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Lost in Snow, directed by Vladimir Leschiov

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INTRO

The Baltic film year started successfully with a Baltic producers' collaboration – the Estonian–Latvian full-length animation co-production, *Lotte from Gadgetville*, selected for the Berlinale children's film competition and soon to be screened all over Europe, thanks to generous MEDIA programme distribution support – a unique example of success for a Baltic film.

Domestically, in Latvia, 2007 started with the film premieres of two talented filmmakers – the sophisticated animation *Lost in Snow* by the young but already international-award-winning director Vladimir Leschiov, and the full-length feature *Monotony*, by another award-winning director, Juris



Poškus – his debut in fiction. Both films have already won high critical praise.

2007 will be the year of almost unprecedented Latvian film output. Seven fiction films are in queue for premieres, among them debut films such as *Mona* by Ināra Kolmane, *Vogelfrei* by four young directors, as well as films by experienced and acclaimed directors such as Laila Pakalniņa, working further on her film cycle *Elements* with *Fire* (*Water* was in the short film competition at Berlinale 2006). This year's grand jubilee will be in honour of director Rolands Kalniņš, who is completing his latest film, *Bitter Wine*, in time for his 85th birthday.

The more than twenty-five documentaries from 2006/2007 embrace various approaches to style and subject. From strong story and character-led international co-productions – *My Husband Andrei Sakharov* by Ināra Kolmane, *Walter Zapp: Minox was My Life* by Kurt Widmer and *Nazis and Blondes*, a pan-Baltic work by Arbo Tammiskaar,

to a powerful author's approach in *The Deconstruction of an Artist* by Pēteris Krilovs in his film on Gustavs Klucis, one of the world pioneers of the Constructivism art movement, *Perpetual Rehearsal* by Herz Frank, and the award-winning *Theodore* by Laila Pakalniņa.

Animation – up until now the biggest international success of Latvian film – is diverse and promising this year as well. After last year's successful premieres of *Lotte from Gadgetville* and *The Three Musketeers*, a number of attractive short-format animation films are coming in 2007, among them the first Latvian animation-documentary, *Little Bird's Diary*, based on an old lady's life story in picture-diary drawings, directed by Edmunds Jansons.

Welcome to Films from Latvia 2006/2007, and come see the films!

Ilze Gailite Holmberg
Managing Director
National Film Centre of Latvia

The Dark Deer

Title The Dark Deer

Original Title Tumšie briēži

Feature 2006, 35mm, 1:1.66, colour, Dolby SR, 85'

Director Viesturs Kairiēšs

Screenplay Viesturs Kairiēšs,
based on a play by Inga Ābele

Cinematographer Gints Bērzis

Production Designer Ieva Jurjāne

Original Music Arturs Maskats

Sound Normunds Kļaviņš,

Aleksandrs Vaicahovskis

Editors Klaus Hundsbichler, Dāvis Simanis Jr.

Producer Guntis Trekeris

Main Cast Kristine Krūze, Elita Kļaviņa,

Juris Žagars, Kaspars Dimiters, Maija Doveika

Production Companies Kaupo Filma (Latvia),

Fischerfilm (Austria)

Premiered September 2006



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17 year-old Ria is a sensitive, unpredictable wild child, full of mystery, and part of a family that breeds deer. When her father decides to hold a hunt and the German hunters arrive at the deer enclosure, Ria's desperate fight for the animals begins. Complicated family circumstances result in a frantic and desperate act of killing the beings she loves most of all.

VIESTURS KAIRIŠS

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



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



LAILA PAKALNIŅA

Features: 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



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 Bērzis

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Kaspars Kallas

Producer Laila Pakalniņa

Production Designer Jurgis Krāsons

Production Company Hargla Company

Main Cast Una Adamoviča, Guna Zariņa

To be released Spring 2007

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The Hostage

Title The Hostage

Original Title Ķīlnieks

Feature 2006, 35mm, 1:1.85, colour,
Dolby Digital Surround EX, 74'

Director Laila Pakalniņa

Screenplay Laila Pakalniņa

Cinematographer Arko Okk

Production Designer Jurgis Krāsons

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Sandra Alksne

Producer Laila Pakalniņa

Production Company Hargla Company

Co-production with Acuba Film (Estonia),
Casablanca Film Production (Slovenia)

Main Cast Branko Završšan, Kristaps Mednis

Premiered May 2006



The Hijacker lands the plane at the Rīga Airport. 7 year-old Tom, travelling on his own, voluntarily becomes a hostage. Along with the traditional demands, the Hijacker adds the demands of the little hostage – beginning with some local chocolate and a self-instruction tape for learning the native language, and ending with organizing a Song Festival and a special biathletes' performance – all ideas originating from a CD on Latvia.

LAILA PAKALNIŅA

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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



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

Midsummer Madness



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

Title Midsummer Madness

Original Title Jāņu nakts

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

Director Alexander Hahn

Screenplay Alexander Hahn, Alexander Mahler,
Norman Hudis

Cinematographer Jerzy Palacz

Production Designer Ieva Romanova

Original Music Markus Pöchingner, Boriss Reznīks

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)

Distributor EastWest FilmDistribution

Main Cast Maria de Medeiros, Tobias Moretti,
Dominique Pinon, Orlando Wells, Gundars Āboliņš

To be released April 2007



Monotony

Title Monotony

Original Title Monotonija

Feature 2007, DV/35mm, 16:9, 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 Laima Freimane, Guntars Laucis,
Juris Poškus, Madara Melberga

Production Company FA Filma

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

Premiered January 2007



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

Water

Title Water

Original Title Ūdens

Short Feature 2006, 35mm, 1:1.85, colour,
Dolby Digital Surround EX, 12'

Director Laila Pakalniņa

Screenplay Laila Pakalniņa

Cinematographer Gints Bērziņš

Production Designer Jurgis Krāsons

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Kaspars Kallas

Producer Laila Pakalniņa

Production Company Hargla Company

Main Cast Guna Zariņa, Gundars Āboliņš,
Irina Jegorova, Emīls Elniņis

Premiered February 2006



Maria decides to go for a swim in the pool even though it looks deserted and she's warned that the water is cold. When she gets into the pool she is faced with not only the frigid water, but with her other feelings as well. Like fear.



LAILA PAKALNIŅA

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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

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Title Bitter Wine

Original Title Rūgtais vins

Feature, Digital Betacam, 16:9, colour, stereo,
87'

Director Rolands Kalniņš

Screenplay Jānis Jurkāns

Cinematographer Gvido Skulte

Production Designer Kristaps Skulte

Music Valts Pūce

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Producer Guna Stahovska

Production Company Platforma

Main Cast Kaspars Znotiņš, Agnese Zeltiņa,
Normunds Laižāns

To be released May 2007

Bitter Wine



Donats is a modern-day Don Juan juggling the various women in his life seemingly without any consequences, until he falls in love with Agnese. Her husband, Ralfs, turns out to be a formidable opponent.

ROLANDS KALNIŅŠ (selected titles)

Features : Pianist 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
Documentary: Conversation with a Queen 1980



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Defenders of Riga

FEATURE
COMING SOON

Title Defenders of Riga

Original Title Rīgas sargi

Feature HD, 1:2.35, colour, Dolby Digital, 110'

Director Aigars Grauba

Screenplay Aigars Grauba, Andrejs Ēķis

Based on the story by Andris Kolbergs

Cinematographers Gvido Skulte,
Vladimir Bašta

Production Designer Mārtiņš Milbrets

Original Music Jumprava

Sound Pavel Rejholec

Editors Aigars Grauba, Līga Pipare, Sandra Alksne

Producer Andrejs Ēķis

Production Company Platforma

Main Cast Jānis Reinis, Elīta Kļaviņa,
Artūrs Skrastiņš, Andris Keišs, Ģirts Kesteris,
Vilnis Daudziņš

To be released October 2007



It's 1919, and a war-weary soldier, Martins, returns home to the newly independent Latvia. He wants only to get back to a normal life and to Elza, the girl he left behind. On the day of their wedding, a rogue German general orders an attack on Riga and Martins and Elza are forced to flee. Martins has to make the difficult decision to join the fight to defend his city and to leave Elza behind, once again. The fledgling Latvian army battling alongside thousands of volunteers manage to beat back the aggressors. This miraculous victory ensures the survival of the Republic of Latvia as an independent state, and Martins and Elza are finally able to return home and to their future together.

AIGARS GRAUBA

Features: Dangerous Summer 2000 Courage to Kill (co-director) 1993



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FEATURE COMING SOON

Title Don't Talk About It
Original Title Par to nerunā
Feature, 35mm, 1:1.85, colour, stereo, 105'

Director Una Celma
Screenplay Dace Rukšāne
Cinematographer Jānis Eglītis
Production Designer Jānis Eglītis
Original Music Mārtiņš Brauns
Sound Anrijs Krenbergs
Editor Gunta Ikere
Producers Una Celma, Laima Freimane
Main Cast Rēzija Kalniņa, Sandra Zvīgule,
Leonarda Keštere, Ģirts Kešteris,
Harijs Spanovskis, Juris Žagars
Production Companies Screen Vision,
Latsfilma, Lats Film AB (Sweden)
To be released September 2007



Don't Talk About It



Beatrice 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: Maximum Headroom 2005 Handful of Bullets 2003
Follow Me 1999 Island 1991 Crossroads 1990 Outside 1989
Documentaries: Holiday in the Sun 2004 And Then I'll be Back for Good 2003
Egg Lady 2000 The Girls of 1960 1994



Mona

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
Original Music Hilmar Orn Hilmarsson
Sound Anrijs Krenbergs
Editor Jānis Juhņevičs
Producers Jānis Juhņevičs,
Fridrik Thor Fridriksson, Imants Mozers
Production Company Film Studio Deviņi
Co-production with Icelandic Film
Cooperation
Main Cast Saulius Balandis, Kristine Beļicka,
Valery Yaremenko, Lauris Subatnieks
To be released September 2007



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



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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.



Title Vogelfrei
Original Title Vogelfrei
Feature, 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
Sound Aleksandrs Vaicahovskis
Editors Jēkabs Dimīters, Liene Bāliņa, Armands Blumbergs
Producers Sergejs Berdičevskis, Ivo Ceplevičs, Alise Ģelze
Production Company Film Angels Studio
To be released September 2007

ANNA VIDULEJA
Features: 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: 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
Documentary: Morning in the Pine Forest (Co-director) 1999



JĀNIS PUTNIŅŠ
Features: Hide and Seek 2003 Investigation of Related Events 1993 Sisyphus Said Yes 1992 Documentary: Latvia So Close 1999



A family celebrates the youngest son's birthday with some birthday cake ...

Birthday Cake



JĀNIS KĀRKLĪŠS
Animation: The Birthday Cake 2006 Fantadroms - Daddy 1994 Fantadroms - Earthquake 1993 Fantadroms - Lodge 1993 Fantadroms - Ice Cream 1992 Short Course 1991

Title Birthday Cake
Original Title Dzimšanas dienas torte
2D animation 2006, Betacam SP, 1:1.33, colour, stereo, 3'

Director Jānis Kārklīšs
Screenplay Jānis Kārklīšs
Cinematographer Jānis Kārklīšs
Original Drawings Jānis Kārklīšs
Production Designer Jānis Kārklīšs
Animation Jānis Kārklīšs
Original Music Dzintars Krūmiņš, Jānis Kārklīšs
Sound Dzintars Krūmiņš
Editor Jānis Kārklīšs
Producer Ansis Bērziņš
Production Company Dauka
Distributor Voxell Media Distribution
Premiered November 2006



Black Box

Title Black Box

Original Title Melnā kaste

Pencil on paper animation 2006,
35 mm, 1:1.66, b/w, Dolby SR, 15'45"

Director Jurgis Krāsons

Screenplay Ivo Briedis

Cinematographer Arnis Hāgendorfs

Artist Jurgis Krāsons

Original Music Andris Barons

Sound Andris Barons

Editor Renārs Zālītis

Producer Vilnis Kalnaellis

Production Company Rija Films

Premiered September 2006



In Territory untouched by globalization, only strange individuals scurry about. One of them – Hoggie – is a creature of unknown origin. Flying Hedgehog Ball arrives in the Territory in search of a new brand. After various misunderstandings, the image of Hoggie is published on magazine covers all over the world. It's all because of the Black Box.

JURGIS KRĀSONS
Animation: Black Box 2006



Dream Dwarfs

Title Dream Dwarfs

Original Title Miega rūķi

Puppet animation 2006, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 12'

Director Dace Rīdūze

Screenplay Ēvalds Lācis

Cinematographer Ēvalds Lācis

Artist Māris Putniņš

Original Music Atvars Sirmais

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Ēvalds Lācis

Producer Māris Putniņš

Production Company Animācijas Brigāde

Premiered March 2006



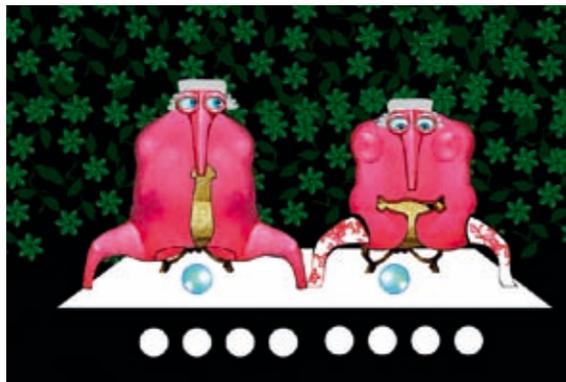
To become a dream-master and to be allowed to bring sleep to animals and people, the dwarf has to pass an examination. Dwarf Klomitis fails this exam. But thanks to his inventiveness, perseverance and good friends, he gets a chance to correct his mistake.

DACE RĪDŪZE

Animation: Dream Dwarfs 2006, Antlion 2004, Firefly 2002, Cats 2002, Up and Down 2000



Garden of Fetish



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A painter searches for a way into his lost garden – the only place where he can create his art. And when he finds it, it becomes a fetish. An exploration of the components of modern art that were fetishes for artists in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

KĀRLIS VITOLS

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



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Lost in Snow



In winter some people go ice fishing. Excitement intensified by freezing temperatures and strong drinks 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-production with AniMera AB (Sweden)

Premiered January 2007



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Title Lotte from Gadgetville

Original Title Lote no Izgudrotāju ciema
Drawing on paper, 2D, 3D animation 2006,
35mm, 1:1.85, colour, Dolby Digital, 81'

Directors Heiki Ernits, Janno Pöldma

Screenplay Janno Pöldma, Heiki Ernits,
Andrus Kivirähk, Alvis Lapinš

Artists Laima Puntule, Heiki Ernits

Original Music Brainstorm, Sven Grünberg,
Aksel Pajupuu, Marko Matvere

Sound Andris Barons, Horret Kuus

Editor Janno Pöldma

Producers Vilnis Kalnaellis,
Riina Sildos, Kalev Tamm

Production Company Eesti Joonisfilm (Estonia)

Co-production with Riija Films (Latvia)

Distributor Sola Media GmbH (Germany)

Premiered August 2006



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Lotte from Gadgetville



Cheerful dog-girl Lotte lives in a small seaside village with her father, a famous inventor, and her spirited mother. Lotte always has things she wants to do, and she is always eager to experience something new. The most important event in the village is the annual competition of inventors where the prize goes to the most efficient and wittiest invention. Who will be the winner this year?

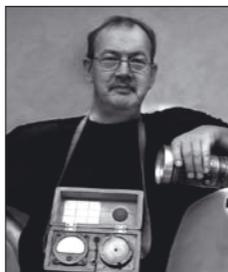


HEIKE ERNITS

Animation: Lotte from Gadgetville 2006 (co-director Janno Pöldma) Concert on a Carrot Pie 2002 (co-director Janno Pöldma) Ladybirds' Christmas 2001 (co-director Janno Pöldma) series Lotte Journey South 2000 (co-director Janno Pöldma) series Tom & Fluffy 1997 (co-directors Janno Pöldma, Leo Läti) Legends of Tallinn 1995 (co-director Leo Läti) Jaagup and Death 1994 Departure 1991 And So in Every Year of Your Lord 1990 Column 1989 series Ramses Tricks I-IV 1985-87 Kalle and the Monster 1984 Meeting 1981

JANNO PÖLDMA

Animation: Lotte from Gadgetville 2006 (co-director Heiki Ernits) Concert on a Carrot Pie 2002 (co-director Heiki Ernits) Ladybirds' Christmas 2001 (co-director Heiki Ernits) series Lotte Journey South 2000 (co-director Heiki Ernits) On the Possibility of Love 1999 series Tom & Fluffy 1997 (co-directors Heiki Ernits, Leo Läti) 1985 Otto's Life 1992 Brothers and Sisters 1991



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...

Mechanism



Title Mechanism

Original Title Mehānisms
2D/cutout animation 2007, Beta 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

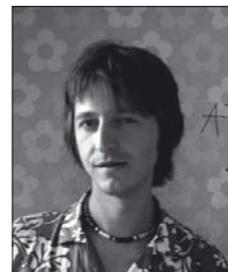
Sound Pēteris Tenisons

Editor Kārlis Vītols

Producer Viesturs Graždanovičs

Production Company Urga

To be released February 2007



KĀRLIS VĪTOLS

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



Title Mischief II

Original Title Rezglības II

Puppet animation 2006, 35mm, 1:1.66,
colour, stereo, 10'

Director Jānis Cimermanis

Screenplay Māris Putniņš

Cinematographer Ēvalds Lācis

Animators Jānis Cimermanis, Dace Ridūze

Scene Designer Māris Putniņš

Character Designer Māris Putniņš

Original Music Mārtiņš Brauns

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Jānis Cimermanis

Producer Māris Putniņš

Production Company Animācijas Brigāde

Premiered May 2006

Mischief II



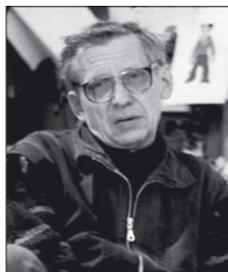
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Based on the comic strips of German cartoonist Wilhelm Busch. Spring is here, and Peter's father is tending his newly-sprouted plants when he notices the molehills. Father starts up a battle with the moles while Peter creates some new mischief – he lets a bear into the house.

JĀNIS CIMERMANIS

Feature: I'll Buy Your Husband! 2003

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



The Three Musketeers

Title The Three Musketeers

Original Title Trīs musketieri

Puppet animation 2006, 35 mm, colour,
1:1.66; 1:1.85 (USA), SRD, 75'

Director Jānis Cimermanis

Screenplay Māris Putniņš

Cinematographer Ēvalds Lācis

Art Director Māris Putniņš

Original Music Mārtiņš Brauns

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editors Ēvalds Lācis, Jānis Cimermanis

Producers Māris Putniņš, Peter Garde, Bob Last

Production Company ABoom

Co-production with Zentropa

Entertainments3 (Denmark), Ink (United Kingdom)

Distributor Trust Film Sales (Denmark)

Premiered July 2006



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A classic story known all over the world that has captured and thrilled generations of children and adults now in puppet animation format. With all of the sense of childish enthusiasm intact, this romantic story disguised as humour and farce will once again delight.

JĀNIS CIMERMANIS

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Prop and Berta 2000 The Little Knight 1998 Mischief IV 1995 Munk and Lemmy, The Rhino 1993
Series Rescue Team 1991 – 2000 Mischief I 1990 The Way 1988 The Live Friend 1987
The Foresters Grandson 1985



Title The Witch's Button

Original Title Raganas poga

Clay animation 2006, Digital Betacam, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 7'

Director Nils Skapāns

Screenplay Ilze Emse, Nils Skapāns

Cinematographer Nils Skapāns

Artist Ilze Emse

Original Music Juris Kulakovs

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editors Nils Skapāns, Andris Zemītis

Producers Nils Skapāns, Antra Cilinska

Production Company Juris Podnieks Studio

Premiered March 2006

The Witch's Button



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A jolly, care-free, slightly absent-minded witch loses her magic button. What would the world have looked like if the witch hadn't found it again!?

NILS SKAPĀNS

Animation: The Witch's Button 2006 The Telephone 2005
Listen, Rabbit...Daddy Goes to London 2004 Planet Solitude 2003 Sandbox 2002
Provocation 2001 Spring 2001 Brickania 1999 Wild Robber 1999 Home Hole Horrors 1999
Bird Days 1998 Grimm and Andersen with a Twist 1997 Hop! Hop! Ladybird 1996
Morning 1995 Animals 1996-1998 Munk and Lemmy 1993-1995



ANIMATION COMING SOON

Title Danceplay

Original Title Spēlēju, dancoju!

2D animation, 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

Distributor Voxell Media Distribution

To be released April 2007

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Danceplay



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

ROZE STIEBRA (selected titles)

Animation: Butterflies 2005 The Little Fairy-Tales 28 Films (1994-2006)
Adventures of the Sausage 2002 The Unusual Rigans 2001 A Piece of Cake 2000
Into the Trap 2000 Doggie 1999 Come Back, Salmon! 1998 The Cat's Mill 1994
How the Baby Comes into the World 1991 Ness and Nessy 1991
Safety Technique in the Caboose 1988 Looking-Rhymes 1988
The Fairy-Tale is Sitting on the Threshold 1987 The Tale about Getting on 1986
The Bear of Happiness 1985 Oh, My Dear Little Sister 1984 In My Pocket 1983
What is the Collective Farm 1981 Looking for the Northern Daughter 1980
The Little Hares' Bath 1979 The Dog and the Wind 1978 The Green Fairy-Tale 1977
Dilly Dally in the Sun Garden 1976 The Fairy Bird 1976
Dilly Dally in the Kitten Park 1975 The Golden Sieve 1975



Half a Bear



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

NILS SKAPĀNS

Animation: The Witch's Button 2006 The Telephone 2005 Listen, Rabbit...Daddy Goes to London
2004 Planet Solitude 2003 Sandbox 2002 Provocation 2001 Spring 2001 Bricania 1999 Wild
Robber 1999 Home Hole Horrors 1999 Bird Days 1998 Grimm and Andersen with a Twist 1997
Hop! Hop! Ladybird 1996 Morning 1995 Animals 1996-1998 Munk and Lemmy 1993-1995



ANIMATION COMING SOON

Title Half a Bear

Original Title Puslācis

Clay animation, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 12'

Director Nils Skapāns

Screenplay Nils Skapāns, Ieva Salmane

Animator Nils Skapāns

Artists Nils Skapāns, Ilze Emse

Original Music Peters Helms

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Editors Nils Skapāns, Andris Zemitis

Producers Nils Skapāns, Antra Cilinska

Production Company Juris Podnieks Studio

To be released May 2007



Title The Hunt

Original Title Medības

Puppet animation, 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

Editor Jānis Cimermanis

Producer Māris Putniņš

Production Company Animācijas Brigāde

To be released April 2007

The Hunt



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Latvia

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

Feature: I'll Buy Your Husband! 2003

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



Little Bird's Diary

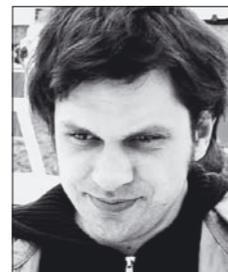


Films
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Latvia

The first Latvian documentary animation film is based on unique drawings from the diary of 80 year-old Irīna 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: The Gift 2005 Scissorsman 2005 The White 2001 Star Tee 1999 Vrabel 1998
Fear 1998 Lullaby 1997 Haiku 1995
Documentary: The Black Spawn 2003



Title Little Bird's Diary

Original Title Čīza acīm

Documentary animation, Digital Betacam, 4:3,
b/w & colour, stereo, 26'

Director Edmunds Jansons

Screenplay Nora Ikstena

Original Drawings Irīna Piļķe

Animation Edmunds Jansons

Original Music Ģirts Bišs

Sound Ģirts Bišs

Editor Edmunds Jansons

Producer Bruno Aščuks

Production Company Studija Centurms

To be released June 2007

Title Once Upon a Time God...

Original Title Reiz Dievs...

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

Director Māra Liniņa

Screenplay Māra Liniņa

Artists Ilmārs Blumbergs, Ieva Jurjāne,
Kristīne Jurjāne-Klotiņa

Original Music Kaspars Dimīters,
Nils Iļe, Uģis Vitiņš

Sound [Mārtiņš Tauriņš], Ģirts Bišs

Producer Laima Freimane

Production Company Atom Art

To be released October 2007

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 Tiddleywink 2002 The Water-sprite 2001
Like a Dream 2000 Comet 1997

The Ship



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

Title The Ship

Original Title Kuģis

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

Idea Oļegs Tilbergs

Director Egils Mednis

Artist Egils Mednis

Producers Egils Mednis, Guna Stahovska

Production Company Svešās tehnoloģijas

To be released June 2007

Title Ship of Hope

Original Title Cerību kuģis
Puppet animation, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo 10'

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

Producer Māris Putniņš

Production Company Animācijas Brigāde

To be released April 2007

Ship of Hope



Films
from
Latvia

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: Hurry Up, Munchausen, Hurry Up! 2005 Magician 2001

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 RĪDŪZE

Animation: Dream Dwarfs 2006 Antlion 2004 Firefly 2002 Cats 2002 Up and Down 2000

Title Smile, My Friend!

Original Title Pasmaidi, draugs!
Puppet animation, 35mm, 1:1.66,
colour, stereo, 10'

Director Dace Rīdūze

Screenplay Ēvalds Lācis

Cinematographer Ēvalds Lācis

Animator Dace Rīdūze

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

To be released April 2007

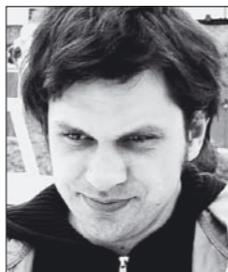
Title Springtime on Vārnu Street
Original Title Pavasaris Vārnu ielā
Cut-out animation, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 26'

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 October 2007

Springtime on Vārnu Street



A rap-style musical animation about the adventures of working-class children in Rīga at the beginning of the 20th century – about their first loves, troubles and joys.



EDMUNDS JANSONS
Animation: The Gift 2005 Scissorman 2005 The White 2001
Star Tee 1999 Vrabel 1998 Fear 1998 Lullaby 1997 Haiku 1995
Documentaries: The Black Spawn 2003



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: 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 Vet

Title The Vet
Original Title Veterinārārsts
Cell animation, 35mm, 1:1.66,
colour, stereo, 20'

Director Signe Baumane
Screenplay Signe Baumane
Cinematographer Renārs Zālītis
Artist Signe Baumane
Sound Andris Barons
Editor Signe Baumane
Producer Vilnis Kalnaellis
Production Company Riija Films
To be released May 2007

Alexander

Title Alexander

Original Title Aleksandrs

Documentary 2006, DV,4:3, colour, stereo, 41'30"

Director Jānis Vingris

Screenplay Jānis Vingris

Cinematographer Jānis Vingris

Original Music Emīls Zilberts

Sound Midis, Deeselecta

Editor Jānis Vingris

Producer Jānis Vingris

Production Company Eho Filma

Premiered May 2006



A portrait of Alexander – a man only 130cm tall, who surprises people around him with his great drive and achievements.

JĀNIS VINGRIS

Features: White Beast (short) 2004 Trefpunkt (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



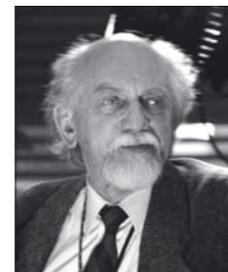
In the Shade of the Oak Tree



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 Time 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 The 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, stereo, 100'

Director Ivars Seleckis

Screenplay Andris Vanadžiņš

Cinematographer Ivars Seleckis

Original Music Ivars Vigners, Jānis Brunovskis

Sound Aivars Riekstiņš, Viktors Ličovs

Editor Maija Selecka

Producers Aldis Bērziņš, Leonīds Bērziņš

Production Company IK Studija

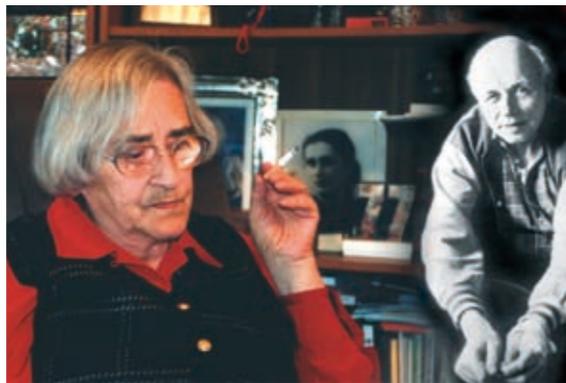
Co-production with WFDiF, Poland

To be released April 2007

Title My Husband Andrei Sakharov
Original Title Mans vīrs Andrejs Saharovs
 Documentary 2006, Digital Betacam, 4:3,
 colour, stereo, 52'

Director Ināra Kolmane
Screenplay Ināra Kolmane
Cinematographer Aivars Kalniņš
Original Music Alexei Aigui
Sound Olivier Lafuma
Editor Katya Chelli
Producers Jānis Juhņevičs,
 Imants Mozers, Estelle Robin
Production Company Film Studio Deviņi
Co-production with Odysseus
 Productions (France)
Premiered October 2006

My Husband Andrei Sakharov



Films
from
Latvia

Through a vast coverage of exclusive archive materials and interviews and personally narrated by his wife, Yelena Bonner, the story of the life of Andrei Sakharov, the most famous Soviet dissident, Nobel Peace Prize winner and the creator of the Soviet hydrogen bomb, is revealed.

INĀRA KOLMANE

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



Ready and Done



Films
from
Latvia

Sigurds operates a hundred-year-old lift in a large hospital in Riga, absorbing the sounds of daily hospital life while between floors. Meanwhile, in the adjacent shaft, a new, automatic lift is being installed.

INESE KĻAVA

Feature: Through (short) 2004
 Documentaries: Ready and Done 2006 Ex-Amen 2005 EU (Co-director) 2004



Title Ready and Done
Original Title Gatavs
 Documentary 2006, DVCCAM, 4:3,
 colour, stereo, 26'

Director Inese Kļava
Screenplay Ivars Zviedris
Cinematographer Ivars Zviedris
Sound Uģis Olte
Producer Uldis Cekulis
Production Company Vides Filmu Studija
Premiered June 2006

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Theodore



Films
from
Latvia

Every day, come rain or shine, Theodore used to bike the seven kilometres from his house to the centre of the village to sit and drink beer in the bus stop. For him, no doubt, this place was the centre of the Universe. With his death, the centre has moved elsewhere, and the bus stop is just a bus stop again.

LAILA PAKALNIŅA

Features: 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 Genā 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



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

Us and Them



Films
from
Latvia

The existence of two parallel communities – one Latvian, the other Russian, is the reality of present day Latvia. After the establishment of an independent Latvian Republic in 1991, the Russian speaking community began to see themselves as a threatened minority and started to depict themselves as oppressed. Where does the truth lie? Are there victims? Or is it simply that the idea of integration, for both sides, does not work properly?

Title Us and Them

Original Title Vai citi?

Documentary 2006, Digital Betacam, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 64'

Director Antra Cilinska

Screenplay Pāvels Gognidze

Cinematographer Uldis Millers

Sound Anrijs Krenbergs

Sound Director Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Sandra Alksne

Producer Antra Cilinska

Production Company Juris Podnieks Studio

Premiered November 2006

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Version. LNO

Title Version. LNO

Original Title Versija. LNO

Documentary 2006, DV CAM, colour, stereo, 30'

Director Dāvis Simanis jr.

Screenplay Dāvis Simanis jr.

Cinematographer Andrejs Rudzāts

Original Music Matīss Paeģlītis

Sound Normunds Kļaviņš, Jevgeny Kobzev

Editors Andra Lejniece, Dāvis Simanis jr.

Producer Roberts Vinovskis

Production Company Locomotive Productions

Premiered April 2006



Films
from
Latvia

Ten years ago the Latvian National Opera was re-opened after immense reconstruction. Now this is the place where artists and the stage come together in an unusual atmosphere to create “the miracle” of music, action, text – elements of the opera phenomenon.

DĀVIS SIMANIS JR.
Documentary: Version.LNO 2006



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

Feature: Testament (short) 1992
Documentary: Lime Mandonga 1996
Animation: Michi & Chrigi 1988



Title Walter Zapp: The Minox Was My Life

Original Title Minox leģenda

Documentary 2007, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 52'

Director Kurt Widmer

Screenplay Kurt Widmer

Cinematographer Richard Grell

Sound Silvio Anania, Fredy Keil

Editor Doris Schmid

Producers Ray MacCormack, Guntis Trekeris

Production Companies NZZ Television
(Switzerland), Ego Media (Latvia)

To be released March 2007

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



Child of the Big Bird



At the end of the 1950s, an airplane carrying a group of Latvian Brazilian missionaries lands in the jungles of southern Bolivia. The local Ayore Indian community mistakes the plane for a huge bird and showers it with arrows. Among the missionaries there is a baby, Samuel. The Indians name him Child of the Big Bird. 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 nature and civilization.

ANDIS MIZIŠS

Features (shorts): Stumble 2001 Kleptomania 1997
Documentaries: The Worm 2005 The Followers 2003 Roof on the Moonway 2001
Expedition under Water and Time 2000 Elza & Arturs 1998



Title

Child of the Big Bird

Original Title Dzīves kutinātāji

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

Director Andis Mizišs

Screenplay Andis Mizišs

Cinematographers Māris Maskalāns,
Uldis Cekulis

Sound Arvīds Ceļmalis

Editor Julia Vinten

Producer Uldis Cekulis

Production Company Vides Filmu Studija

Distributor DR TV International Sales

To be released July 2007

Title The Church will Arrive in the Evening
Original Title Baznīca piestās vakarā
Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 52'

Director Andis Mizišs
Screenplay Elvita Ruka, Andis Mizišs
Cinematographer Agris Birzulis
Sound Arvids Ceļmalis
Editor Gunta Ikere
Producers Uldis Cekulis, Elvita Ruka
Production Company Vides Filmu Studija
To be released October 2007

The Church will Arrive in the Evening



In the ice-free months Father Gennady captains a barge transformed into a floating church on a mission, cruising up and down the Don River and bringing spiritual food to the remote Cossack villages.



ANDIS MIZIŠS

Features (shorts): Stumble 2001 Kleptomania 1997
Documentaries: The Worm 2005 The Followers 2003 Roof on the Moonway 2001
Expedition under Water and Time 2000 Elza & Arturs 1998

The Courlanders



“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

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 December 2007



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
Sound Aigars Endzēlis
Editors Liene Bāliņa, Askolds Saulītis
Producer Askolds Saulītis
Production Company Subjektiv Filma
To be released June 2007

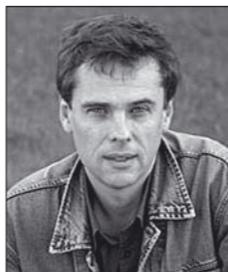
The Debt to Afghanistan



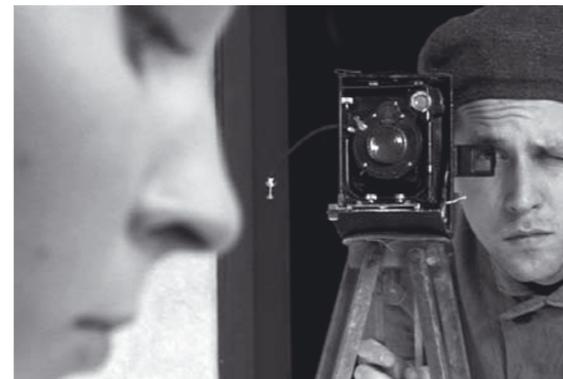
There is an old saying attributed to Alexander the Great: he who will rule Afghanistan will rule the world. The film portrays “the roof of the Earth” and tracks the close links between this far-off country and Latvia.

ASKOLDS SAULĪTIS

Feature: Tristan and Isolde
(short, a part of Baltic co-production feature Three Stories About...) 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 Kominalka 1993
Animation: Clara & Rubinstein 1999



The Deconstruction of an Artist



Latvian artist Gustavs Klucis embraced the technological revolution of the early 20th century and applied it to his art, becoming an important member of the Russian Constructivist avant-garde.

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 (Co-director) 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



Title The Deconstruction of an Artist
Original Title Nepareizais latvietis
Documentary, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 56'

Director Pēteris Krilovs
Script Pauls Bankovskis
Art Director Jānis Mitrevičs
Art Designer Miks Mitrevičs
Cinematographer Andris Prieditis
Editor Julia Vinten

Producers Uldis Cekulis,
Jean-Francois Le Corre
Production Company Vides Filmu Studija (Latvia)
Co-operation with Digitālā Darbnica (Latvia)
Co-production with Vivement Lundi (France) and
ERT (Greece)
Distributor DR TV International Sales
To be released September 2007

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DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

Title Double Portrait of a Coin

Original Title Monētas dubultportrets
Documentary, Digital Betacam 4:3, 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 April 2007

Double Portrait of a Coin

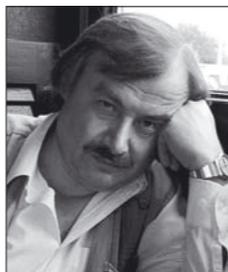


Films
from
Latvia

Using previously unpublished footage shot by amateurs in the era of 8mm 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 (selected titles)

Documentaries: Treading the Pharaoh's Dust 2005 Stand Up, Teacher! 2005 We Are 2004
For All My Life 2003 Liberty Live 2001 Stork. The Sacret Bird 2000 Gavriila The Orthodox 1998
Jazeps Rancans 1996 With Confidence to the Throne of Mercy 1995
99 meters from Rome to Forums 1993 Seven days in August 1992 Sun City 1991
Janis Berzins. The Head of Intelligence Service 1990 Film magazine "Maksa 1" 1982
Window 1975 Talk to Me, Mountains 1973



Films
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Latvia

The Draughtsman



Touch the paper, hear the sound of the pencil and always traces 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 ŠIMANIS JR.
Documentary: Version LNO 2006

DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON

Title The Draughtsman

Original Title Zīmētājs
Documentary, HDV, 16:9, colour, stereo, 20'

Director Dāvis Šimanis jr.

Screenplay Dāvis Šimanis jr.

Cinematographer Andrejs Rudzāts

Original Music Matīss Paeglītis

Sound Yevgeny Kobzev

Editors Andra Lejniece, Dāvis Šimanis jr.

Producer Roberts Vinovskis

Production Company Locomotive Productions

To be released March 2007

Title Imposed Double Life of the Saamis
Original Title Sāmu dubultā dzīve
Documentary, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 52'

Director Dainis Kļava
Cinematographers Valdis Celmiņš,
Uldis Cekulis
Sound Riho Vastrik
Editor Dainis Kļava
Producers Uldis Cekulis, Riho Vastrik
Production Company Vides Filmu Studija
Co-production with Vesilind (Estonia)
To be released August 2007

Imposed Double Life of the Saamis



Films
from
Latvia

Many Saami men and women face a dilemma – whether to continue the centuries-old lifestyle of nomadic wanderings across the northern tundra together with their herds of reindeer, or to adapt themselves to the modern world at the cost of gradually losing their traditional identity.



DAINIS KĻAVA (selected titles)

Documentaries: Sea of Attractions 2005 Lake Lubāns: Squaring the Circle 2001
All Rivers Flow To the Sea 1998 Bear Man – Andrejs 1997
Ķemeri National Park 1997 Bird Man 1996 The Naivists 1992

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 (shorts): Merry Christmas! 2004 Slurp 1997 Verner's Suffering 1996
Documentaries: Village Close to Heaven 2004 The Sounds of the Seasons 2003
I Love Daugavpils! 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

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
Producer Guntis Trekteris
Production Company Ego Media
To be released Autumn 2007

VALSTS
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Nazis and Blondes

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, Elina Bandēna

Production Designer Mārtiņš Kalseris

Sound Aigars Endzelis, Ilvars Veģis

Editor Arbo Tammiksaar

Producers Jaak Kilmi, Askolds Saulītis, Valdas Navasaitis

Production Companies Subjektiv Filma (Latvia), Kuukulgur Film OÜ (Estonia), VG Studija (Lithuania)

To be released September 2007



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

ARBO TAMMISKAAR

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



Nude

Title Nude

Original Title Akts

Documentary, 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 July 2007



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 2001 (short)
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 Perpetual Rehearsal

Original Title Mūžīgais mēģinājums
Documentary, Betacam SP, 4:3,
colour, stereo, 60'

Director Herz Frank

Screenplay Herz Frank

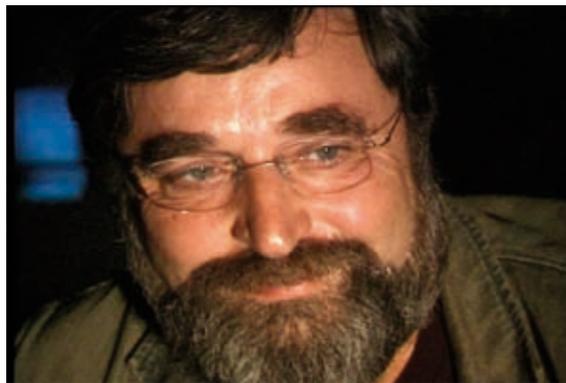
Cinematographers Herz Frank,
Viktor Griberman

Producer Herz Frank

Production Companies Film Studio EFEF,
Kaupo Filma

To be released May, 2007

Perpetual Rehearsal



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

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



Prayer on the Cross



Latvian Roman Catholic Bishop Boļeslavs Sloškāns was secretly invested as one of only three Catholic bishops in the Soviet Union, becoming the apostolic administrator of Minsk and Mogilyev. For his convictions and his belief in God, Sloškāns experienced great suffering.



DZIDRA SMILTĒNA

Title Prayer on the Cross

Original Title Lūgšana krustā
Documentary, Digital Betacam, 4:3,
colour, Dolby Digital, 52'

Director Dzidra Smiltēna

Screenplay Dzidra Smiltēna

Cinematographers Miks Zvirbulis, Jānis Eglītis

Sound Igors Jakovļevs

Editor Gunta Ikere

Producers Dzidra Smiltēna, Kārlis Rudzītis

Production Company Balti

To be released March 2007

Title Stasys

Original Title Zapāns

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

Director Māris Maskalāns

Screenplay Māris Maskalāns

Cinematographer Māris Maskalāns

Sound Arvids Ceļmalis, Anrijs Krenbergs

Editor Māris Maskalāns

Producer Uldis Cekulis

Production Company Vides Filmu Studija

To be released September 2007

Stasys



Stasys isn't interested in nature, but he cannot avoid nature because it comes into his yard and house. A wagtail has built a nest in an old tractor, and the white stork is nesting on his rooftop.

MĀRIS MASKALĀNS

Documentaries: Stasys 2007 Have You Seen the Roller? 2004
Roof on the Moonway (Co-director) 2001
Homes in a Meadow 1997 Winter. Cones. Crossbills. 1997



The Stations

Title The Stations

Original Title Stacijas

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

Director Ilona Brūvere

Cinematographers Dāvis Simanis,
Agris Birzulis

Original Music Goran Gora

Producer Ilona Brūvere

Production Company Kinolats

To be released October 2007



Homage to the romanticism of 20th century railway stations.

ILONA BRŪVERE

Features: Figures 1994 V20 - Eine ungenaue Erinnerung an eine Urkunde 1984
Documentaries: 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
Knights and Standard Bearers on Stage! 1982 And Adam called his Wife Eve 1981



Title Working Class Ballet

Original Title Darbaļaužu balets
Documentary, Digital Betacam, 16:9,
colour, stereo, 60'

Director Roberts Vinovskis

Screenplay Roberts Vinovskis

Cinematographers Kaspars Braķis,
Valdis Celmiņš, Roberts Vinovskis

Sound Yevgeny Kobzev

Editor Dāvis Simanis jr.

Producer Roberts Vinovskis

Production Company Locomotive Productions

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Working Class Ballet

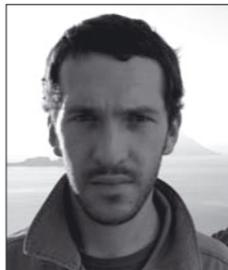


What makes football so important to millions of people? Is it more than just beer-drinking entertainment? A reflection on football as an aesthetic and social phenomenon.

ROBERTS VINOVSĶIS

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

Documentaries: Road to Portugal 2004 New York Graffiti 1999 Visions from Mexico 1998
The Beauty of Unseen King of Copies 1996 Sharks from the Baltics 1994
Christmas in England 1994 En descendant la tour 1993 Story of Lenin's Biography



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