

**Main Cast** Zane Leimane, Gustavs Vilsons,

Artūrs Skrastiņš, Juris Žagars, Karl Markovics,

Gunārs Placēns, Skaidrīte Putniņa,

Aija Dzērve, Imants Strads

**National Premiere** Spring 2009



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



## Red Spot



Pēteris doesn't get a chance to go pee before the start of the closing race of the semester's swimming lessons, but he lacks the courage to back out of such a pressure-filled situation. It gets even worse when Pēteris learns that a red spot appears when pool water comes in contact with urine. In facing such a hardship, the boy must become a man.

**Title** Red Spot

**Original Title** Sarkanais Pleķis

Short Feature, 2008, HDV, 16:9, colour,  
Anamorphic, 7'40"

**Director** Uģis Olte

**Screenplay** Valdis Celmiņš

**Cinematographer** Valdis Celmiņš

**Sound** Egons Kronbergs

**Editor** Uģis Olte

**Producer** Valdis Celmiņš

**Production Company** Klipu Filmu Darbnīca

**Main Cast** Rihards Lapsa,  
Inga Misāne-Grasberga

**National Premiere** 11.04.2008



UĢIS OLTE

**Features (short):** Red Spot 2008 / KK-2678 2008

**Documentary:** Stuck In Stikine 2007

## Sesil

**Title** Sesil

**Original Title** Sesils

Short Feature, 2008, 35 mm, 1:1.85,  
colour, stereo, 10'

**Director** Roberts Kuļenko

**Screenplay** Roberts Kuļenko

**Cinematographer** Jānis Eglītis

**Production Designers** Aivars Žukovskis,  
Jānis Bijubenis

**Original Music** *Satellites.LV*

**Sound** Aleksandrs Vaicahovskis

**Editor** Oļegs Aleksejevs

**Producer** Zane Balode

**Production Company** Vilks Studio

**Main Cast** Madars Paičs, Dzintars Spīvulis,  
Ainārs Rozītis, Arnis Nulle

**National Premiere** 04.05.2008



Sesil has a new and very unusual friend, who is also annoying. She follows him everywhere, and isn't planning on leaving anytime soon. He asks for help from others, but he knows that he is the only one who can solve this problem.



ROBERTS KUĻENKO

**Features:** Sesil 2008 /  
Perfect Morning (short) 2000 / Crack the Nut (short) 2000 /  
The Good, the Bad and the Afro (short) 1999



# Stones



A man in a grey coat roams the city. He is interested in boys and men. Those good enough for him will get a green bag. Marija is home alone. She is the only woman to get a green bag. But the film does not end quite there.

**Title** Stones

**Original Title** Akmeņi

Short Feature, 2008, 35mm, 1:1.85, colour,  
Dolby Digital Surround EX, 20'

**Director** Laila Pakalniņa

**Screenplay** Laila Pakalniņa

**Cinematographer** Gints Bērziņš

**Production Designer** Jurģis Krāsons

**Sound** Anrijs Krenbergs

**Editor** Kaspar Kallas

**Producer** Laila Pakalniņa

**Production Company** Hargla Company

**Main Cast** Guna Zariņa, Leonids Grabovskis

**National Premiere** 04.05.2008.

**Intenational Premiere** 08.2008,  
Locarno IFF, Switzerland



## LAILA PAKALNIŅA

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

**Documentaries:** 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





# Death to You

**FEATURE**  
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Death to You is the name of a small village on the Baltic shore. Three friends spend their days doing odd jobs, killing time and fighting with neighbouring villagers. The narrative follows several main characters, focusing on two of them – Andzha and his girlfriend Simona, who leaves him for his friend, Boga.

**Title** Death to You  
**Original Title** Nāve Tev  
Feature, 35 mm, 1:1.85, b/w, stereo, 90'

**Director** Juris Poškus  
**Screenplay** Juris Poškus  
**Cinematographer** Adel Nodeh-Farahani  
**Production Designer** Ilva Kļaviņa  
**Sound** Ernests Ansons  
**Producer** Madara Melberga  
**Production Company** Fa Filma  
**Main Cast** Iveta Pole, Artuss Kaimiņš,  
Andris Keišs, Aigars Apinis  
**To be released** 2009



## 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



**FEATURE**  
*coming soon*

# The Fencer

**Title** The Fencer

**Original Title** Paukotājs

Feature, HD, 16:9, colour, stereo, 16'

**Director** Astra Zoldnere

**Screenplay** Astra Zoldnere

**Cinematographer** Astrīda Konstante

**Production Designer** Izolde Cēsniēce

**Original Music** Kārlis Auzāns

**Sound** Jevgeņijs Černovs

**Editor** Līga Gaisa

**Producer** Līga Gaisa

**Production Company** Ego Media

**Co-production with**

Baltic Film and Media School

**Main Cast** Lote Eglīte, Gatis Gāga,

Egils Viļumovs, Tamāra Soboļeva,

Gustavs Krievkalns

**To be released** Spring 2009



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.



ASTRA ZOLDNERE

**Feature (shorts):** Neighbors' Dog 2007 / Over Heads 2006

**Documentary:** Shoe Doctor (short) 2007

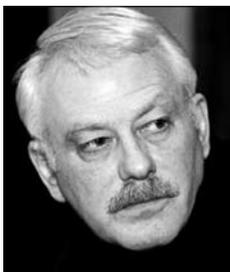


# Gulf Stream Under Iceberg

**FEATURE**  
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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 erotic 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** Golfa straume zem ledus kalna  
Feature, 35mm, 1:1,66, colour, Dolby SR, 120'

**Director** Yevgeny Pashkevich  
**Screenplay** Yevgeny Pashkevich  
**Cinematographers** Gints Bērziņš,  
Valērijs Martinovs, Dimitrijs Mass  
**Production Designers** Jurģis Krāsons,  
Pavels Parhomenko  
**Producer** Yevgeny Pashkevich  
**Production Company** Nida Filma  
**Co-production with** Mihails Kopeikins,  
Natālija Ivanova  
**Main Cast** Zane Jančevska, Indra Burkovska,  
Iveta Brauna, Olga Šepitska, Rēzija Kalniņa,  
Jānis Reinis, Uldis Dumpis, Ģirts Ķesteris,  
Pēteris Liepiņš, Vigo Roga, Jeļena Morozova,  
Anastasija Kazančejeva-Stepanova,  
Aleksejs Serebrjakovs, Tatjana Ļutajeva,  
Regnārs Vaivars, Lembits Ulfaks,  
Ļubomiras Laucavičus, Daņiļa Kozlovskij,  
Anna Azarova, Natalija Čalaja, Olga Šepicka,  
Ville Haapasalo, Jurijs Curilo, Jekaterina Migicko,  
Jekaterina Vilkoņa, Vaida Butīte,  
Kostas Smoriginas  
**To be released** 2009

**FEATURE**  
*coming soon*

## The Hunt

**Title** The Hunt  
**Original Title** Medības  
Feature, 35 mm, 1:1.85, colour, Dolby SR, 90'

**Director** Andis Mizišs  
**Screenplay** Elvita Ruka, Kaspars Odiņš  
**Cinematographer** Agris Birzulis  
**Production Designer** Jurgis Krāsons  
**Sound** Normunds Kļaviņš  
**Editor** Igors Verenieks  
**Producer** Guntis Trekteris  
**Production Company** Ego Media  
**To be released** Summer 2009



Unexpected events on a hot summer day in the city have a dramatic effect on the lives of several people without their knowledge. On a full-moon winter night destiny brings them together again in the Latvian countryside, only to entangle them in a complex riot of passions. It is an emotionally tense hunt where everyone is both the hunter and the game.



### ANDIS MIZIŠS

**Features:** Stumble (short) 2001 / Kleptomania (short) 1997  
**Documentaries:** 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



# Let's Play!

**FEATURE**  
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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.

**Title** Let's Play!  
**Original Title** Ejiet, bērni, rotaļās!  
Feature, 16mm, 16:9, colour, stereo, 18'

**Director** Baiba Aizkalna  
**Screenplay** Baiba Aizkalna  
**Cinematographer** Aigars Sērmukšs  
**Production Designer** Aivars Žukovskis  
**Original Music** VSKB and friends  
**Sound** Klāvs Siliņš  
**Editor** Sandra Alksne, Aigars Sērmukšs  
**Producer** Antra Cilinska, Elīna Zazerska  
**Production Company** Juris Podnieks Studio  
**Main Cast** Mārcis Lācis  
**To be released** Spring 2009



BAIBA AIZKALNA



**FEATURE**  
*coming soon*

# Mona

**Title** Mona

**Original Title** Mona

Feature, 35mm, 1:1.85, colour, Dolby SR, 100'

**Director** Ināra Kolmane

**Screenplay** Arvis Kolmanis, Ināra Kolmane

**Cinematographer** Uldis Jancis

**Production Designer** Jurgis Krāsons

**Original Music** Hilmar Orn Hilmarsson

**Sound** Anrijs Krenbergs

**Editor** Jānis Juhņēvičs

**Producers** Jānis Juhņēvičs,

Fridrik Thor Fridriksson, Imants Mozers

**Production Company** Film Studio Deviņi

**Co-production with**

Icelandic Film Cooperation

**Main Cast** Saulius Balandis, Kristīne Beļicka,

Valery Yaremenko, Lauris Subatnieks

**To be released** Spring 2009



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 2008 / My Husband Andrei Sakharov 2006 / Vijaya 2005 /  
Going into Darkness 2003 / A World Apart 2002 / Poco a Poco 2001 / The Latvian Legion 2000



# Selection

**FEATURE**  
*coming soon*



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 Feature, HDV, 16:9, colour, Stereo, 20'

**Director** Elīna Ļihačeva

**Screenplay** Elīna Ļihačeva, Lote Eglīte

**Cinematographer** Valdis Celmiņš

**Production Designer** Ineta Sipunova

**Original Music** Jēkabs Nimanis

**Sound** Anrijs Krenbergs

**Editors** Elīna Ļihačeva, Julia Vinten

**Producers** Ilona Bičevska, Roberts Vinovskis

**Production Company**

Locomotive Productions

**Co-production with**

Baltic Film and Media School

**Main Cast** Guna Zariņa, Andris Keišs,

Ivars Krasts, Mirdza Martinsone

**To be released** Spring 2009



**ELĪNA ĻIHAČEVA**

**Features (shorts):** 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



# FEATURE

*coming soon*

## Signs of Light

**Title** Signs of Light

**Original Title** Gaismas zīmes

Short feature, 35 mm, 16:9, colour, stereo, 15'

**Director** Ilze Kunga

**Screenplay** Ilze Kunga, Ivo Briedis

**Cinematographer** Maksim Efros

**Production Designers** Ilva Kļaviņa,

Jurģis Krāsons

**Music** Jevgeņijs Kobzevs

**Sound** Jevgeņijs Kobzevs

**Editor** Artjom Antonov

**Producer** Laima Freimane

**Production Company** Screen Vision

**Main Cast** Egons Dombrovskis,

Sandra Zvīgule

**To be released** Spring 2009



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 colour has different energy, different music and a different impact on people. These colours are crucial in bringing together this pair of lonely hearts.



ILZE KUNGA

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



# Silence



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.

**Title** Silence

**Original Title** Klusums

Short Feature, 35 mm, 1:1.85, colour,  
Dolby Digital Surround EX, 14'

**Director** Laila Pakalniņa

**Screenplay** Laila Pakalniņa

**Cinematographer** Gints Bērziņš

**Production Designer** Jurģis Krāsons

**Sound** Anrijs Krenbergs

**Editor** Kaspar Kallas

**Producer** Laila Pakalniņa

**Production Company** Hargla Company

**Main Cast** Guna Zariņa, Mirdza Ševele

**To be released** Spring 2009



## LAILA PAKALNIŅA

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

**Documentaries:** Three Men 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

**FEATURE**  
*coming soon*

# This Happened to Them

**Title** This Happened to Them  
**Original Title** Tas notika ar viņiem  
Feature, 35 mm, 1: 2.35, colour, Dolby SR, 100'

**Director** Gatis Šmits

**Screenplay** Jānis Nords, Gatis Šmits

**Cinematographer** Soopum Sohn

**Producer** Alise Ģelze

**Production Company** Film Studio TANKA

**To be released** Autumn 2009



The lives of six colourful characters intertwine in a series of twisted and intense relationship “dramas”. Combining both the elements of slapstick comedy and melodrama, *This Happened to Them* is a witty look at post-Soviet Latvian society.



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

**FEATURE**  
*coming soon*



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 and the others. In the few hours remaining before the execution a love triangle plays out between the girl, a German officer and the prisoner.

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

**Director** Arvīds Krievs  
**Screenplay** Andris Puriņš  
**Cinematographers** Dāvis Simanis,  
Agris Birzulis, Andrejs Verhoustinskis  
**Production Designer** Ieva Romanova  
**Original Music** Mārtiņš Brauns  
**Executive Producer** Kristians Luhaers  
**Producers** Arvīds Krievs, Jānis Vingris  
**Production Company** Kaupo Filma  
**To be released** Autumn 2009



## 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



## Devil's Fuji

**Title** Devil's Fuji

**Original Title** Velna Fudži

2D animation, 2009, Digital Betacam,  
16:9, colour, stereo, 32'

**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** 24.01.2009



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.



## Did You Say Something?



**Title** Did You Say Something?  
**Original Title** Vai tu ko teici?  
 2D animation, Betacam SP, 9:16,  
 colour, stereo, 7'

**Director** Roze Stiebra  
**Screenplay** Roze Stiebra  
**Cinematographer** Roze Stiebra  
**Animator** Maija Brencē  
**Scene Designer** Kaspars Zariņš  
**Character Designer** Kaspars Zariņš  
**Computer Graphics** Dzintars Krūmiņš  
**Original Music** Oroboro  
**Sound** Oroboro  
**Editor** Roze Stiebra  
**Producer** Ansis Bērziņš  
**Production Company** Dauka  
**National Premiere** April 2008



One day World order is disrupted by the interference of talking objects in the independent sphere of People. Accepting the new order is the wisest decision that People can make. An Ashanti folk story.

### ROZE STIEBRA (selected titles)

*Did You Say Something?* 2008 / *Sister And Brother* 2008 / *I Danced, I Played* 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 Hell!* 1970 / *The Rainy Day* 1969



## Flap Your Wings!

**Title** Flap Your Wings!

**Original Title** Sasit spārnus!

Puppet animation, Digital Betacam,  
16:9, colour, stereo, 10'

**Director** Nils Skapāns

**Screenplay** Nils Skapāns, Vita Valdmāne

**Cinematographer** Nils Skapāns

**Designer** Andris Gailītis

**Animator** Nils Skapāns

**Artist** Vita Valdmāne

**Sound** Anrijs Krenbergs

**Editors** Nils Skapāns, Andris Zemītis

**Producers** Nils Skapāns, Antra Cilinska

**Production Company** Juris Podnieks Studio

**National Premiere** 29.08.2008



Even if you're born to fly, learning to is not easy. And not everyone succeeds.

### NILS SKAPĀNS

**Animation:** 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



## Jungo Goes Bananas



Jungo is the world's rarest and cutest creature. But Jungo's horizon is covered in dark clouds. Evil people are hunting this rare jungle animal. Professor Strix wants to clone him and sell Jungo clones to the whole world. Jungo and his fox friend Rita get into adventures trying to survive the attacks from greedy bounty hunters.

**Title** Jungo Goes Bananas

**Original Title** Jezga džunglos  
3D animation, 2008, PAL, colour,  
Dolby digital, 75'

**Directors** Jorgen Lerdam,  
Flemming Quist Moller

**Screenplay** Flemming Quist Moller

**Designer** Uwe Saegner

**Animators** Stefan Pruss, Aleksandrs Šehovcovs,  
Margarita Turauska, Ilga Vēvere, Luca Fattore,  
Marina Trede, Rita Anskaitiene etc.

**Scene Designers** Dan Harder,  
Christian Kuntz, Martin Skov

**Character Designers** Per Tonnes Nielsen,  
Dan Harder, Jorgen Lerdam

**Computer Graphics** Simon Sonnichsen,  
Martin Skov, Rasmus Eilertsen, Henrik Thomas

**Art Director** Jorgen Lerdam

**Original Music** Trond Bjerknæs

**Sound** Helle Fischermann

**Editors** Rasmus Eilertsen, Thomas Banner

**Producers** Per Holst, Aage Aaberge,  
Anders Mastrup, Kristele Pudāne

**Production Companies** A Film Latvia, PH3,  
Asta Film, Nordisk Film

**National Premiere** 16.05.2008



FLEMMING QUIST MOLLER

**Animation:** Jungo goes Bananas 2003/2004 /  
Amazone Jack – the movie star 1996 /  
Amazone Jack 1993 / Snuden 1980 /  
Bennys Bath tub 1971



JORGEN LERDAM

**Animation:** Jungo goes Bananas 2008 /  
The Tomte machine. Pettson and Findus 2004  
/ The Fairy Taler. The modern classics of Hans  
Christian Andersen 2002 / Jungo 2001

## Karu Tuleb!

**Title** Karu Tuleb!

**Original Title** Karu Tuleb!

Puppet animation, 2008, Betacam SP, 4:3,  
colour, stereo, 15'

**Director** Jānis Cimermanis

**Screenplay** Māris Putniņš

**Cinematographer** Ēvalds Lācis

**Animator** Māris Brinkmanis

**Computer Graphics** Andris Gailītis

**Art Director** Māris Putniņš

**Original Music** Mārtiņš Brauns

**Sound** Anrijs Krenbergs

**Editor** Ēvalds Lācis

**Producer** Māris Putniņš

**Production Company** Animācijas Brigāde

**National Premiere** 26.09.2008

**International Premiere** 13.06.2008,

Ruhnu Island, Estonia

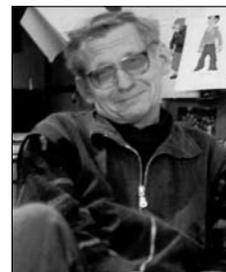


No one knows how it happened, but not long ago a Latvian bear arrived on the Estonian island of Ruhnu. The islanders were really afraid. At first they tried to catch the bear, but were only able to find his footprints. Later they invited a professional hunter from Finland with a special bear dog. Still no success...

### JĀNIS CIMERMANIS

**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

**Feature:** I'll Buy Your Husband! 2003



## Magic Water



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 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

**Title** Magic Water

**Original Title** Dzīvais Ūdens

Puppet animation, 2009, 35mm, colour,  
Dolby digital, 10'

**Director** Māris Brinkmanis

**Screenplay** Māris Putniņš

**Cinematographer** Pēteris Trups

**Designer** Māris Putniņš

**Animator** Māris Brinkmanis

**Scene Designer** Māris Putniņš

**Character Designer** Māris Putniņš

**Artist** Māris Putniņš

**Computer Graphics** Andris Gailītis

**Art Director** Māris Putniņš

**Original Music** Māris Putniņš

**Sound** Normunds Deinars

**Editor** Māris Brinkmanis

**Producer** Māris Putniņš

**Production Company** Animācijas Brigāde

**To be released** January 2009



## The New Species

**Title** The New Species

**Original Title** Jaunā suga

Puppet animation, 2008, 35 mm,

1:1.66, colour, stereo, 10'

**Directors** Ēvalds Lācis

**Screenplay** Ēvalds Lācis

**Cinematographer** Ēvalds Lācis

**Artist** Māris Putniņš

**Original Music** Juris Kulakovs

**Sound** Anrijs Krenbergs

**Editors** Jānis Cimermanis, Ēvalds Lācis

**Producer** Māris Putniņš

**Production Company** Animācijas Brigāde

**National Premiere** 29.03.2008

**International Premiere** 02.2008,

Berlin IFF, *Generation Kplus*



An entomologist finds a new species of bug in the meadow and would be glad to add it to his collection. But the bugs don't want to be museum objects – the two bug girls have to find a way to save their parents.



ĒVALDS LĀCIS

Animation: The New Species 2008

## Red Rider



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

**Title** Red Rider

**Original Title** Sarkanais Jātnieks  
2D animation, 2009, Betacam SP, 4:3,  
colour, Dolby SR, 3'

**Director** Mārtiņš Pauliņš

**Screenplay** Mārtiņš Pauliņš

**Cinematographer** Renārs Zālītis

**Designer** Mārtiņš Pauliņš

**Animators** Taiga Zile, 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** Spring 2009



MĀRTIŅŠ PAULIŅŠ

**Animation:** Red Rider 2009



## Sister and Brother

**Title** Sister and Brother

**Original Title** Māsa un brālīs  
2D animation, Betacam SP, 9:16,  
colour, stereo, 7'

**Director** Roze Stiebra

**Screenplay** Inese Zandere

**Animator** Maija Brence

**Scene Designer** Juris Petraškevičš

**Character Designer** Juris Petraškevičš

**Computer Graphics** Dzintars Krūmiņš

**Original Music** Gunārs Kalniņš

**Sound** Gunārs Kalniņš

**Editor** Roze Stiebra

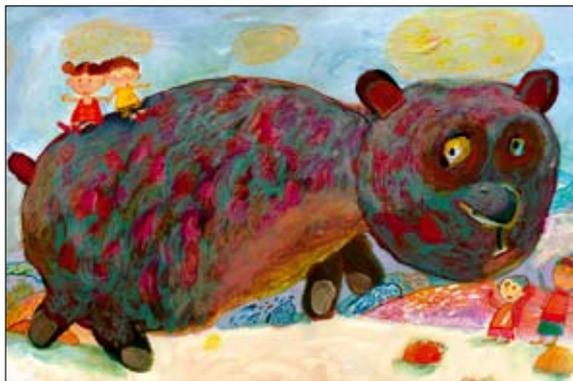
**Producer** Ansis Bērziņš

**Production Company** Dauka

**Co-production with** publishing company

*Liels un Mazs*

**National Premiere** December 2008



A sister and brother dream of the same adventures, though each interprets their dream differently. A dream travels where we are not, and where each misfortune turns into a new opportunity, but the goal always remains unattainable.

### ROZE STIEBRA

**Animation:** 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



## When Apples Roll



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

**Title** When Apples Roll

**Original Title** Kad āboli ripo

Drawing on paper animation, 2009,  
35 mm, 1:1,85, colour, Dolby Digital, 7'

**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,  
Berlinale, Germany



**ANIMATION**  
*coming soon*

**Title** Dzeguze and Her Twelve Men

**Original Title** Dzeguze un viņas 12 vīri  
2D, animation, Betacam SP, DVD, 9:16,  
colour, stereo, 7'

**Director** Roze Stiebra

**Screenplay** Roze Stiebra,  
based on Pēteris Brūveris' poetry

**Cinematographer** Roze Stiebra

**Animators** Maija Brence, Marina Trede,  
Dita Māsēna, Dagmara Lauriņa

**Scene Designer** Gundega Muzikante

**Character Designer** Gundega Muzikante

**Computer Graphics** Dzintars Krūmiņš

**Original Music** Mārtiņš Brauns

**Sound** Mārtiņš Brauns Studio

**Editor** Roze Stiebra

**Producer** Ansis Bērziņš

**Production Company**

Dauka Animated Film Studio

**To be released** Autumn 2009

# Dzeguze and Her Twelve Men



Based on the poetry of Latvian poet Pēteris Brūveris, this comic story portrays flighty Dzeguze's romantic adventures with a whole dozen men, including funny situations familiar to everyone.

## ROZE STIEBRA

**Animation:** *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



# Master of Ice

**ANIMATION**  
*coming soon*



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 the only one who can try to rescue the Princess...



ĒVALDS LĀCIS

**Animation:** The New Species 2008

**Title** Master of Ice

**Original Title** Ledus pavēlnieks

Puppet animation, Digital Betacam, 1:1,85, colour, Dolby Digital, 24'

**Director** Ēvalds Lācis

**Screenplay** Māris Putniņš

**Cinematographer** Ēvalds Lācis

**Designer** Māris Putniņš

**Animators** Ēvalds Lācis, Jānis Cimermanis, Māris Brinkmanis

**Scene Designer** Dace Rožlapa

**Character Designer** Māris Putniņš

**Artist** Māris Putniņš

**Computer Graphics** Andris Gailītis

**Art Director** Māris Putniņš

**Original Music** Juris Kulakovs

**Sound** Anrijs Krenbergs

**Editor** Ēvalds Lācis

**Producer** Māris Putniņš

**Production Company** Animācijas Brigāde

**To be released** Summer 2009



# ANIMATION

*coming soon*

**Title** Once Upon a Time God...

**Original Title** Reiz Dievs...

Drawing on paper animation, Betacam SP,  
4:3, colour, stereo, 15'

**Director** Māra Liniņa

**Screenplay** Māra Liniņa

**Artists** Ilmārs Blumbergs, Ieva Jurjāne,  
Kristīne Jurjāne-Klotiņa

**Original Music** Kaspars Dimiters,  
Nils Īle, Uģis Vītiņš

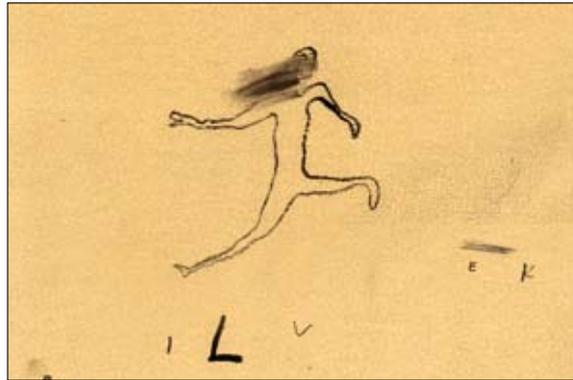
**Sound** Ģirts Bišs, Arnis Račinskis

**Producer** Laima Freimane

**Production Company** Atom Art

**To be released** 2009

## Once Upon a Time God...



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:** Hornyhoof, Furball and Tiddlewink 2002 /  
The Water-sprite 2001 / Like a Dream 2000 / Comet 1997



# Pig's Happiness

**ANIMATION**  
*coming soon*



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.

**Title** Pig's Happiness

**Original Title** Cūkas laime

Puppet animation, 35mm, 1: 1,37,  
colour, Dolby Digital, 10'

**Director** Dace Rīdūze

**Screenplay** Ēvalds Lācis

**Cinematographer** Andrejs Apsītis

**Designer** Ieva Kauliņa

**Animators** Dace Rīdūze, Jānis Cimermanis,  
Māris Brinkmanis

**Scene Designer** Dace Rožlapa

**Character Designer** Roberts Cinkuss

**Artist** Ieva Kauliņa

**Art Director** Ieva Kauliņa

**Original Music** Mārtiņš Brauns

**Sound** Anrijs Krenbergs

**Editors** Dace Rīdūze, Andrejs Apsītis

**Producer** Māris Putniņš

**Production Company** Animācijas Brigāde

**To be released** Summer 2009



**DACE RĪDŪZE**

**Animation:** Smile, My Friend! 2007 / Dream Dwarfs 2006 /  
Antlion 2004 / Firefly 2002 / Cats 2002 / Up and Down 2000



# 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 Designer** Ūna Laukmane

**Artist** Ūna Laukmane

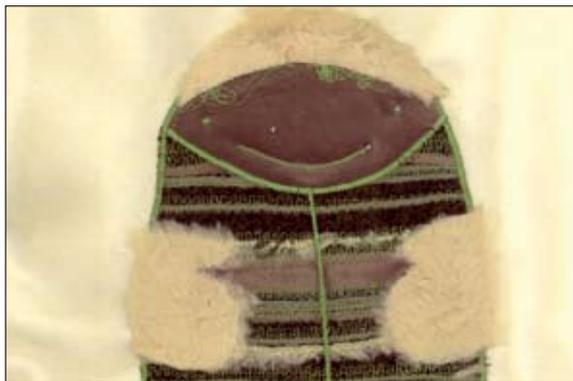
**Original Music** Valts Pūce

**Editor** Edmunds Jansons

**Producer** Sabīne Andersone

**Production Company** Atom Art

**To be released** 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:** Little Bird's Diary 2007 / The Gift 2005 / Scissorman 2005 /  
The White 2001 / Star Tee 1999 / Vrabel 1998 / Fear 1998 / Lullaby 1997 / Haiku 1995

**Documentaries:** The Black Spawn 2003



# Springtime on Vārnu Street

**ANIMATION**  
*coming soon*



A musical animation about the adventures of working-class children in Riga at the beginning of the 19th century – about their first loves, troubles and joys.

**Title** Springtime on Vārnu Street  
**Original Title** Pavasaris Vārnu ielā  
Cut-out animation, Betacam SP, 4:3,  
colour, stereo, 26'

**Director** Edmunds Jansons  
**Screenplay** Inga Ābele  
**Artist** Ilva Kļaviņa  
**Original Music** Ingus Baušķenieks,  
Edgars Šubrovskis  
**Editor** Edmunds Jansons  
**Producer** Laima Freimane  
**Production Company** Atom Art  
**To be released** Spring 2009



## EDMUNDS JANSONS

**Animation:** Little Bird's Diary 2007 / The Gift 2005 / Scissorman 2005 /  
The White 2001 / Star Tee 1999 / Vrubel 1998 / Fear 1998 / Lullaby 1997 / Haiku 1995  
**Documentaries:** The Black Spawn 2003



# ANIMATION

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**Title** Tales of the Sunrise Tree.

The Frog Who Didn't Sing

**Original Title** Austras koka pasakas.

Kāpēc varde nedziedāja.

2D/3D animation, HD, 16:9, colour, stereo, 13'

**Director** Nils Skapāns

**Screenplay** Bob Swain

**Cinematographers** Renārs Vilkaušs,

Gorazd Kranjc

**Designers** François Bruel, Gregor Bajt

**Animators** Līga Skirmāne, Dita Māsēna,

Pārsla Mauriņa, Maija Brence, Inta Silanža,

Dace Lūce, Gunta Sudraba, Kristiāna Jansone

**Scene Designer** François Bruel

**Character Designer** François Bruel

**Artists** François Bruel, Gregor Bajt

**Computer Graphics** Gorazd Kranjc

**Artists** François Bruel, Gregor Bajt

**Original Music** Uģis Prauliņš

**Sound** Uģis Prauliņš

**Editors** Nils Skapāns, Renārs Vilkaušs

**Producer** Inga Prauliņa

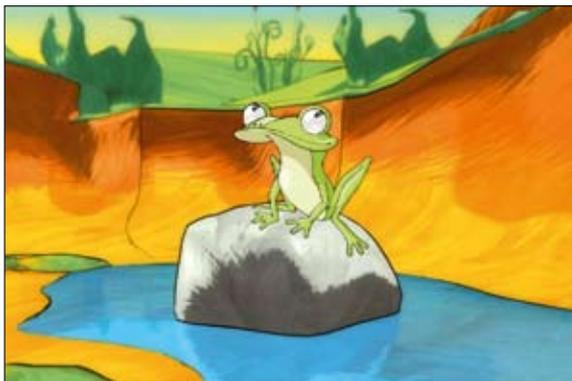
**Co-producer** Gorazd Norčič

**Production Company** Jet Media

**Co-production with** Qollective D.O.O (Slovenia)

**To be released** Spring 2009

## Tales of the Sunrise Tree. 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:** 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

# To Swallow a Toad

**ANIMATION**  
*coming soon*



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...

**Title** To Swallow a Toad  
**Original Title** Norīt krupi  
2D animation, 35 mm, 1:1,85,  
colour, Dolby Digital, 8'

**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  
**Sound** Andris Barons  
**Editor** Renārs Zālītis  
**Producer** Vilnis Kalnaellis  
**Production Company** Rija Films  
**To be released** 2009



**JURGIS KRĀSONS**  
**Animation:** Black Box 2006



# ANIMATION

*coming soon*

## View Finder

**Title** View Finder

**Original Title** Skatu meklētājs

3D animation, Digital Betacam, 1:1,66,  
colour, Dolby Digital, 4'

**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

**Sound** Andris Barons

**Editor** Pēteris Noviks

**Producer** Vilnis Kalnaellis

**Production Company** Rija Films

**To be released** Summer 2009



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.



# 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:** Lost in Snow 2007 / Insomnia 2004 / Grandad's Honey 2002 / The Letter 2002

**ANIMATION**  
*coming soon*

**Title** Wings and Oars

**Original Title** Spärni un airi

2D animation, 35 mm, 1:1,85, colour,  
Dolby Digital, 5'50"

**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

**Editor** Vladimir Leschiov

**Producer** Vladimir Leschiov

**Production Company** Lunohod

**To be released** 2009



**ANIMATION**  
*coming soon*

# Woman and Wind

**Title** Woman and Wind

**Original Title** Sieviete un Vējš  
Animation, colour, 7'

**Director** Aija Bley

**Screenplay** Aija Bley

**Animator** Jolanta Bigele

**Artist** Patricija Brekte

**Art Director** Patricija Brekte

**Producer** Aija Bley

**Production Company** A. Bley Film Studio

**To be released** Spring 2009



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

**A I J A B L E Y**

**Animation:** Island of Doctor D 2005 / The Prickly 2004

**Features:** Merry Christmas! (short) 2004 /

Slurp (short) 1997 / Verner's Suffering (short) 1996

**Documentaries:** 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



# Wonderful Day



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



## NILS SKAPĀNS

**Animation:** 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

**ANIMATION**  
*coming soon*

**Title** Wonderful Day

**Original Title** Burvīga diena

Clay animation, Betacam SP, 4:3,  
colour, stereo, 15'

**Director** Nils Skapāns

**Screenplay** Nils Skapāns

**Cinematographer** Nils Skapāns

**Designer** Ilze Emse

**Animator** Nils Skapāns

**Scene Designer** Ilze Emse

**Character Designer** Ilze Emse

**Artist** Ilze Emse

**Sound** Anrijs Krenbergs

**Editor** Andris Zemitis

**Producer** Nils Skapāns, Antra Cilinska

**Production Company** Juris Podnieks Studio

**To be released** Autumn 2009



# DOCUMENTARY

## Debt to Afghanistan

**Title** Debt to Afghanistan

**Original Title** Parāds Afganistānai  
Documentary, 2008, HDV, 16:9,  
colour, stereo, 58'

**Director** Askolds Saulītis

**Screenplay** Askolds Saulītis, Atis Lejiņš

**Cinematographer** Haralds Vecvagars

**Original Music** Jānis Brunovskis

**Producer** Askolds Saulītis

**Production Company** Subjektīva Filma

**National Premiere** 15.05.2008



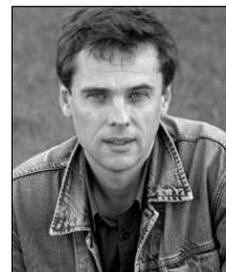
Politologist Atis Lejiņš sets out on a risky trip to Afghanistan to find a former mujahideen commandant, to return his heart's debt for saving his life during the USSR invasion in the 1980s. At that time young men from Latvia fought and died in Afghanistan without the right to choose. Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and the fall of the Taliban regime, Latvians are back in Afghanistan – as part of NATO missions.

### ASKOLDS SAULĪTIS

**Documentaries:** Debt to Afghanistan 2008 /  
The Anatomy of National Holiday 2005 / Keep Smiling! 2004 /  
Rīga – 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

**Feature (short):** Tristan and Isolde 1999

**Animation:** Clara and Rubinstein 1999



# Klucis. The Deconstruction of an Artist



Latvian artist Gustavs Klucis embraced the technological revolution of the early 20th century and applied it to his art, becoming a classic of Russian constructivism. He created photomontage and Lenin's public image, and became the most important Soviet artist. Killed by Stalin's regime, his artistic career poses many unanswered questions. This documentary reveals many secrets and intimate moments of his dramatic personality – the unequal duel between the Artist and the Power.



## PĒTERIS KRILOVS

**Documentaries:** Klucis. The Deconstruction of an Artist 2008 / Dina 2005 / File: Kombinat 2002 / Riga Watching Pictures 2001 / Augšdaugava 1995 / The Touch 1994 / Save the Children 1994 / For Motherland and Freedom 1991 / Old Riga – Inside, Old Riga – Outside 1990 / Leaving Home 1985 / The Suburb 1985  
**Features:** Jānis Tidemanis. A Legend 1998 / Turn of the Plot 1989 / The Master (short) 1990 / Leaving Home (short) 1985 / The Suburb (short) 1985 / The Door Opened for You 1984 / My Family 1982 / The Summer Lasted Only a Day 1979 / And Dew-drops in the Dawn 1977

**Title** Klucis. The Deconstruction of an Artist  
**Original Title** Klucis – Neparēzais latvietis  
 Documentary, 2008, Digital Betacam, 16:9, colour, stereo, 85'

**Director** Pēteris Krilovs

**Script** Pauls Bankovskis

**Art Director** Miks Mitrēvics

**Cinematographer** Andris Priedītis

**Editor** Julia Vinten

**Producers** Uldis Cekulis,  
Jean-Francois Le Corre

**Production Company** Vides Filmu Studija

**Co-production with** DD Studio (Latvia),

Vivement Lundi (France), ERT (Greece)

**Distributor** DR TV International Sales

**National Premiere** 04.05.2008



## Double Portrait of a Coin

**Title** Double Portrait of a Coin  
**Original Title** Monētas dubultportrets  
Documentary, 2008, Digital Beta,  
4:3, b/w, colour, stereo, 100'

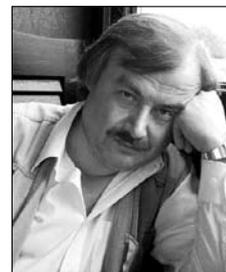
**Director** Romualds Pipars  
**Screenplay** Anna Apsite,  
Romualds Pipars, Tālvvaldis Margēvičs  
**Editors** Maija Selecka, Romualds Pipars  
**Producers** Baiba Urbāne, Romualds Pipars  
**Production Company** Film Studio Ģilde  
**National Premiere** 16.10.2008



Using previously unpublished footage shot by amateurs in the era of 8 mm cameras, the film is about the simple human life of those who lived in the Soviet Latvia from 1940 until 1991, a time when a double-moral reigned in society.

### ROMUALDS PIPARS

**Documentaries:** Double Portrait of a Coin 2008 / Stand up, Teacher 2005 / Steps in Pharaon'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 Ortodox 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



# The Fifth Hamlet



What does the question “to be or not to be?” mean? 86 year-old director Oļģerts 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.

**Title** The Fifth Hamlet

**Original Title** Piektais Hamlets

Documentary, 2009, HDV, 16:9, mono, 55’

**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 Company** Nomadi, Latvian Culture Academy

**National Premiere** 14.01.2009



MĀRTIŅŠ EIHE

Short film – Ten Pink Minutes 2007 /  
The Fifth Hamlet 2009



KRISTA BURĀNE  
The Fifth Hamlet 2009



# DOCUMENTARY

## Ice–Breaker and His Children

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

**Director** Aija Bley

**Screenplay** Aija Bley, Elvita Ruka

**Cinematographers** Haralds Vecvagars,  
Miks Meirāns

**Original Music** Kristaps Krievs

**Editor** 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 / Šjarp (short) 1997 / Verner's Suffering (short) 1996

**Animation:** Island of Doctor D 2005 / The Prickly 2004



# Igarka, Hope and Butterfly



In 1941 almost 4,000 children under the age of 16 were deported to Siberia. Some returned to Latvia, many perished, and many were left in exile, where they had their own children. Nadežda Āriņa and Anatolijs Taurenis were born in the 1950s in permanently frozen Igarka. Their mothers had been childhood friends in Latvia, before deportation. Nadja returned to Latvia and now sells souvenirs, but for Taurenis Latvia is still a dream. In 2007, Nadežda heads to Igarka to visit Taurenis.



## DZINTRA GEKA

**Documentaries:** 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 / Poikāns 1998 / Eizensteins Eden 1998 / Latvia – 80 1998 / Captain Krulle 1997 / The Čakstes Family Tree 1994 / The Return of the Light 1993 / Aleksandrs Pelečis 1992 / Gunārs Janovskis 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



**Title** Igarka, Hope and Butterfly  
**Original Title** ...Igarka, Cerība un Taurenis  
**Documentary**, 2008, 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  
**National Premiere** 23.08.2008

# DOCUMENTARY

## Valkyrie Limited

**Title** Valkyrie Limited

**Original Title** Rokas

Documentary, 2009, HDV-8mm, 16:9,  
colour/b/w, stereo, 52'

**Director** Dāvis Sīmanis

**Screenplay** Dāvis Sīmanis

**Cinematographer** Andrejs Rudzāts

**Sound** Ernests Ansons

**Editor** Andra Lejniece

**Producer** Roberts Vinovskis

**Production Company**

Locomotive Productions

**To be released** Spring 2009



Love, hate, power and greed are just a small spectrum of human characteristics encoded in Richard Wagner's *Valkyrie*. It is universal opera and therefore creates a massive challenge to an artist's imagination. *Valkyrie Limited* is an investigation of the director's mentality into and beyond the reality of staging the *Valkyrie* at the Latvian National Opera. Taking the the *Valkyrie* phenomenon to an abstract level, the film seeks the fragile link between a pragmatically constructed performance and the world of the unconscious that lies within the music and the narrative.



DĀVIS SĪMANIS

Documentaries: Valkyrie Limited 2009 /  
The Draughtsman 2007 / Version. LNO 2006



# Mansur`s War Dance



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.

**Title** Mansur`s War Dance

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

**Director** Aija Bley

**Screenplay** Elvita Ruka

**Cinematographer** 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



## AIJA BLEY

**Documentaries:** Mansur`s War Dance 2009 / Ice–Breaker and His Children 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

## My Mother's Farm

**Title** My Mother's Farm

**Original Title**

Bekons, sviests un mana Mamma  
Documentary, 2008, Betacam SP, 4:3,  
colour, stereo, 52'

**Director** Ilze Burkovska – Jacobsen

**Screenplay** Ilze Burkovska – Jacobsen

**Cinematographers** Agris Birzulis,  
Trond Jacobsen

**Sound** Halstein Larsen

**Editors** Ilze Burkovska – Jacobsen,  
Trond Jacobsen

**Producers** Trond Jacobsen,  
Guntis Trekteris

**Production Company** Ego Media

**Co-production with**

Bivrost film & TV (Norway)

**National Premiere** 15.10.2008



For the post-war generation in Latvia, the dream of the “good old days” became a significant part of the process of regaining independence. The dream of restoring

the countryside to the way it was during the first independence is only now seen by most as naïve and unreal. Six episodes that reflect the historical development in the nation parallel to the fate of the director's mother are used to explore the effects of political order on everyday lives. Though she is now leaving the countryside, the process of moving her life provides a visual stimulus for memories.



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



# Nazis and Blondes



About the fate of Baltic film actors in Soviet period cinema. Not about the glory – the big roles and stardom – but about the darker side, the way the stereotype of the enemy was created by the Soviet era film industry.

**Title** Nazis and Blondes

**Original Title** Friči un blondīnes  
Documentary, 2008, HDV, 16:9,  
colour, stereo, 58'

**Director** Arbo Tammiksaar

**Screenplay** Arbo Tammiksaar,  
Andrey Hvostov

**Cinematographers** Rein Kotov, Uldis Jancis,  
Mart Taniel, Haralds Vecvagars, Elīna Bandēna

**Production Designer** Mārtiņš Kalseris

**Sound** Aigars Endzelis, Ilvars Veģis

**Editor** Arbo Tammiksaar

**Producers** Jaak Kilmi, Askolds Saulītis

**Production Companies** Subjektīva Filma,  
Kuukulgur Film OU (Estonia)

**International Premiere** 09.05.2008 Tallinn

**National Premiere** 05.03.2009



## ARBO TAMMIKSAAR

**Documentaries:** Sweet Dreams 2001 / Children of the Kingdom (co-director) 2000 / Aliens 2000 /  
Friday Night Live (co-director) 2000 / Macbeth 1999 / August is looking for a Wife 1998



## Nude

**Title** Nude

**Original Title** Akts

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

**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



# Perpetual Rehearsal



Observing the rehearsals of Yevgenij Arye, the founder and artistic director of Israel's world-famous Gesher Theatre over a ten year period, shows an artist aiming for the ideal.

**Title** Perpetual Rehearsal

**Original Title** Mūžīgais mēģinājums  
Documentary, 2008, Digital Betacam, 4:3,  
colour, stereo, 102'

**Director** Herz Frank

**Screenplay** Herz Frank

**Photography** Herz Frank

**2nd Camera** Viktor Griberman

**Music** Avi Benjamin

**Sound Design** Aivars Riekstiņš,  
Michael Goorvich

**Producer** Herz Frank

**Production Company**

Herz Frank Fillm Studio EFEF / Frank Film,  
Kaupo Filma

**International Premiere**

November 2008, IDFF Dei Popoli, Florence



## HERZ FRANK

**Documentaries (selected titles):** Perpetual Rehearsal 2008 / Venerdì, Santo 2005 / Shalom, Germania 2004 / Dear Juliet 2003 / Flashback 2002 / Madonna with a Child. XXth Century 2001 / The Man of Wall 1998 / The Jewish Street 1992 / The Song of Songs 1989 / There Were Seven Simeons 1989 / The Last Judgement 1987 / To The Dangerous Verge 1984 / The Last Celebration 1980 / The Awakening 1979 / Ten Minutes Older 1978 / The Restricted Area 1975 / The Joy of Being 1974 / The Centaur 1973 / The Trace of the Soul 1972 / Your Payday 1971 / Without Legends 1967 / 235,000,000 (script) 1967 / The Salt Bread 1965 / You And Me 1963 / The White Bells (script) 1961



## Prayer on the Cross

**Title** Prayer on the Cross

**Original Title** Lūgšana krustā

Documentary, 2008, Betacam Digital,  
colour, Dolby Digital, 52'

**Director** Dzidra Smiltēna

**Screenplay** Dzidra Smiltēna

**Cinematographers** Miks Zvirbulis,  
Jānis Eglītis, Agris Birzulis

**Sound** Igors Jakovļevs

**Editor** Gunta Ikere

**Producers** Dzidra Smiltēna, Kārlis Rudzītis

**Production Company** Balti

**National Premiere** 17.10.2008



The life story of Latvian Bishop Boļeslavs Slokāns is a historical testament to the time after the Bolshevik revolution in Russia that brought a lot of death and suffering in gulags and other concentration camps to many nations, including Latvia. Bishop Slokāns is one of those forced to suffer, but he miraculously survives. The Vatican is now preparing to declare the Bishop a saint.



DZIDRA SMILTĒNA

Documentary: Prayer on the Cross 2008

# The Soviet Story



This is a story of an Allied power, which helped the Nazis to fight Jews and which slaughtered its own people on an industrial scale. Assisted by the West, this power triumphed on May 9th, 1945. Its crimes were made taboo, and the complete story of Europe's most murderous regime has never been told. Until now...



EDVĪNS ŠNORE  
Documentary: The Soviet Story 2008

**Title** The Soviet Story  
**Original Title** Padomju stāsts  
Documentary, 2008, DV, 4:3,  
colour, stereo, 52'/86'

**Director** Edvīns Šnore  
**Screenplay** Edvīns Šnore  
**Cinematographer**  
Edgars Daugavvanags-Vanags  
**Music** Extreme Music  
([www.extrememusic.se](http://www.extrememusic.se))  
**Sound** Jānis Zaneribs  
**Editor** Edvīns Šnore  
**Producer** Kristaps Valdnieks  
**Production Company** Labvakar  
**National Premiere** 05.05.2008  
**International Premiere**  
12.09.2008 Boston IFF

## The Stations

**Title** The Stations

**Original Title** Stacijas

Documentary, 2008, Betacam SP, 4:3,  
b/w, stereo, 25'

**Director** Ilona Brūvere

**Cinematographers** Dāvis Šimanis, Sr

Agris Birzulis, Normunds Čirkste

**Original Music** Goran Gora

**Producer** Ilona Brūvere

**Production Company** Kinolats

**National Premiere** 17.01.2008



A film about the romantic days past of railway stations, as seen through the eyes of an old engine conductor and a cashier in one of the forgotten stations that trains by-pass. It's a lonely world, full of memories and railway ambience. A story without words, but with music, railroad sounds and unrealized journeys that make their lives endurable.



### ILONA BRŪVERE

**Documentaries:** The Stations 2008 / In the Bed of Surrealism. Augusts Sukuts 2007 /  
My World Paris, London, Berlin, Rome 2002 / Seven Tricks 1994 / Duo 1991 /  
The Poet 1991 / Circus 1990 / The House of Passion 1990 / Tram No.6 1989 /

Nuthouse Davis 1993 / Nights and Standard Bearers on Stage! 1982 / And Adam called his Wife Eve 1981

**Features:** Figures 1994 / V20 - Eine ungenaue Erinnerung an eine Urkunde 1984



# Three Men and a Fish Pond



**Title** Three Men and a Fish Pond  
**Original Title** Par Dzimtenīti  
 Documentary, 2008, Digital Betacam,  
 16:9, colour, stereo, 52'

**Directors** Māris Maskalāns, Laila Pakalniņa  
**Screenplay** Māris Maskalāns  
**Cinematographer** Māris Maskalāns  
**Sound** Arvīds Ceļmalis  
**Editors** Laila Pakalniņa, Māris Maskalāns  
**Producer** Uldis Cekulis  
**Production Company** Vides Filmu Studija  
**To be released** March 2008  
**National Premiere** 04.05.2008  
**International Premiere**  
 06.08.2008 Locarno IFF



Three elderly country bachelors idle away their time amidst the semi-wild nature, closer to birds and pond fish than to humans.



## MĀRIS MASKALĀNS

### Documentaries:

Three Men and a Fish Pond 2008 /  
 Have You Seen the Roller? 2004 /  
 Roof on the Moonway 2001 /  
 Homes in a Meadow 1997 /  
 Winter. Cones. Crossbills. 1997



## LAILA PAKALNIŅA

**Documentaries:** Three Men 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

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

## Three Suns

**Title** Three Suns

**Original Title** Trejādas saules  
Documentary, 2008, Betacam SP, 4:3,  
colour, Dolby Digital, 54'

**Director** Jānis Ozoliņš-Ozols

**Screenplay** Jānis Ozoliņš-Ozols

**Cinematographers**

Andrejs Verhoustinskis,  
Uldis Jancis, Haralds Vecvagars,  
Gatis Bergmanis, Reinis Kalnaellis,  
Aleksandrs Grebņevs

**Sound** Andris Barons

**Editor** Gunta Ikere

**Producer** Vilnis Kalnaellis

**Production Company** Rija Films

**National Premiere** 01.12.2008



From WWII refugee to President – that is the story of a Latvian destiny, as Vaira Viķe-Freiberga tells it. From refugee to the world's highest political jet set, from losing the Motherland and coming back. Latvian, refugee, emigrant, wife, mother, professor, scientist, President.



JĀNIS OZOLIŅŠ-OZOLS

**Documentaries:** Three Suns 2008 /  
Sandra or Luiss 2006 / Spanish Capriccio 1998  
**Features (short):** Sin Luna 2000 / Photo 1999



# DOCUMENTARY

*coming soon*

## 1x1



**Title** 1x1

**Original Title** 1x1

Documentary, Betacam SP, 3:4,  
colour, stereo, 52'

**Directors** Daina Rašenbauma, Gints Grūbe

**Screenplay** Gints Grūbe

**Cinematographer** Uvis Burjāns

**Editor** Mati Kustavus

**Sound** Daina Rašenbauma

**Producer** Inese Boka-Grūbe

**Production Company**

Labvakar, Mistrus Media

**To be released** Spring 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.



**DAINA RAŠENBAUMA**

**Documentaries:**

Discovered in Latvia 2006 /  
Being Raimonds Pauls (co-director) 2006 /  
The Good Life in Latvia (co-director) 2005



**GINTS GRŪBE**

**Documentaries:**

Discovered in Latvia (co-director) 2006 /  
Being Raimonds Pauls (co-director) 2006 /  
The Good Life in Latvia (co-director) 2005 /  
Latvian Speaks 2003

# DOCUMENTARY

*coming soon*

## Aging with Joy

**Title** Aging with Joy

**Original Title** Vecmāmiņu koris  
Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 52'

**Director** Ilze Ramāne

**Cinematographer** Ilze Ramāne

**Editor** Gunta Ikere

**Producers** Valdis Ābols,  
Lukas Trimonis

**Production Company**

Vides Filmu Studija

**Co-production with**  
Ultra Nominum (Lithuania)

**To be released** May 2009



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:** Druskomania 2006 / Memories 2006 /  
Remote Nightmare 2005 / Tutti Frutti 2005



# Amazon of the Avant-garde



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:** 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

**DOCUMENTARY**  
*coming soon*

**Title** Amazon of the Avant-garde

**Original Title**

Marta Liepiņa-Skulme – avangarda amazone  
Documentary, DV, colour, stereo, 28'

**Director** Laima Žurgina

**Screenplay** Džemma Skulme

**Cinematographer** Jānis Skulme

**Sound** Anrijs Krenbergs

**Editor** Agnese Ivane

**Producer** Antra Cilinska

**Production Company** Juris Podnieks Studio

**To be released** Spring 2009



# DOCUMENTARY

*coming soon*

**Title** The Antechamber

**Original Title** Pārceļtuve

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

**Director** Andris Gauja

**Screenplay** Andris Gauja

**Cinematographer** Aleksandrs Grebņevs

**Original Music** Austris Kalniņš,

Andris Gauja

**Editor** Liene Bāliņa

**Producer** Valdis Ābols

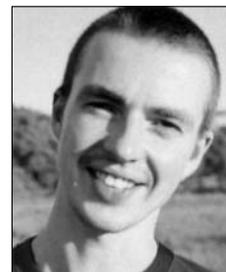
**Production Company** Vides Filmu Studija

**To be released** April 2009

## The Antechamber



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. But 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

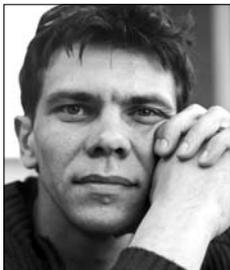
Documentary: 3000 km to the Promised Land 2006



# Beyond the Sidelines



A film about ex-Soviet basketball players, world and Olympic champions, and former rivals who were once considered gods both inside and outside the sidelines, and who are now colleagues and living basketball legends. Their stories reflect hopes and dreams, disappointments and doubts, patriotism and even betrayal. And these are human destinies – that can separate as well as unite in a miraculous way.



JĀNIS POŅEMECKIS

**Documentaries:** Conversations about Art 2003 / To Find a Happiness 2002

**DOCUMENTARY**  
*coming soon*

**Title** Beyond the Sidelines

**Original Title** Ārpus spēles laukuma  
Documentary, Digital Betacam, HDV,  
16:9, colour, stereo, 52'

**Director** Jānis Poņemeckis

**Screenplay** Jānis Poņemeckis

**Cinematographers** Haralds Vecvagars,  
Elīna Bandēna

**Sound** Ilvars Veģis

**Producer** Askolds Saulītis

**Production Company** Subjektiv Filma

**To be released** Autumn 2009



# DOCUMENTARY

*coming soon*

**Title** Child of the Big Bird

**Original Title** Dzīves kutinātāji

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

**Director** Andis Mizišs

**Screenplay** Andis Mizišs

**Cinematographers** Māris Maskalāns,  
Uldis Cekulis

**Sound** Arvīds Ceļmalis

**Editor** Julia Vinten

**Producer** Uldis Cekulis

**Production Company** Vides Filmu Studija

**Distributor** Vides Filmu Studija

**To be released** June 2009

## Child of the Big Bird



At the end of the 1950s, an airplane carrying a group of Latvian-Brazilian missionaries lands in the jungles of southern Bolivia. Among the missionaries there is a baby, Samuel. Fifty years later, Samuel has become the soul of the Baptist mission and the only confidant of the Ayore Indians, trapped in a dead end between the jungle and civilization.



### ANDIS MIZIŠS

**Documentaries:** 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

**Features:** Stumble (short) 2001 / Kleptomania (short) 1997



# Controversial History

**DOCUMENTARY**  
*coming soon*



**Title** Controversial History

**Original Title** Pretrunīgā vēsture

Documentary, Betacam SP, 4:3,

b/w, stereo, 52'

**Director** Ināra Kolmane

**Screenplay** Uldis Neiburgs

**Cinematographers** Andrejs Verhoustinskis,

Aivars Kalniņš

**Editor** Jānis Juhņēvičs

**Producer** Jānis Juhņēvičs

**Production Company** Film Studio Deviņi

**To be released** Autumn 2009

The whole truth about Latvian soldiers has yet to be unravelled. Were they involved with the Nazi genocide against Jews on the Western Front? Were they fighting for communist ideals on the Eastern Front? In a follow-up to *The Latvian Legion* (2000), eyewitnesses and archive materials tell the vivid story of the destinies of Latvian soldiers in WWII.



**INĀRA KOLMANE**

**Feature (short):** Frosty Flowers 2001

**Documentaries:** 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

**Producer** Ieva Ūbele

**Production Company** Elm Media

**To be released** December 2009



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:** Engure. The Lake Given by the Sea 2006 /  
Seda. People of Marsh 2004 / Green City 2003



# Future, Past and All that Jazz

**DOCUMENTARY**  
*coming soon*



Times as seen from a 1979 viewpoint. A future fantasy.

**Title** Future, Past and All that Jazz  
**Original Title** Un džess  
Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 52'

**Director** Dainis Kļava

**Screenplay** Dainis Kļava

**Cinematographer** Valdis Celmiņš

**Sound** Aigars Endzelis, Arvids Ceļmalis,  
Oskars Doma, Ilvars Veģis

**Editor** Dainis Kļava

**Producer** Uldis Cekulis

**Production Company** Vides Filmu Studija

**To be released** June 2009



**DAINIS KĻAVA**

**Documentaries:** 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

*coming soon*

## 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,  
Mārgēris Eglītis

**Producer** Ieva Ūbele

**Production Company** ELM Media

**To be released** Spring 2009



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:** Engure. The Lake Given by the Sea 2005 /  
Sēda. People of Marsh 2004 / Green City 2003



# How are You Doing, Rudolf Ming?

**DOCUMENTARY**  
*coming soon*



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.

**Title** How are You Doing, Rudolf Ming?

**Original Title** Kā klājas, Rūdolfs Ming?

Documentary, XDCAM EX, 16:9,  
colour, stereo, 26'

**Director** Roberts Rubīns

**Screenplay** Jānis Kalve

**Original Music** Andris Vilcāns

**Cinematographer** Uldis Jancis

**Sound** Ilvars Veģis

**Editor** Sandra Alksne

**Producers** Guna Stahovska, Antra Cilinska

**Production Company** Juris Podnieks Studio

**To be released** Autumn 2009



**ROBERTS RUBĪNS**

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



# DOCUMENTARY

*coming soon*

**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** Autumn 2009

## Is It Easy to Be...? After 20 Years



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 the film after 20 years is to discover what happened to this rebellious generation, and through their stories we will see life in Latvia after the first 17 years of independence. Now many of them have grown children, exactly the same age as their parents were in the first film. The question is – are there things in this world which never change?!



ANTRA CILINSKA

**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

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



# The Latvian With a \$100 000 Price on His Head

**DOCUMENTARY**  
*coming soon*



Lars Vilks is a Swedish artist of Latvian ancestry, a university professor, sculptor, provocateur, scandal-maker and State Secretary of his own micro-nation of Ladonia. He is the only Swede and the only Latvian to have a \$100 000 price on his head. But perhaps his creative and intellectual powers are worth much more?

## **Title**

The Latvian With a \$100 000 Price on His Head

## **Original Title**

Latvietis, par kura galvu izsludināta  
100 000 USD atlīdzība

Documentary, HDV, 4:3, colour, stereo, 52'

**Director** Una Celma

**Original Music** Neurobash

**Cinematographers** Agris Birzulis,  
Aleksandrs Grebņevs

**Sound** Ilvars Veģis

**Producer** Una Celma

**Production Company** Latsfilma

**To be released** Autumn 2009



## **UNA CELMA**

**Documentaries:** 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

**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



# DOCUMENTARY

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## The Lucky One

**Title** The Lucky One  
**Original Title** Laimes luteklis  
Documentary, HDCAM, 16:9, 52'

**Director** Rūta Celma  
**Screenplay** Rūta Celma  
**Cinematographers** Dāvis Šimanis, Arvo Vilu  
**Sound** Aivars Riekstiņš  
**Editors** Dāvis Šimanis, Rūta Celma  
**Producer** Rūta Celma  
**Production Company** Ego Media  
**To be released** Spring 2009



A portrait of world famous opera singer Egils Siliņš.



### RŪTA CELMA

**Documentaries:** (selected titles) 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



# The Man from Varka Kru

Martins Rubenis is known as the most famous Latvian luger who won Latvia its first ever Winter Olympic medal. In the circles of alternative culture he is known as *DJ Betons* of *Varka Kru*. Martins also became the centre of international mass media attention when he participated in an organized hunger strike in front of the Chinese Embassy in Riga in 2006. As a practitioner of Falun Gong and an Olympian, he refuses to accept China as the venue of the 2008 Olympics.



VIESTURS KAIRIŅŠ

**Documentaries:** The Monument 2004 / Romeo and Juliet 2004 / The Train 1998

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

**DOCUMENTARY**  
*coming soon*

**Title** The Man from Varka Kru

**Original Title** Cilvēks no Varka Kru

Documentary, Super 16 mm, 4:3,  
colour, stereo, 80'

**Director** Viesturs Kairiņš

**Screenplay** Viesturs Kairiņš

**Cinematographer** Gints Bērziņš

**Sound** Normunds Kļaviņš

**Editor** Gunta Ikere

**Producer** Guntis Trekeris

**Production Company** Ego Media

**To be released** Autumn 2009



# DOCUMENTARY

*coming soon*

## Nude Snow White

**Title** Nude Snow White

**Original Title** Kailā Sniegaltīte

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

**Director** Ināra Kolmane

**Screenplay** Ināra Kolmane

**Cinematographer** Uldis Jancis

**Producers** Jānis Juhņevičs, Imants Mozers

**Production Company** Film Studio Deviņi

**To be released** Autumn 2009



Her venture to be on stage in the nude and agreeing to smile naively while posing for photos in Snow White's dress is often re-

proved by straight-laced journalists. She is a young actress who participates in scandalous theatre projects, and will make her film debut in the Latvian-Icelandic feature film *Mona*. Her name is Kristine Belicka. In *Nude Snow White* she is not afraid to also bare her soul, and together with the director of the film, will look for the limits of using the human body in art and discover how much that demands from an artist.

### 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



# The Secrets of the Pyramid of Djoser

**DOCUMENTARY**  
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Latvian scientists – archaeologists, photogrammetry and radar 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.

**Title** The Secrets of the Pyramid of Djoser  
**Original Title** Džosera piramīdas noslēpums  
Documentary, HD, 16:9, colour, stereo, 52'

**Director** Romualds Pipars  
**Screenplay** Romualds Pipars, Jānis Klētnieks  
**Cinematographer** Romualds Pipars  
**Producer** Baiba Urbāne  
**Production Company** Film Studio Ģilde  
**To be released** Spring 2009



## ROMUALDS PIPARS

**Documentaries:** 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 / Gavriiila the Ortodox 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



**DOCUMENTARY**  
*coming soon*

# 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** Laila Pakalniņa

**Producer** Uldis Cekulis

**Production Company** Vides Filmu Studija

**To be released** Autumn 2009



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

**Documentaries:** 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



# Sounds that the Sun Makes

**DOCUMENTARY**  
*coming soon*



**Title** Sounds that the Sun Makes  
**Original Title** Pa-saules skaņa  
Documentary, HD, 16:9, colour, stereo, 52'

**Directors** Dāvis Sīmanis, Gints Grūbe  
**Screenplay** Gints Grūbe  
**Cinematographer** Andrejs Rudzāts  
**Sound** Normunds Kļaviņš  
**Editor** Andra Lejniece  
**Producer** Inese Boka-Grūbe  
**Production Company** Mistrus Media  
**To be released** Spring 2009



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 six of the composers and tries to answer the deceptively simple question, "How is music created?"



**DĀVIS SĪMANIS**  
**Documentaries:**  
The Draughtsman 2007 /  
Version. LNO 2006



**GINTS GRŪBE**  
**Documentaries:**  
Discovered in Latvia (co-director) 2006 /  
Being Raimonds Pauls (co-director) 2006 /  
The Good Life in Latvia (co-director) 2005 /  
Latvian Speaks 2003

# DOCUMENTARY

*coming soon*

## Tide

**Title** Tide

**Original Title** Bēgums

Documentary, HD-35 mm, 16:9,  
colour, stereo, 52'

**Director** Ivars Zviedris

**Screenplay** Ivars Zviedris

**Cinematographer** Ivars Zviedris

**Producer** Ivars Zviedris

**Production Company** Studio AVE

**To be released** Autumn 2009

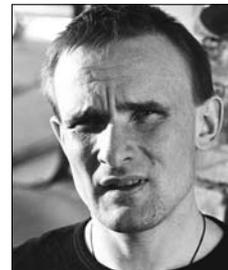


300 000 passengers took the flight from Riga to Dublin in 2007. Valdis and his shell pickers comprise a fraction of Latvians now living in Ireland. The shell-pickers' daily routine is set by the tide. During low tide they pick shells, during high tide they sleep. The Irish Sea is 4 times saltier than the Baltic Sea, and life is also often saltier than at home. Almost everyone is on the brink of nervous tension. For some it's more acute, for others it's washed away by the salty water.



IVARS ZVIEDRIS

**Documentaries:** 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



# To Kill or to Die

**DOCUMENTARY**  
*coming soon*

Thousands of adventure lovers still read the bestselling TIGRE-RO, the story of the Latvian-born Sasha Siemel's life in the steaming jungles of Brazil. He was not

afraid to challenge a jaguar to a fair fight, being the only known white man to learn to hunt them the Indian way – with a spear. He became incredibly popular in the 1960s by starring in Hollywood and National Geographic films, commercials and even comic strips. This film will uncover his unique personality through unseen film footage, testimonies of his former hunting companions and the witty stories of his widow.



**Title** To Kill or to Die

**Original Title** Nogalināt vai mirt  
Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 56'

**Director** Andis Mizišs

**Screenplay** Andis Mizišs

**Cinematographer** Uldis Cekulis

**Editor** Gunta Ikere

**Producers** Laima Freimane, Uldis Cekulis

**Production Company** Screen Vision

**Co-production with** Vides Filmu Studija

**To be released** Summer 2009



## ANDIS MIZIŠS

**Documentaries:** 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

**Features:** Stumble (short) 2001 / Kleptomania (short) 1997



# DOCUMENTARY

*coming soon*

**Title** Who was Ed.L?

**Original Title** Kas bija Ed.L?

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

**Director** Andis Mizišs

**Screenplay** Andis Mizišs

**Cinematographer** Uldis Cekulis

**Editor** Gunta Ikere

**Producers** Laima Freimane, Uldis Cekulis

**Production Company** Screen Vision

**Co-production with** Vides Filmu Studija

**To be released** Spring 2009

## Who was Ed.L?



The extraordinary inventor Ed Leedskalnin is said to have discovered the pyramid building secret of ancient Egypt. Over the course of 20 years he single-handedly cut and moved huge blocks of coral rock over large distances to build the legendary Coral Castle in Florida. Since then Ed's creation has been endlessly researched and examined, leaving researchers as puzzled as ever. The film will unveil some of the countless legends, theories and stories surrounding Coral Castle.



### ANDIS MIZIŠS

**Documentaries:** 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

**Features:** Stumble (short) 2001 / Kleptomania (short) 1997



# Women in 4 Square Metres



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 the day-to-day operations? What is the role of women in today's society? The answers to these questions come through discovering the life and work of five Latvian women in various military jobs.



## UNA CELMA

**Documentaries:** 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

**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

**DOCUMENTARY**  
*coming soon*

**Title** Women in 4 Square Metres  
**Original Title** Sievietes četros kvadrātmetros  
**Documentary**, HDV, 4:3, 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 2009



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