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Latvia

2007/2008

FEATURES ANIMATION DOCUMENTARIES

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FEATURES



FEATURE

Title Bitter Wine

Original Title Rūgtais vins

Feature, 2007, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 80'

Director Rolands Kalniņš

Screenplay Jānis Jurkāns

Cinematographer Gvido Skulte

Production Designer Kristaps Skulte

Music Valts Pūce

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Sandra Alksne

Producer Guna Stahovska

Production Company Platforma

Main Cast Kaspars Znotiņš, Agnese Zeltiņa,
Normunds Laižāns

National Premiere 14.05.2007

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Bitter Wine

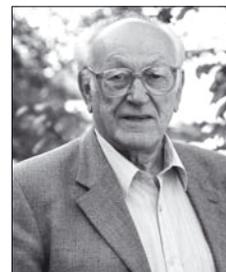


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An ironically romantic story about a man who tries to live through love – Donats juggles relationships with five women, but no matter how true he is to each, it is still a game that this modern – day Don Juan will come to lose.

ROLANDS KALNIŅŠ (selected titles)

Features: Bitter Wine 2007 Taper 1989 If We Survive It All 1987 The Game Will Go On 1985
The Stony Road 1983 Three Days of Reflection 1980 Men's Games in the Open Air 1978
The Kiln Affair 1972 The Queen's Warrior 1970 Breathe Deeply 1967
Stone and Splinters 1965 The Storm (co-director) 1960 Ilze 1959
Documentaries: Conversation with a Queen 1980 Conversation with a Queen 1980



Defenders of Riga



A story about friendship and love against the miraculous victory over the joint German-Russian forces ensuring 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

FEATURE

Title Defenders of Riga

Original Title Rigas sargi

Feature, 2008, HD/35 mm, 1:2.35, colour, DD, 118'

Director Aigars Grauba

Screenplay Aigars Grauba, Andrejs Ēķis,

Valentins 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, Vīlis Daudziņš

National Premiere 11.11.2007



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VALSTS
KINEŠSTATISTIKA FONDS

MEDIA

Title Disgust

Original Title Riebums

Short feature, 2007, DV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 31'

Director Aiks Karapetjans

Screenplay Aiks Karapetjans

Cinematographer Jānis Eglītis

Original Music Probeagles&Lena. B.

Editor Aiks Karapetjans

Producer Aiks Karapetjans

Production Company

Latvijas Kultūras akadēmija

National Premiere 01.10.2007.



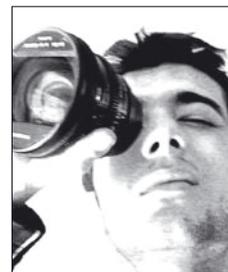
Disgust



A young man lives a lonely existence together with a mother whose only interest is watching programmes about animals. He finds the surrounding emptiness so traumatising that he decides to change his life.

AIKS KARAPETJANS

Features: Double Life (short) 2007 Untitled (short) 2007 Disgust (short) 2007 Anatomy (short) 2007 Je l'ai (short) 2006 St. Barbar (short) 2006 In 4 Minutes 32 Seconds (short) 2006 Run Away (short) 2006 Godard in Love (short) 2005 Time Go! (short) 2005 Seven Emotions (short) 2005 1,5 (short) 2004 Lost (short) 2004



Don't Talk About It



Beatrise is drifting in life. She has based her existence on unsuccessful relationships that have collapsed, like sand castles, one after the other. Forced to re-evaluate things, she realizes that she can only achieve harmony by learning to rely on herself, and not on illusory feelings or words.



UNA CELMA

Features: 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

FEATURE

Title Don't Talk About It

Original Title Nerunā par to

Feature, 2007, 35mm, 1:1.85, colour, stereo, 110'

Director Una Celma

Screenplay Dace Rukšāne

Cinematographer Jānis Eglītis

Production Designer Jānis Eglītis

Music Mārtiņš Brauns

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Gunta Ikere

Producers Una Celma, Laima Freimane

Main Cast Rēzija Kalniņa, Sandra Zvīgule,

Leonarda Ķestere, Ģirts Ķesteris,

Harijs Spanovskis, Juris Žagars

Production Companies Screen Vision (Latvia),

Latsfilma (Latvia), Lats Film AB (Sweden)

National Premiere 14.08.2007



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FEATURE

Fire

Title Fire

Original Title Uguns

Short Feature, 2007, 35mm, 1:1.85, colour,
Dolby Digital Surround EX, 12'

Director Laila Pakalniņa

Screenplay Laila Pakalniņa

Cinematographer Gints Bērziņš

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Kaspars Kallas

Producer Laila Pakalniņa

Production Designer Jurgis Krāsons

Production Company Hargla Company

Main Cast Una Adamoviča, Guna Zariņa

National Premiere 28.09.2007

International Premiere

05.08.2007, Locarno IFF, Switzerland



As Marija discovers the world, she is often alongside firemen. Is it because things around her catch fire?



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: 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

Midsummer Madness

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St. John's Night is a traditional midsummer Latvian celebration where family and friends get together to build bonfires, drink and have a good time. According to a legend, on this night lovers and those who wish to fall in love can search the woods for the "magic fern".



ALEXANDER HAHN (selected titles)

Features: Midsummer Madness 2007 The Last Soviet Movie 2003
Im Innern des Maiskolben 2003
2000 & 1 Nacht oder das fatale Schicksal des Voyeurs 2000
The Making of "She, Me & Her" 2001 Far Away from St. Petersburg 1992



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FEATURE

Title Midsummer Madness

Original Title Jāņu nakts

Feature, 2007, 35mm, 1:1.85, colour,
Dolby Digital, 90'

Director Alexander Hahn

Screenplay Alexander Hahn

Cinematographer Jerzy Palacz

Production Designer Ieva Romanova

Music Markus Poechinger

Sound Tim Lewiston

Editor Justin Krish

Producer Markus Fischer

Co-producers Steve Walsh, Guntis Trekeris

Production Companies Fischerfilm (Austria),
Steve Walsh Productions (UK), Kaupo Filma (Latvia)

Main Cast Maria de Medeiros, Tobias Moretti,
Dominique Pinon, Orlando Wells, Gundars Āboliņš,
Birgit Minichmayr, Chulpan Khamatova,
Daniil Spivakovsky

National Premiere 07.11.2007

International Premiere 02.10.2007, Austria

Distributor EastWest Film Distribution

FEATURE

Title Monotony

Original Title Monotonija

Feature, 2007, 35 mm, 1:1.85, colour, stereo, 93'

Director Juris Poškus

Screenplay Juris Poškus

Cinematographers Andrejs Rudzāts,
Stefan Deutschmann

Production Designer Ilva Kļaviņa

Sound Ernests Ansons, Karl Mohr

Editors Liene Bāliņa, Uģis Grinbergs

Producers Juris Poškus, Laima Freimane,
Guntars Laucis, Madara Melberga

Production Company FA Filma

Main Cast Iveta Pole, Varis Piņķis,
Madara Melberga, Artuss Kaimiņš,
Andis Strods, Vilis Daudziņš

National Premiere 22.01.2007

International Premiere 26.06.2007,
Moscow IFF (Russia), Program Perspective



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Monotony



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Following an ad in the paper, Ilze leaves her native village to become an actress. She fails the audition, but her pride won't let her return with nothing. Her boyfriend Ojars, sceptical about her ambitions, comes after her to bring her back home. The plot evolves around their relationship as they pretend and lie to each other trying to end the emotional stand-off.

JURIS POŠKUS

Features: 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



Scortum

FEATURE

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A profession puts a label on one's identity. He is a preacher, she is a prostitute, but he is also man and she - a woman. Simple, yet complicated. One preacher's story of a critical period in his life, and about the tangled relationship between happiness and sin that is never resolved.



DŽ. DŽ. DŽILINDŽERS
Features: Scortum (short) 2007

Title Scortum

Original Title Scortum

Short Feature, 2007, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 26'

Director Dž.Dž. Džilindžers

Screenplay Dž.Dž. Džilindžers

Cinematographer Andrejs Verhoustinskis

Production Designer Mārtiņš Vilkārsis

Original Music Andris Vilcāns

Sound Jevgēņijs Kobzevs

Editor Aivis Neimanis

Producer Laima Freimane

Production Company Screen Vision

National Premiere 30.05.2007

International Premiere 12.04.2007,
Grenland Filmtage, Germany



Stones

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

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Kaspar Kallas

Producer Laila Pakalniņa

Production Designer Jurgis Krāsons

Costume Designer Līga Krāsone

Production Company Hargla Company

Main Cast Guna Zariņa, Leonīds Grabovskis



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.

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: 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



Vogelfrei

Four directors capture the simple, yet quintessential experiences of a single individual in different periods of his life – childhood, adolescence, adulthood and old age. The four loosely related segments form a single interwoven narrative, with each of the depicted events providing reference points for the others.



ANNA VIDULEJA

Features:
Vogelfrei (co-director) 2007
Nocturnal (short) 2000
The Comet 1996
Candy (short) Additional Hour
(short) 1994 The Modulation of
Frequency (short) 1993
The Tears of God (short) 1992



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



JĀNIS KALĒJS

Features:
Vogelfrei (co-director) 2007
Documentary:
Morning in the Pine Forest
(co-director) 1999



JĀNIS PUTNIŅŠ

Features:
Vogelfrei (co-director) 2007
Hide and Seek 2003
Investigation of Related
Events 1993
Sisyphus Said Yes 1992
Documentary:
Latvia So Close 1999



FEATURE

Title Vogelfrei

Original Title Vogelfrei

Feature, 2007, 35mm, 1:1.85, colour, Dolby, 90'

Directors Anna Viduleja, Gatis Šmits,
Jānis Kalējs, Jānis Putniņš

Screenplay Jānis Putniņš

Cinematographers Andrijs Parekh,
Sam Moon, Gints Bērziņš

Production Designer Evija Džonsone

Music Aleksandrs Vaicahovskis

Sound Aleksandrs Vaicahovskis

Editors Jēkabs Dimīters, Liene Bāliņa,
Armands Blumbergs

Producers Sergejs Berdičevskis,
Ivo Čeplevičs, Alise Ģelze

Production Company Film Angels Studio

National Premiere 07.06.2007

International Premiere 05.10.2007, Pusan IFF
2007, World Cinema, Korea



FEATURE
COMING SOON

Title Amateur

Original Title Amatieris

Feature, 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 Jevgērijs Kobzevs

Editor Jānis Nords

Producer Jūlija Pasnaka

Production Company Red Cats Film Studio

To be released April 2008

Amateur



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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: Rendezvous (short) 2005

The Peace Makers (short) 2004



Cecil



Cecil 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: Perfect Morning (short) 2000
Crack the Nut (short) 2000
The Good, the Bad and the Afro (short) 1999

FEATURE
COMING SOON

Title Cecil

Original Title Sesils

Short feature, 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

To be released April 2008

MEDIA



FEATURE
COMING SOON

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

Artist Jurgis Krāsons

Sound Normunds Klaviņš

Editor Igors Vereniēks

Producer Guntis Trekteris

Production Company Ego Media

To be released August 2008

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The Hunt



Films
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Latvia

Unexpected events on a hot summer day in the city have a dramatic effect on 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



The Last Bear-slayer



Latvia is governed by a strange ruler with a pig's snout who calls himself Mr. Snout. Loath to being filmed himself and to filmmaking in general, he has locked up all positive heroes in an effort to prevent filming from taking place. The few survivors hope for the return of the Latvian folk hero Bear-slayer, who vanished into the river many centuries ago. In these harsh times, Bear-slayer rises from the water again to fight Mr. Snout. This film is a criticism of how the inaction of the Latvian government has brought Latvian filmmaking close to extinction.



JĀNIS VINGRIS

Features: Angelus Mortus (short) 2007 White Beast (short) 2004
Trefpunt (short) 2004 Bad Place (short) 2000 Story of Life (short) 2001
Soul of The House (short) 2001
Documentaries: Alexander 2006 Roof Man 2003 Film about Films 1999

FEATURE
COMING SOON

Title The Last Bear-slayer

Original Title Pēdējais Lāčplēsis

Short feature, 16 mm, 1:1.66, colour, stereo, 20'

Director Jānis Vingris

Screenplay Jānis Vingris

Cinematographer Uldis Jancis

Production Designer Jurgis Krāsons

Producers Jānis Vingris, Cay Wesnigk

Production Company Eho Filma

Co-production with

C.Wesnigk Filmproduction (Germany)

To be released May 2008



FEATURE COMING SOON

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

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, Kristine Beljicka,

Valery Yaremenko, Lauris Subatnieks

To be released May 2008

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Mona



Films
from
Latvia

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: My Husband Andrei Sakharov 2006

Vijaya 2005 Going into Darkness 2003 A World Apart 2002

Poco a Poco 2001 The Latvian Legion 2000



Signs of Light



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

FEATURE
COMING SOON

Title Signs of Light

Original Title Gaismas zīmes

Short feature, 35 mm, 1:1.85, colour, stereo, 12'

Director Ilze Kunga

Screenplay Ilze Kunga, Ivo Briedis

Cinematographer Maksim Efros

Production Designer Ilva Kļaviņa

Producers Laima Freimane, Guna Stahovska

Production Company Screen Vision

To be released September 2008



FEATURE
COMING SOON

Title Three to Dance

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

Director Arvids Krievs

Screenplay Andris Puriņš

Cinematographers Andrejs Verhoustinskis,
[Dāvis Simanīis], Agris Birzulis

Production Designer Ieva Romanova

Original Music Mārtiņš Freimanis

Executive Producer Kristians Luhaers

Producers Arvids Krievs, Jānis Vingris

Production Company Kaupo Filma

To be released December 2008

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Three to Dance



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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.

ARVĪDS KRIEVS (selected titles)

Features: You're Sexy When You're Sad 2004

Eve's Garden of Paradise 1990 Photo With a Woman and Wild Hog 1987

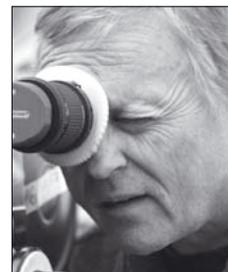
Raspberry Wine 1984 Game 1981 The Guilty 1979

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



ANIMATION



Title Danceplay

Original Title Spēlēju, dancoju!

2D animation, 2007, Betacam SP, 1:1.33,
colour, stereo, 35'

Director Roze Stiebra

Screenplay Ansis Bērziņš

Based on a play by Rainis

Cinematographer Uģis Bērziņš

Scene Designer Helēna Heinrihsone

Character Designer Helēna Heinrihsone

Animators Maija Brence, Dace Liepa, Dagmāra
Lauriņa, Dzintars Krūmiņš

Computer Graphics Dzintars Krūmiņš

Original Music Ilga Reizniece,
Gatis Gaujenieks

Sound Gatis Gaujenieks, Uģis Bērziņš

Editor Roze Stiebra

Producer Ansis Bērziņš

Production Company Dauka

National Premiere 02.04.2007

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Danceplay



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Traditional moral values and contemporary animation styles in a story about the adventures of the musician Tot. Set to ethnic music, the film is a contemporary “ballet” of animation.

ROZE STIEBRA (selected titles)

Animation: 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 Steve 1975
Dilly Dally in the Perpendicular's Kingdom 1974 The Fairy-tale about the Holy Fiddler 1974
About the Wolf Who Did Not Devour the Piglet 1972 Five Cats 1971 Hello Hella! 1970 The Rainy Day 1969



Half a Bear



Sometimes we get lost. And then we have to be found again, so that no one is sad.



NILS SKAPĀNS

Animation: 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 series Munk and Lemmy 1993-1995

Title Half a Bear

Original Title Pustlācis

Clay animation, 2007, Betacam SP, 16:9, colour, stereo, 8'30"

Director Nils Skapāns

Screenplay Nils Skapāns, Ieva Salmane

Animator Nils Skapāns

Art Nils Skapāns, Ilze Emse

Original Music Peter Helms

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Cinematographer Nils Skapāns

Editors Nils Skapāns, Andris Zemītis

Producers Nils Skapāns, Antra Čilinska

Production Company Juris Podnieks Studio

National Premiere 29.06.2007

International Premiere 29.10-04.11.2007,
Leipzig International Documentary and
Animation FF, Germany

Hunting

Title Hunting

Original Title Medības

Puppet animation, 2007, 35mm, 1:1.66,
colour, stereo, 9'

Director Jānis Cimermanis

Screenplay Māris Putniņš

Cinematographer Ēvalds Lācis

Animator Dace Ridūze

Artist Māris Putniņš

Original Music Mārtiņš Brauns

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editors Jānis Cimermanis, Ēvalds Lācis

Producer Māris Putniņš

Production Company Animācijas Brigāde

National Premiere 24.03.2007

International Premiere

13.-17.03.2007, BUFF, Sweden



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The old forest-guard lives in a house in the middle of the woods surrounded by his friends, the animals. One day he hears that the hunters are planning a hunt. The situation seems hopeless, but there is someone who can help – the Rescue Team.



JĀNIS CIMERMANIS

Features: I'll Buy Your Husband! 2003

Animation: The Latvian 2007 Hunting, series Rescue Team 2007 series Mischieves 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

The Latvian



Films
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A unique testament to the power of film – a witty summary of the entire history of Latvia from ancient to modern times in eight minutes.



JĀNIS CIMERMANIS

Features: I'll Buy Your Husband! 2003

Animation: The Latvian 2007 Hunting, series Rescue Team 2007 series Mischieves 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

Title The Latvian

Original Title Latvietis

Puppet animation, 2007, HDV, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 8'51"

Director Jānis Cimermanis

Screenplay Māris Putniņš

Cinematographer Ēvalds Lācis

Artist Māris Putniņš

Original Music Mārtiņš Brauns

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editors Jānis Cimermanis, Ēvalds Lācis

Producer Mārtiņš Putniņš

Production Company Animācijas Brigāde

National Premiere 04.08.2007

International Premiere

12.-16.09.07. FANTOCHE International Animation
FF, Switzerland

Little Bird's Diary

Title Little Bird's Diary

Original Title Čiža acim

Documentary animation, 2007, Digital Betacam,
4:3, colour, stereo, 26'

Director Edmunds Jansons

Screenplay Nora Ikstena

Original Drawings Irina Piļķe

Animation Edmunds Jansons

Original Music Ģirts Bišs

Sound Ģirts Bišs

Editor Edmunds Jansons

Producer Bruno Aščuks

Production Company Studija Centurms

National Premiere 29.09.2007



Films
from
Latvia

The first Latvian documentary animation film is based on unique drawings from the diary of 80 year-old Irina Piļķe, encompassing a period from the end of WWII until the beginning of the 80s. These drawings, where the author appears as a little bird, show everything around her...everything we call life. Through the eyes of the little bird Chiz, we get a glimpse of an earlier age.



EDMUNDS JANSONS

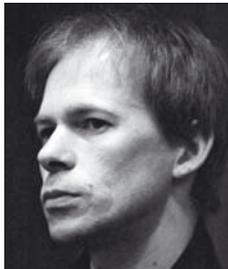
Animation: Little Bird's Diary 2007 The Gift 2005
Scissorsman 2005 The White 2001 Star Tea 1999 Vrubel 1998
Fear 1998 Lullaby 1997 Haiku 1995
Documentaries: The Black Spawn 2003

Lost in Snow



Films
from
LatVIA

In winter some people go ice fishing. Excitement intensified by freezing temperatures and strong drink leads to unpredictable consequences.



VLADIMIR LESCHIOV

Animation: Lost in Snow 2007
Insomnia 2004

Grandad's Honey 2002 The Letter 2002

Title Lost in Snow

Original Title Zuduši Sniegā

Paint on cell animation, 2007, 35 mm, 1:1.85,
colour, Dolby Digital, 8'

Director Vladimir Leschiov

Screenplay Vladimir Leschiov

Artist Vladimir Leschiov

Original Music Normand Roger

Sound Normand Roger

Editor Renārs Vilkaušs

Producer Inga Prauliņa

Production Company Jet Media

Co-operation with AniMera AB (Sweden)

Distributors World – JetMedia,
Scandinavia, Poland - AniMera AB

National Premiere 26.01.2007

International Premiere 17 - 22.04.2007,
Dresden International Short FF, Germany

ANIMATION

Title Mechanism

Original Title Mehānisms

2D/cut-out animation, 2007, Betacam SP,
4:3, colour, stereo, 10'

Director Kārlis Vītols

Script Kārlis Vītols

Designer Kārlis Vītols

Animators Kārlis Vītols, Ilze Ruska

Original Music Totem, [Ivars Vigners]

Sound Pēteris Tenisons

Editor Kārlis Vītols

Producer Viesturs Graždanovičs

Production Company Urga

National Premiere 08.03.2007

International Premiere

29.05.2007, ZLIN Film Festival, Czech Republic

Mechanism



Films
From
Latvia

After his spaceship crashes, an astronaut finds himself on a mysterious metal planet. What he doesn't know is that inside the planet is a mechanical clock – the heart of the universe. And it has stopped...



KĀRLIS VĪTOLS

Animation: Mechanism 2007 The Garden of Fetish 2006
The Trophy 2004 Kloijhi 2000
The Red Glove 1998

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The New Species



Films
from
Latvia

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

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 Mārtiņš Putniņš

Production Company Animācijas Brigāde

International Premiere:

02.2008, Berlin IFF, Generation Kplus

Title The Ship

Original Title Kuģis

Machinima 3D animation, 2007, DV, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 8'

Idea Oļegs Tilbergs

Director Egils Mednis

Artist Egils Mednis

Producers Egils Mednis, Guna Stahovska

Production Company

Svešās tehnoloģijas

Game Engine Unreal Tournament 2004,
Epic Games

National Premiere 30.08.2007

The Ship



Films
from
Latvia

Father and son depart on a long journey through a magnificent field of snow. Yet they are not alone, for they are being followed by a huge black Ship. The journey turns into a run for their lives. What is this ship – reality, or merely a figment of our imagination?

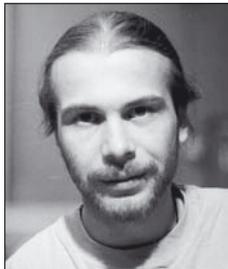


EGILS MEDNIS
Animation: The Ship 2007

Ship of Hope



People are in the habit of searching afar for what is really at arm's length. In the end, if people are destined to meet, they will find each other.



MĀRIS BRINKMANIS

Animation: Ship of Hope 2007
Hurry Up, Munchausen, Hurry Up! 2005
Magician 2001

Title Ship of Hope

Original Title Cerību kuģis

Puppet animation, 2007, Betacam SP, 16:9,
colour, stereo 8'

Director Māris Brinkmanis

Screenplay Māris Brinkmanis

Cinematographer Ēvalds Lācis

Animator Māris Brinkmanis

Scene Designer Jolanta Milberga

Character Designer Jolanta Milberga

Original Music Kristaps Cukurs

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Māris Brinkmanis

Producers Māris Putniņš

Production Company Animācijas Brigāde

National Premiere 04.05.2007

International Premiere 14.11-20.11.2007,
International Children's FF
The Golden Elephant, India



ANIMATION

Title Smile, My Friend!

Original Title Pasmaidi, draugs!

Puppet animation, 2007, 35mm, 1:1.66,
colour, stereo, 11'

Director Dace Ridūze

Screenplay Ēvalds Lācis

Cinematographer Ēvalds Lācis

Animator Dace Ridūze

Scene Designer Ieva Kauliņa

Character Designer Roberts Cinkuss

Original Music Mārtiņš Brauns

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Ēvalds Lācis

Producer Māris Putniņš

Production Company Animācijas Brigāde

National Premiere 25.03.2007

International Premiere

13.-17.03.2007, BUFF, Sweden

Smile, My Friend!



Films
from
Latvia

There is a huge uproar in the forest: Beaver's teeth have been stolen. Detective Owl and his assistant Piglet are to investigate this mysterious crime. Several forest inhabitants appear to be possible suspects, but the guilty one is not so easily discovered.



DACE RIDŪZE

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

Teat Beat of Sex: episodes 8, 9, 10, 11



It is a take on the first kiss, first make-out session, first jealousy and first sex from a girl's point of view.



SIGNE BAUMANE

Animation: Teat Beat of Sex: episodes 8, 9, 10, 11 2007 The Vet 2007
Teat Beat Of Sex: Episodes 1, 2, 3 2007 Five Infomercials for Dentists 2005
Dentist 2005 Woman 2002 Five F*cking Fables 2002 Natasha 2001
The Threatened One 1999 Love Story 1998 The Gold of the Tigers 1995
Tiny Shoes 1993 The Witch and the Cow 1991

Title Teat Beat of Sex: episodes 8, 9, 10, 11

Original Title

Teat Beat of Sex: episodes 8, 9, 10, 11
2D animation, 2007, 35 mm, 1:1.37,
colour, stereo, 7'

Director Signe Baumann

Screenplay Signe Baumann

Cinematographer Signe Baumann

Designer Signe Baumann

Animator Signe Baumann

Character Designer Signe Baumann

Computer Graphics Signe Baumann

Original Music Andris Barons

Sound David Lawson

Editor Signe Baumann

Producers Signe Baumann, Pierre Poire

Production Company Signe Baumann

International Premiere

02.2008, Berlin IFF, Short Film Competition

Distributor Premium Films



ANIMATION

Title The Vet

Original Title Veterinārārsts

Cell animation, 2007, 35mm,
1:1.66, colour, stereo, 20'

Director Signe Baumannē

Screenplay Signe Baumannē

Cinematographer Renārs Zālītis

Artist Signe Baumannē

Sound Andris Barons

Editor Signe Baumannē

Producer Vilnis Kalnaeļis

Production Company Rija Films

National Premiere 19.06.2007

International Premiere

19.10.2007, Hamptons IFF, USA

The Vet



Films
From
Latvia

A veterinarian routinely goes on house calls to treat sick animals. He is able to save most, but one time he arrives too late. The animal dies, and that breaks the vet's heart. One night, all of the animals come to him in a dream. He receives forgiveness and love, and when he wakes up his heart has healed.



SIGNE BAUMANE

Animation: Teat Beat of Sex: episodes 8, 9, 10, 11 2007 The Vet 2007
Teat Beat Of Sex: Episodes 1, 2, 3 2007 Five Infomercials for Dentists 2005
Dentist 2005 Woman 2002 Five F*cking Fables 2002 Natasha 2001
The Threatened One 1999 Love Story 1998 The Gold of the Tigers 1995
Tiny Shoes 1993 The Witch and the Cow 1991

The Deer Herder and Kelle



A deer herder lives happily among his herd, until one day Kelle falls out of the ear of a deer. Not knowing what to do, the herder takes the newborn home. Kelle eats up everything around him and now sets his sights on the herdsman. A Chukchi folk story.



ROZE STIEBRA (selected titles)

Animation: 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 Nussy 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
About the Wolf Who Did Not Devour the Piglet 1972 Five Cats 1971 Hello Hella! 1970 The Rainy Day 1969

ANIMATION
COMING SOON

Title The Deer Herder and Kelle
Original Title Brižkopis un Kelle
2D animation, Betacam SP, 16:9, colour, stereo, 7'

Director Roze Stiebra
Screenplay Roze Stiebra
Animator Maija Brencē
Scene Designer Kristaps Zariņš
Character Designer Kristaps Zariņš
Computer Graphics Dzintars Krūmiņš
Original Music Oroboro
Sound Oroboro
Editor Roze Stiebra
Producer Ansis Bērziņš
Production Company Dauka
To be released December 2008



ANIMATION COMING SOON

Title Did You Say Something?

Original Title Vai tu ko teici?

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

Director Roze Stiebra

Screenplay Roze Stiebra

Animator Maija Brence

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

To be released March 2008

Did You Say Something?



Films
From
Latvia

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)

Animation: 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
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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 Steve 1975
Dilly Dally in the Perpendicular's Kingdom 1974 The Fairy-tale about the Holy Fiddler 1974
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Flap Your Wings!



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



NILS SKAPĀNS

Animation: 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 series Munk and Lemmy 1993-1995

ANIMATION
COMING SOON

Title Flap Your Wings!

Original Title Sasit spārnus!

Puppet animation, Digital Betacam, 16:9, colour, stereo, 15'

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 Čilinska

Production Company Juris Podnieks Studio

To be released May 2008



ANIMATION COMING SOON

Title Karu Tuleb!

Original Title Karu Tuleb!

Puppet animation, 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

To be released May 2008



Karu Tuleb!



Films
From
Latvia

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 unsuccessfully 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

Features: I'll Buy Your Husband! 2003

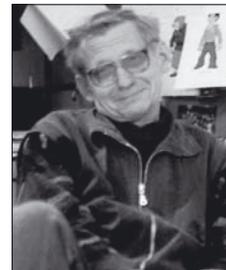
Animation: The Latvian 2007 Hunting, series Rescue Team 2007 series Mischiefes II 2006

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



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 the 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

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 Linīņa

Screenplay Māra Linīņa

Artists Ilmārs Blumbergs, Ieva Jurjāne,
Kristīne Jurjāne-Klotiņa

Original Music Kaspars Dimīters, Nīls Īle,
Uģis Vitiņš

Sound Mārtiņš Tauriņš, Ģirts Bišs

Producer Laima Freimane

Production Company Atom Art

To be released May 2008



ANIMATION COMING SOON

Title Red Rider

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

Director Mārtiņš Pauliņš

Screenplay Mārtiņš Pauliņš

Cinematographer Renārs Zālītis

Designer Mārtiņš Pauliņš

Animators Taiga Zile, Dace Dārzniece,
Ieva Šmite

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

To be released September 2008

Red Rider



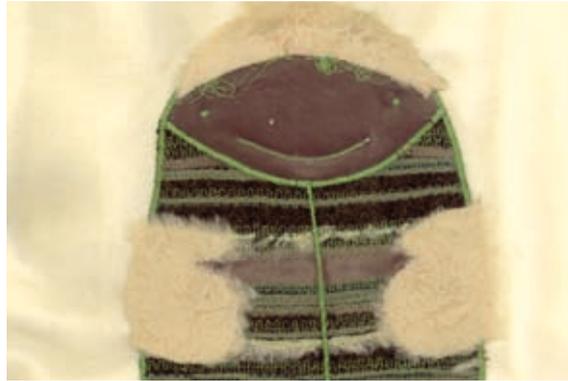
Films
from
Latvia

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



MĀRTIŅŠ PAULIŅŠ

Shammies



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 Tea 1999 Vrabel 1998
Fear 1998 Lullaby 1997 Haiku 1995
Documentaries: The Black Spawn 2003

ANIMATION
COMING SOON

Title Shammies

Original Title Lupatiņi

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

Director Edmunds Jansons

Screenplay Inese Zandere

Designer Ūna Laukmane

Animators Mārtiņš Dūmiņš, Edmunds Jansons

Character Designer Ūna Laukmane

Artist Ūna Laukmane

Original Music Valts Pūce

Editor Edmunds Jansons

Producer Sabine Andersone

Production Company Atom Art

To be released July 2008



ANIMATION COMING SOON

Title Sister and Brother

Original Title Māsa un brālīs

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

Director Roze Stiebra

Screenplay Inese Zandere

Animator Maija Brence

Scene Designer Juris Petraškevičs

Character Designer Juris Petraškevičs

Computer Graphics Dzintars Krūmiņš

Original Music Gunārs Kalniņš

Sound Gunārs Kalniņš

Editor Roze Stiebra

Producer Ansis Bērziņš

Production Company Dauka

Co-production with publishing office

Lielais un Mazais

To be released August 2008



Sister and Brother



Films
From
Latvia

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 (selected titles)

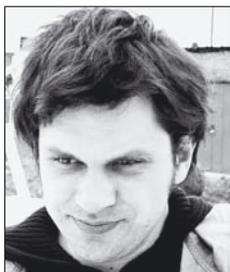
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Dilly Dally in the Perpendicular's Kingdom 1974 The Fairy-tale about the Holy Fiddler 1974
About the Wolf Who Did Not Devour the Piglet 1972 Five Cats 1971 Hello Hella! 1970 The Rainy Day 1969



Springtime on Vārnu Street



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



EDMUNDS JANSONS

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

ANIMATION
COMING SOON

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
Cinematographer Aigars Gercāns
Artist Ilva Kļaviņa
Original Music Ingus Baušķenieks
Editor Edmunds Jansons
Producer Laima Freimane
Production Company Atom Art
To be released May 2008



ANIMATION
COMING SOON

Title Strange Collection

Original Title Svešā kolekcija

2D animation, Digital Betacam, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 18'

Director Kārlis Vītols

Screenplay Kārlis Vītols

Designer Kārlis Vītols

Animator Kārlis Vītols

Editor Kārlis Vītols

Producer Viesturs Graždanovičs

Production Company URGA

To be released May 2008



Strange Collection



Films
from
Latvia

The story of a samurai village in Japan consumed by Latvian culture mania. It turns out there is an evil thief who is prepared even to kill to get his hands on more Latvian culture relics. A local samurai is hired to fight the evil thief and recover a stolen painting by V. Purvītis.

KĀRLIS VĪTOLS

Animation: Mechanism 2007

Garden of Fetish 2006

The Trophy 2004 Kloijņi 2000

The Red Glove 1998



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 Frog up, and save Toots and the others from a particularly thirsty end.



NILS SKAPĀNS

Animation: 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 series Munk and Lemmy 1993-1995

ANIMATION COMING SOON

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 Silānza,
Dace Lūce, Gunta Sudraba, Dina 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

Producers Inga Prauliņa, Gorazd Norčič

Production Company Jet Media

Co-production with Collective D.O.O (Slovenia)

To be released May 2008



NATIONAL
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LATVIA



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INSTITŪTS

ANIMATION COMING SOON

Title View Finder

Original Title Skatu meklētājs
2D/3D animation, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, Dolby Digital, 4'

Director Pēteris Noviks

Screenplay Pēteris Noviks

Designer Pēteris Noviks

Animators Dagnis Krusts,
Aleksandrs Admiralovs, Nils Blumbergs,
Pēteris Noviks

Scene Designer Pēteris Noviks

Artist Pēteris Noviks

Character Designer Pēteris Noviks

Computer Graphics Dagnis Krusts, Aleksandrs
Admiralovs, Nils Blumbergs, Pēteris Noviks

Art Director Pēteris Noviks

Sound Andris Barons

Editor Pēteris Noviks

Producer Vilnis Kalnaellis

Production Company Rija Films

To be released September 2008



View Finder



Films
from
Latvia

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



PĒTERIS NOVIKS
Animation: Place 2006
Structuring 2006

When Apples Roll Down the Roof

Films
from
Latvia



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

Features: Discovery of Love (short) 2007
Coming Soon (short) 2007, Run (short) 2006
Kipurtikaritas (short) 2006
4 minutes older (short) 2005
Documentaries: Energy Center (short) 2006

ANIMATION
COMING SOON

Title When Apples Roll Down the Roof

Original Title Kad āboli ripo pa jumtu

Drawing on paper animation, 35 mm, 1:1,66,
colour, Dolby Digital, 7'

Director Reinis Kalnaellis

Screenplay Māra Liniņa, Andris Akmentiņš,
Andrejs Prigičevs

Cinematographer Renārs Zālītis

Designers Andrejs Prigičevs, Laima Puntule

Animators Taiga Zile, Dace Dārzniece,
Jolanta Bigele, Valentīna Lietuviete

Scene Designers Taiga Zile, Māra Liniņa

Character Designer Andrejs Prigičevs

Computer Graphics Renārs Zālītis

Art Director Laima Puntule

Sound Andris Barons

Editor Reinis Kalnaellis

Producer Vilnis Kalnaellis

Production Company Rija Films

To be released September 2008



ANIMATION COMING SOON

Title Wings and Oars

Original Title Spārni un airi

2D animation, 35 mm, 1:1.85, colour,
Dolby SR, 5'30"

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 December 2008

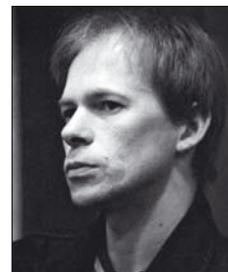


Wings and Oars



Films
From
Latvia

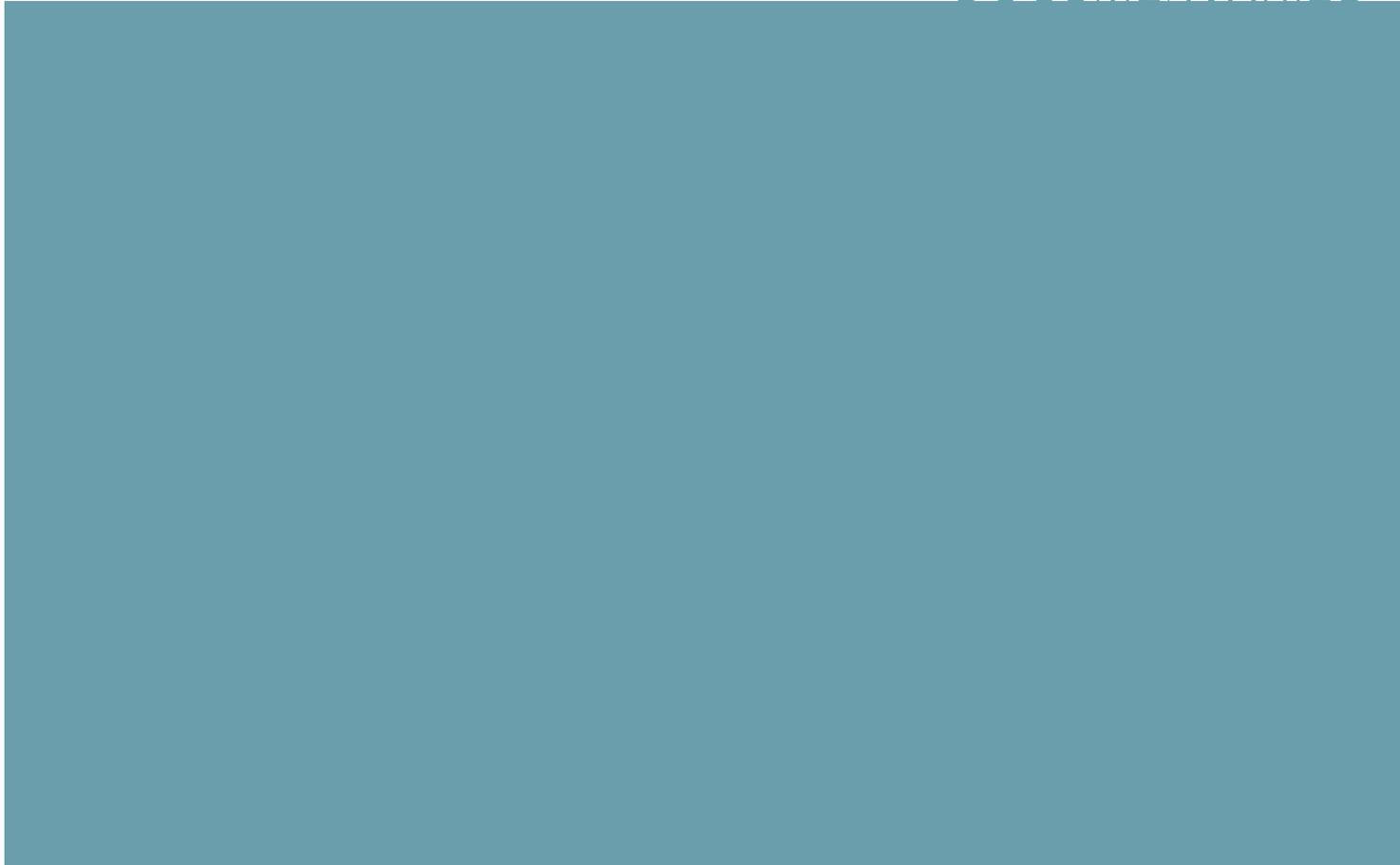
Flying above the clouds, he couldn't imagine how his life would change after he met her. Life with wings and oars – it's flight, love, escape and...a boat station on a deserted island.



VLADIMIR LESCHIOV

Animation: Lost in Snow 2007
Insomnia 2004 Grandad's Honey 2002
The Letter 2002

DOCUMENTARIES



Title 600 Stories That Have to Be Told

Original Title 600 stāsti... mums bija tas jāizstāsta
Documentary, 2007, Betacam SP, 4:3, mono, 52'

Director Dzintra Geka

Screenplay Dzintra Geka

Cinematographer Aivars Lubānietis

Sound Armands Zvirbulis

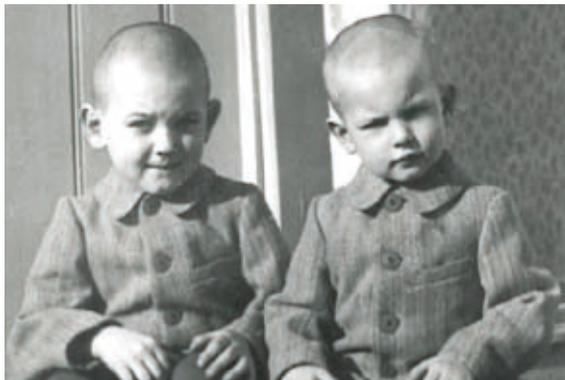
Editor Armands Zvirbulis

Producer Dzintra Geka

Production Company Sibīrijas Bērni

National Premiere 13.06.2007.

600 Stories That Have to Be Told



Interviews were conducted over a seven year period with 670 people who were deported to Siberia as children in 1941. Fragments of their memories form a mosaic revealing their past experiences of losing fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. Time heals, but nothing is forgotten and the stories must be told.

DZINTRA GEKA

Documentaries: 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 Persidents 2005 Signe and 2003 Siberian Diaries, part 3-4 2003 Siberian Diaries, part 1-2 2002
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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



The Church Will Arrive in the Evening

Films
from
Latvia



In the ice-free months of the year Father Gennady captains a barge transformed into a floating Orthodox Church on a mission trip along the Volga-Don Canal to the remote Russian villages. At each port of call Father Gennady leads church services, distributes holy sacraments and hears confessions. But some unexpected circumstances cause the mission to suddenly take a rather different turn.



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

Title: The Church Will Arrive in the Evening
Original Title: Vienkārši pops
Documentary, 2007, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 52'

Director Andis Mizišs

Screenplay Elvita Ruka, Andis Mizišs

Cinematographer Agris Birzulis

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs, Arvids Ceļmalis

Editor Gunta Ikere

Producer Uldis Cekulis

Production Company Vides Filmu Studija

National Premiere 28.09.2007

Created with the support of the Baltic
Media Centre

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Title The Draughtsman

Original Title Zīmētājs

Documentary, 2007, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 18'

Director Dāvis Simanis

Screenplay Dāvis Simanis

Cinematographer Andrejs Rudzāts

Original Music Matīss Paegliītis

Sound Jevgērijs Kobzevs

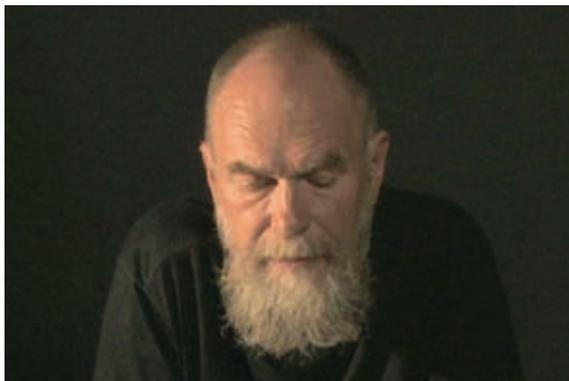
Editors Andra Lejniece, Dāvis Simanis

Producer Roberts Vinovskis

Production Company Locomotive Productions

National Premiere 04.05.2007.

The Draughtsman



Films
from
Latvia

Touch the paper, hear the sound of the pencil and always trace himself – Latvian artist, Ilmārs Blumbergs, has rules. The story of a man who does not create art for around or within but has instead made it a constant state of being.

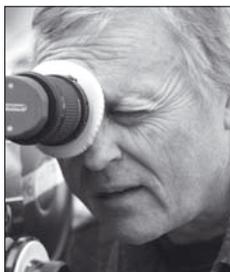
DĀVIS SĪMANIS
Documentaries: The Draughtsman 2007
Version LNO 2006



Father, Family and the Threshing Machine



Actress Indra Burkovska tells the story of her father Aleksandrs and his large family, and life on the farm through the 20th century when the farmer was both master and slave to his land. Aleksandrs presents a gift to the Ethnographic Open Air Museum that was his life's dream – a threshing machine *Imanta*.



ARVĪDS KRIEVS (selected titles)

Features: You're Sexy When You're Sad 2004

Eve's Garden of Paradise 1990 Photo With a Woman and Wild Hog 1987

Raspberry Wine 1984 Game 1981 The Guilty 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

Title Father, Family and the Threshing Machine

Original Title Tēvs, radi, kuļmašina

Documentary, 2007, DVCAM, 4:3, mono, 58'

Director Arvīds Krievs

Text Indra Burkovska

Cinematographers [Dāvis Simaniš],

Gvido Skulte, Trund Jakobsen,

Māris Jurgensons, Aivars Kalniņš,

Zintis Spuleniņš, Aigars Belovs

Sound Mikus Frišfelds

Editor Kristians Luhaers

Producer Indra Burkovska

Production Company Kaupo Filma

National Premiere 30.09.2007.

Title In Bed with Surrealism. Augusts Sukuts

Original Title Sirreālisma gultā. Sukuts

Documentary, 2007, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 30'

Director Ilona Brūvere

Screenplay Ilona Brūvere

Cinematographers Ints Ivans, Alvis Balodis,

Kaspars Gedertsons, Gunārs Bandēns,
Normunds Čirkste

Sound Daina Klišāne, Ilvars Zālītis

Editor Valdis Zeļonka

Producer Ilona Brūvere

Production Company Kinolats

National Premiere 29.09.2007



In Bed with Surrealism. Augusts Sukuts



Films
from
Latvia

The international film festival Arsenals has been a fixture on the Riga scene for the last 20 years. It has introduced new film aesthetic and was one of the only creatively free events in Soviet times. Over the years the festival has influenced culture and society in Eastern Europe, continually dazzling us with its creativity. The film is a portrait of the director, the father of Arsenals and trusty knight of surrealism.

ILONA BRŪVERE

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

Documentaries: In the Bed of Surrealism. Augusts Sukuts 2007

My World Paris, London, Berlin, Rome 2002 Seven Tricks 1994 Dou 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

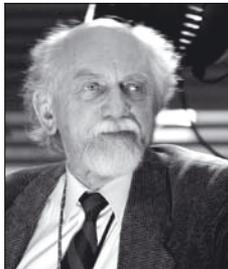


In the Shade of the Oak Tree

Films
from
Latvia



A thorough study of the situation in rural Latvia over the course of the last thirty years, where the conflict between the familiar and the new, and desire and opportunity has fostered creative thinking in farmers looking to be masters of their own land.



IVARS SELECKIS (selected titles)

Documentaries: In the Shade of the Oak Tree 2007 Primadonna on Rollerskates 2002
New Times at Crossroad Street 1999 Leeward Side 1998 Salty Life 1996
Crocodile's Move 1995 Come Down, Pale Moon! 1994 Eduard Shevardnadze 1992
Crossroad Street 1988 Maestro Without Tails 1985 A Woman Between Two Novels 1984
Wanted: A Man 1983 A Woman Who is Waited 1978 The Mirror of Thirst 1976
The Corn-Bins 1973 Valmiera Girls 1970

Title In the Shade of the Oak Tree
Original Title Zem ozola kuplajiem zariem
Documentary, 2007, 35 mm, 1:1.37,
colour, Dolby, 100'

Director Ivars Seleckis

Screenplay Andris Vanadzins

Cinematographer Ivars Seleckis

Original Music [Ivars Vigners], Jānis Brunovskis

Sound Aivars Riekstiņš, Viktors Ličovs

Editor Maija Selecka

Producers [Aldis Bērziņš], [Leonids Bērziņš]

Production Companies

European Documentary Film Symposiums,
Riga Motion Pictures Studio, IK Studija

Co-production with WFDiF (Poland)

National Premiere 10.09.2007

Title John Dored's Island

Original Title Džona Doreda sala
Documentary, 2007, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, mono, 45'

Director Dzintra Geka

Screenplay Ēriks Lānss

Cinematographer Aivars Lubānietis

Sound Ilvars Zālītis

Editor Armands Zvirbulis

Producer Dzintra Geka

Production Company Sibīrijas Bērni

National Premiere 06.04.2007.

John Dored's Island



Films
from
Latvia

John Dored was the first Latvian cinematographer to train with the famous Pathé, actively film on the front lines of WWI, and the only foreigner who filmed Lenin's funeral, illegally. After emigrating to the U.S.A. he worked as a correspondent for Paramount News for 25 years and continued reporting from war zones. The film is based on the correspondence and journals of Dored and his wife Elizabeth – a portrait of a stellar career and of fate, love, life and death.

DZINTRA GEKA

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Remember or Forget 2005 Once There Was Siberia 2005 Greetings from Siberia 2004
Latvian Persidents 2005 Signe and 2003 Siberian Diaries, part 3-4 2003 Siberian Diaries, part 1-2 2002
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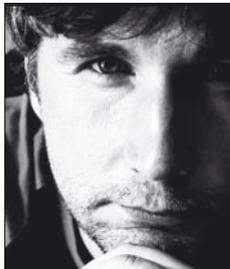


Lat Bomberos



Films
from
Latvia

Twenty Latvian strangers spend 100 days travelling through Latin America on fire-trucks. The beautiful scenery serves only as a back-drop for human interaction - nerves are tested by travelling companions rather than any hardships of the road. The cameras are never switched off resulting in uncensored discourse and comic situations.



KRIŠS OZOLS

Documentaries: Lat Bomberos 2007
Vaira's Smiling 2007 EU (co-director) 2004
From East to West 1999/

Title Lat Bomberos

Original Title Latviešu Bomberosī

Documentary, 2007, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 104'

Director Krišs Ozols

Screenplay Krišs Ozols

Cinematographer Valdis Celmiņš

Editors Krišs Ozols, Uģis Olte

Producers Laura Regzdiņa, Rojs Dauburs,
Uldis Cekulis

Production Company Mēmais šovs

Co-production with Vides Filmu studija

National Premiere 17.06.2007.

Title The Stations

Original Title Stacijas

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

Director Ilona Brūvere

Cinematographers [Dāvis Simaniš],

Agris Birzulis, Normunds Čirkste

Original Music Gorans Gora

Producer Ilona Brūvere

Production Company Kinolats

National Premiere 17.01.2008

The Stations



Films
from
Latvia

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 railway stations that trains only pass by. It's a lonely world, full of memories and railway ambience. A story without words, but with music, sounds of the railroad and unrealized journeys that make their lives endurable.



ILONA BRŪVERE

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

Documentaries: In the Bed of Surrealism. Augusts Sukuts 2007

My World Paris, London, Berlin, Rome 2002 Seven Tricks 1994 Dou 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

Stuck in Stikine



Five men from Latvia - 2 businessmen, an experienced traveller, a cameraman and their tour guide head out to tame the fastest flowing river in North America - Stikine. But unexpected winter sets in, placing them in a situation that could cost them their lives. Despite locals' advice, men decide to press on, leading them to dramatic events, that were not supposed to happen.



UĢIS OLTE
Documentaries: Stuck in Stikine 2007

Title Stuck in Stikine

Original Title Stikine ledus slazdā
Documentary, 2007, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 82'

Director Uģis Olte

Screenplay Uģis Olte

Cinematographer Valdis Celmiņš

Original Music Ainis Rudzītis

Sound Uģis Olte

Editor Uģis Olte

Producers Uģis Olte, Uldis Cekulis,
Raymond Dombrovsky

Production Company Klipu filmu darbnīca

Co-production with Vides Filmu studija
(Latvia), Endurance Logistics (Latvia)

National Premiere 04.08.2007

Title Walter Zapp: The Minox Was My Life

Original Title Minox Leģenda

Documentary, 2007, Digital Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 52'

Director Kurt Widmer

Screenplay Pēteris Korsaks, Kurt Widmer

Cinematographer Richard Grell

Original Music Pim Nieuwlands

Sound Silvio Anania

Editor Doris Schmid

Producers Guntis Trekeris, Wolfgang Frei

Production Company Ego Media

Co-production with NZZ Format (Switzerland)

National Premiere 04.05.2007.

Walter Zapp: The Minox Was My Life



Films
From
Latvia

Who was Walter Zapp? He is known to photography enthusiasts as the father of the Minox, the first, revolutionary miniature camera, which he invented in 1935. Because the Minox was so small it became a legendary and sought after object for generations of spies – much to the displeasure of its inventor.



KURT WIDMER

Features: Testament (short) 1992

Documentaries: Walter Zapp: The Minox was my Life 2007 Lime Mandoga 1996

Animation: Michi & Chrigi 1988

Working Class Ballet



Films
from
Latvia

The European championship football madness, drunken „experts“ at the provincial stadium, the backstage of the National team, raving fans on the streets of Paris and Lisbon. Football is a sport and entertainment though possibly there is more to the game. Philosophers, linguists, a neuropsychologist and a football coach contemplate on the parallels between football and the drama of life, forming an unusual tale on what football is or could be.



ROBERTS VINOVSĶIS

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

Documentaries: Working Class Ballet 2007 Road to Portugal 2004

New York Graffiti 1999 Visions from Mexico 1998 The Beauty of Unseen 1996

King of Copies 1996 Sharks from the Baltics 1994 Christmas in England 1994

En descendant la tour 1993 Night Life of Riga 1993 Story of Lenin 1992 Biography 1992

Title Working Class Ballet

Original Title Darbaļaužu balets

Documentary, 2007, HDV, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 49'

Director Roberts Vinovskis

Screenplay Roberts Vinovskis

Cinematographers Kaspars Braķis,
Valdis Celmiņš, Roberts Vinovskis

Music Jānis Žilde

Sound Yevgeny Kobzev

Editor Dāvis Simaniš

Producer Roberts Vinovskis

Production Company Locomotive Productions

National Premiere 20.09.2007

DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

Title 1x1

Original Title 1x1

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

Directors Daina Rašenbauma, Gints Grūbe

Screenplay Gints Grūbe

Cinematographer Uvis Burjāns

Producer Inese Boka-Grūbe

Production Company Labvakar Ltd.

To be released March 2008

1x1



Films
From
Latvia

Since Latvia regained its 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, those who chose to stay in the West.

GINTS GRŪBE

Documentaries: Discovered in Latvia (co-director) 2006
Latvian Speaks 2003

DAINA RAŠENBAUMA

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



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Agapitova and Igarka

Films
from
Latvia



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. What is their children's fate? Nagežda Āriņa and Anatolijs Taurenis were born in the 1950s in permanently frozen Igarka. Their mothers had been childhood friends in Latvia, before the deportation. Nadja managed to return to Latvia and now sells souvenirs, but for Taurenis Latvia is still a dream...In the fall of 2007, Nagežda heads to Igarka to visit Taurenis.



DZINTRA GEKA

Documentaries: 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 Persidents 2005 Signe and 2003 Siberian Diaries, part 3-4 2003 Siberian Diaries, part 1-2 2002 Occupation of Latvia, part 1,2,3 2001 The Children of Siberia 2001 Cinema century in Latvia 10 parts 1999 Latvia Radio – 75 1999 Poikans 1998 Eisensteins Eden 1998 Latvia – 80 1998 Captain Krulle 1997 The Cakstes Family Tree 1994 The Return of the Light 1993 Aleksandrs Pelecis 1992 Gundars Jankovskis 1991 And We 1991 I Was Born With A Song On My Lips 1990 Pits Andersons 1989 A House On The Main Road 1989 Brothers Under Sun 1988 Voldemars And Leontine 1987 The Light In Your Window 1986 A Play With A Wind 1984 Olga Pirag's Singing 1982

DOCUMENTARY
COMING SOON

Title Agapitova and Igarka

Original Title Agapitova un Igarka

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

Director Dzintra Geka

Screenplay Dzintra Geka

Cinematographer Aivars Lubānietis

Sound Armands Zvirbulis

Editor Armands Zvirbulis

Producer Dzintra Geka

Production Company Sibīrijas Bērni

To be released November 2008

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DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

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 October 2008

Aging with Joy



Films
from
Latvia

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 present, but there is one extraordinary feature common to all three. 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

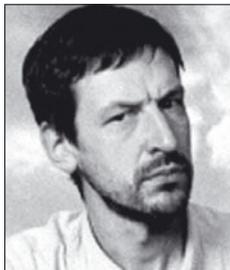


Āigi (Time)

Films
from
Latvia



A reindeer herdsman's life is as gently monotonous as the tundra itself. It flows in synchrony with the life of the reindeer herd from one migration to the next. The time between these two points belongs entirely to the herdsman. It's āigi - the herdsman's time.



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 Pelecis 1992 Gundars Jankovskis 1991 And We 1991
I Was Born With A Song On My Lips 1990 Pits Andersons 1989
A House On The Main Road 1989 Brothers Under Sun 1988 Voldemars And Leontine 1987
The Light In Your Window 1986 A Play With A Wind 1984 Olga Pirag's Singing 1982

DOCUMENTARY
COMING SOON

Title Āigi (Time)

Original Title Gana laiks

Documentary, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 26'/52'

Director Dainis Kļava

Cinematographers Valdis Celmiņš,
Uldis Cekulis

Sound Riho Vastrik

Music Egons Kronbergs

Editor Dainis Kļava

Producers Uldis Cekulis, Riho Vastrik

Production Company Vides Filmu Studija

Co-production with Vesilind (Estonia)

To be released March 2008

Created with the support Estonian Film
Foundation, Estonian Cultural Endowment, ETV,
LRT, SVT

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DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

Title Beyond the Sidelines

Original Title Ārpus spēles laukuma
Documentary, Digital Betacam, HDV, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 52'

Director Jānis Poņemeckis

Screenplay Jānis Poņemeckis

Cinematographers Haralds Vecvagars,
Elīna Bandēna

Sound Ilvars Veģis

Producer Askolds Saulītis

Production Company Subjektīvs Filma

To be released November 2008

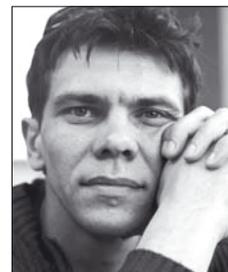


Beyond the Sidelines



Films
from
Latvia

A film about ex-Soviet basketball players, world and Olympic champions, former rivals who were once considered gods both inside and outside the sidelines, and who are now colleagues and living basketball legends. The events of the film take place over the last 20 years, a period of time when the former USSR states experienced transition from one type of economic and political situation to another. These 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

Child of the Big Bird



Films
from
Latvia

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 confidante of the Ayore Indians trapped in a dead end between the jungles and civilization.



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

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 Arvids Ceļmalis

Editor Julia Vinten

Producer Uldis Cekulis

Production Company Vides Filmu Studija

Distributor Vides Filmu Studija

To be released September 2008



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 Juhņevičs

Producer Jānis Juhņevičs

Production Company Film Studio Deviņi

To be released November 2008

Controversial History



Films
From
Latvia

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

Features: Frosty Flowers (short) 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

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The Courlanders

Films
from
Latvia



“God, guard us from Black Death and the Courlanders” was once written on a church bell on the Danish shore. Every ancient nation began with conquests, murder, robbery and rape – the Courlanders were no exception, and they did it extremely well. But where are these belligerent people now? Through stories told by their descendants, both in Lithuania and Latvia, the film strives to comprehend what happened to the Courlanders.



ANDRIS ROZENBERGS

Features: Retinue Man 1985 My Friend Little Socrates 1984
The Private Life of Santa Claus 1982 Wait for Arrival of “John Grafton” 1979
Reflexes on the Water 1977
Documentaries: Punishment for a Dream 1994 Tingeltangel 1992
Baltika 91 1991 I Prefer To Be Killed in Action 1990
From St. John's to St. Martin's Feast 1989

DOCUMENTARY
COMING SOON

Title The Courlanders

Original Title Kurši

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

Director Andris Rozenbergs

Screenplay Janīna Kursīte

Cinematographers Aivars Kalniņš,
Agris Birzulis

Sound Viktors Andrejevs

Producers Ināra Kolmane, Jānis Juhņēvičs

Production Company Film Studio Deviņi

To be released November 2008



DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

Title The Debt to Afghanistan

Original Title Parāds Afganistānai

Documentary, 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 Subjektīv Filma

To be released March 2008

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from
Latvia

The 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 80ies. At that time also young men from Latvia fought and died in Afghanistan without the right to choose. Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, in New York and the fall of the Taliban regime, Latvians are back to Afghanistan – as part of NATO missions.

ASKOLDS SAULĪTIS

Feature *Tristan and Isolde* 1999

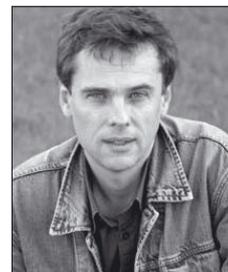
Documentaries *The Anatomy of National Holiday* 2005 *Keep Smiling!* 2004

Riga – the City of Inspiration 2003 *The Land Who Sings* 2003

The Spring of Youth 2001 *The Red and the Brown* 1999

The Rape of Europe 1998 *Who Lives in Komunalka* 1993

Animation: *Clara and Rubinstein* 1999



The Deconstruction of an Artist

Films
from
Latvia



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. Klucis did become the most important artist of the Soviets. 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

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
Documentaries: 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

DOCUMENTARY
COMING SOON

Title The Deconstruction of an Artist
Original Title Nepareizais latvietis
Documentary, 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

To be released April 2008

Created with the support of LRT, ETV, YLE,
RAI SAT, Planete, CNC.

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DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

Title Double Portrait of a Coin

Original Title Monētas dubultportrets

Documentary, Digital Betacam, 4:3,
b/w, stereo, 52'

Director Romualds Pipars

Screenplay Anna Apsite, Ivars Seleckis,
Maija Selecka, Arnolds Plaudis, Romualds Pipars

Editor Maija Selecka

Producer Baiba Urbāne

Production Company Film Studio Ģilde

To be released March 2008

Double Portrait of a Coin



Films
From
Latvia

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 Soviet Latvia from 1940 until 1991, a time when a double-moral reigned in society.

ROMUALDS PIPARS

Documentaries: 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 Orthodox 1998 The Road 1997
Jāzeps Rāncāns 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
Ljeontjevs 1980 The Grand Prize 1979 Window 1979 Talk to Me, Mountains! 1974



homo@lv

DOCUMENTARY
COMING SOON

Films
from
Latvia



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 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 fears, hatred and aggression, understand its causes and to see the roots of radicalism in Latvian society.



KASPARS GOBA

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

Title homo@lv

Original Title homo@lv

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

Director Kaspars Goba

Screenplay Kaspars Goba

Cinematographers Kaspars Goba,
Mārgeris Eglītis

Producer Ieva Ūbele

Production Company ELM MEDIA

To be released March 2008

MEDIA



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 October 2008



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



Films
from
Latvia

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. 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

Features: Neighbour (short) 2006

Time for Bed (short) 2004

Documentaries: Us and Them 2006 EU (co-director) 2004

Where Does It All Begin? 2002

Baltic Saga 2000 Is It Easy To Be...? 1998 Girls from Chaka Street 1997

Anatomy of a Provocation 1996 Unfinished Business 1993



To Kill or to Die

Films
from
Latvia



Thousands of adventure lovers still read the bestselling TIGRERO, 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.



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

DOCUMENTARY
COMING SOON

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 May 2008



DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

Title Life Unworthy of Life

Original Title Life Unworthy of Life

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

Director Dāvis Simanis

Cinematographer Andrejs Rudzāts

Editor Andra Lejniece

Producer Roberts Vinovskis

Production Company Locomotive Productions

To be released November 2008

Life Unworthy of Life



Films
from
Latvia

Love, hate, power and greed are just a small spectrum of human characteristics encoded in Richard Wagner's *Die Walkure*. It is universal opera and therefore creates a massive challenge to an artist's imagination. *Life Unworthy of Life* is an investigation of the director's mentality into and beyond the reality of staging the Walkure at the Latvian National Opera. Taking the Walkure 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: *The Draughtsman* 2007

Version LNO 2006

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The Man from Varka Kru

Films
from
LatVIA



Mārtiņš 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. Mārtiņš 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

Features: The Dark Deer 2006
Leaving By the Way 2001 Magic Flute (short) 2001
The Wedding (short) 2000
Documentaries: The Monument 2004
Romeo and Juliet 2004 The Train 1998

DOCUMENTARY
COMING SOON

Title The Man from Varka Kru

Original Title Cilvēks no Varka Kru
Documentary, Super 16 mm, 1:1.66,
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 December 2008



DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

Title Mansur's War Dance

Original Title Mansurs

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

Director Aija Bley

Screenplay Elvita Ruka

Cinematographers Agris Birzulis, Uldis Jancis

Editor Agnese Ivāne

Producer Guntis Trekteris

Production Company Ego Media

To be released May 2008

Mansur's War Dance



Films
From
Latvia

Mansur Musaev is a 12 year-old Chechen boy who has spent his childhood in wartime and as a refugee. He is slowly going blind. But Mansur is also an exceptionally talented dancer who has been performing since he was a toddler.

AIJA BLEY

Features: Merry Christmas! (short) 2004 Slurp (short) 1997 Verner's Suffering (short) 1996
Documentaries: 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
Animation: Island of Doctor D 2005 The Prickly 2004



My Mother's Farm



Films
from
LatVIA

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: Children Meets Art 2006
Boys on the Bridge 2005 The Scar from Norway 2004
Gulliver's Garden 2003 The Class Photography 2001

DOCUMENTARY
COMING SOON

Title My Mother's Farm

Original Title Bekons, sviests un mana mamma
Documentary, 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)

To be released May 2008



LATVIJAS TELEVIZIJA



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DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

Title Nazis and Blondes

Original Title Friči un blondīnes

Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 58'

Director Arbo Tammiksaar

Screenplay Arbo Tammiksaar, Jaak Kilmi

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)

To be released April 2008

Created with the support of Estonian Film
Foundation, Estonian Cultural Endowment,



Nazis and Blondes



Films
From
Latvia

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 industry.

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



Films
from
Latvia

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

Features: Frosty Flowers (short) 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

Title Nude

Original Title Akts

Documentary, 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

To be released May 2008

DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

Title Perpetual Rehearsal

Original Title Mūžīgais mēģinājums

Documentary, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 2 x 55'

Director Herz Frank

Screenplay Herz Frank

Cinematographers Herz Frank,
Viktor Griberman

Producer Herz Frank

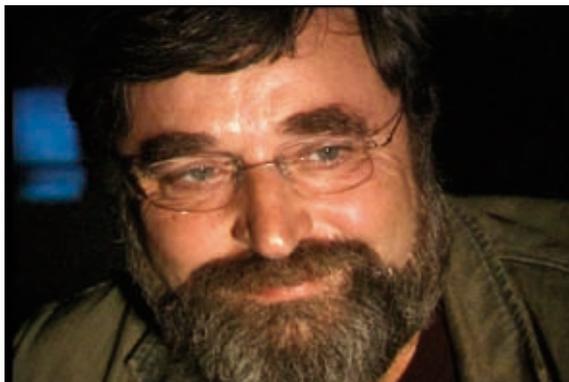
Production Company EFEF, Kaupo Filma

To be released March 2008

Created with the support of

Keren Rabinoviz Culture Foundation

Perpetual Rehearsal

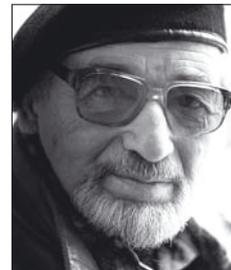


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Latvia

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.

HERZ FRANK (selected titles)

Documentaries: Venerdi, 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) 1962



Snow Crazy

Films
from
Latvia



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: 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

DOCUMENTARY
COMING SOON

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 November 2008



DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

Title The Speed of Sound

Original Title Skaņas ātrums

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

Directors Gints Grūbe, Daina Rašenbauma

Screenplay Gints Grūbe

Cinematographer Uvis Burjāns

Producer Kārlis Karlsbergs

Production Company Labvakar Ltd.

To be released December 2008

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The Speed of Sound



Films
from
Latvia

Though Eastern Europe has yet to produce the novel or film of the century as was expected, Eastern European composers and their music have made the sound of this region familiar worldwide. The music of Erkki-Sven Tüür, Arvo Pärt, Pēteris Vasks, Maija Einfelde, Giya Kancheli, Sofia Gubaidulina, Henryk Mikolai Górecki and Osvaldas Balakauskas is more popular abroad than in their native lands, and is performed at the grandest concert halls by the best musicians in the world. The film shows how external events, environment and climate all affect the sound of this region.

GINTS GRŪBE

Documentaries: Discovered in Latvia (co-director) 2006
Latvian Speaks 2003

DAINA RAŠENBAUMA

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



Stasys



Stasys is a loner who lives in a remote place among fish ponds. Wild animals and birds are his closest neighbours. They are not afraid of him, and he is constantly being observed. But Stasys has no time for idle observation; he has to get his own life organized.

MĀRIS MASKALĀNS

Documentaries: Have You Seen the Roller? 2004 Roof on the Moonway 2001 Homes in a Meadow 1997 Winter. Cones. Crossbills. 1997

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: 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



Title Stasys

Original Title Zapāns

Documentary, Digital Betacam, 16:9, colour, stereo, 52'

Directors Māris Maskalāns, Laila Pakalniņa

Screenplay Māris Maskalāns

Cinematographer Māris Maskalāns

Sound Arvids Ceļmalis

Editors Laila Pakalniņa, Māris Maskalāns

Producer Uldis Cekulis

Production Company Vides Filmu Studija

To be released March 2008



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 (Latvia)

To be released October 2008

Who Was Ed.L?



Films
from
Latvia

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



ANDIS MIZIŠS

Features: Stumble (short) 2001 Kleptomania (short) 1997
Documentaries: The Church will Arrive in the Evening 2007
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