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FILM

2024 **FLOW**

animated feature, 85 min, dir. Gints Zilbalodis – writer, producer

participation in the 77th Cannes Film Festival, Un Certain Regard participation in the 2024 Annecy Film Festival, Feature Film Competition

THE GIRLS OF 1960 2023

documentary feature, 71 min, dir. Una Celma – producer

participation in the Krakow Film Festival

2022 **SISTERS**

live action feature, 104 min, Latvia/Italy, dir. Linda Olte - producer

grand prix "Competition 1-2", 37th Warsaw International film festival FIPRESCI award, 37th Warsaw International film festival

Best Film, Best Director, Best Actress, Golden Linden Film Festival, Stara Zagora

IDM Award, Municipality Award, Bozen Film Festival 2023

participation in the Warsaw International Film festival, Beijing International Film Festival Tallinn Black Nights, London Baltic, Lübeck Nordic Film Days, RIGA IFF and other film festivals Latvian National Film Award "Lielais Kristaps" 2023 - Best Directing, Best Supporting Actress

Screen International award at the MIA Market film market

NEON SPRING

live action feature, 102 min, Latvia - director, writer, producer

participation in the Edinburgh International Film festival, International Film Festival of India, Telaviv, London Baltic, RIGA IFF, b2 Biennale, Helsinki "Love & Anarchy" and other film festivals Latvian National Film Award "Lielais Kristaps" 2023 - Best Actress, Best Sound Design "Works in Progress" award at the Baltic Event film market, Tallinn Black Nights Film festival

THE TASTE OF WATER

live action feature, 107 min, Latvia - director, writer, producer

participation in the Tallinn Black Nights Film festival

Latvian National Film Award "Lielais Kristaps" 2023 - Best Cinematography

2021 **WILD EAST**

live action feature, 95 min, Latvia - director, writer, producer

5 nominations for the Latvian national film awards "Lielais Kristaps" "Lielais Kristaps" award in the category "Best Supporting Actress" - Agnese Budovska

IMAD'S CHILDHOOD

documentary feature, 78 min, Sweden/Latvia, dir. Zahavi Sanjavi - producer

grand prix, Tempo Documentary Festival (Sweden)

participation at the HotDocs, Saloniku, DocAviv and other film festivals

2020 AT THE MOVIES

live action feature, 87 min, Latvia - director, writer, producer

1 nomination for the Latvian national film awards "Lielais Kristaps"

THE WANDERERS

documentary feature, 91 min, Latvia/Sweden - director, writer, producer

2 nominations for the Latvian national film awards "Lielais Kristaps"

WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME

short, 18 min, Latvia - director, writer, production designer, producer

participation in the 2Annas film festival, RIGA IFF

2019 MEMORIES FROM EARTH

short, 8 min, Latvia, dir. Kirils Ecis - producer

participation in the Riga International Film festival

2018 **MEYERHOLD'S FLIGHT**

short, 18 min, Latvia/USA - director, writer, producer

participation in the Riga International Film festival

1 nomination for the Latvian national film awards "Lielais Kristaps"

THE MAN AND THE DAHLIAS

documentary short, 38 min, Latvia, dir. Guntis Bojārs - producer

award in the category "Best Debut", Latvian national film awards "Lielais Kristaps"

2017 ONE TICKET PLEASE

documentary feature, 65 min, Latvia/USA - director, producer award for best debut at the NewDoc Tempo Documentary Festival (Sweden) "New York Perspectives" award at the Winter Film Awards (LISA)

"New York Perspectives" award at the Winter Film Awards (USA) award for best documentary at the Pure Dreams film festival (Russia)

participation in the Krakow, Gothenburg, Kerala, BelDocs, EU FF China and other film festivals

A nomination for the Latvian national film awards "Lielais Kristaps"

FIPRESCI award, "Diena" special award the Latvian national film awards "Lielais Kristaps"

2016 THE RETURN

documentary, 52 min, Sweden/Latvia, dir. Zahavi Sanjavi - co-producer participation in the IDFA, Saloniku, Docudays UA, Tempo and other film festivals

2014 THE SHORT DAY

documentary short, 26 min, Latvia, dir. Una Celma - assistant director

2013 MY FAMILY TREE

documentary feature, 74 min, Latvia, dir. Una Celma - writer

2012 MONTH OF THE WITCHES

documentary feature, 96 min, Latvia, dir. Una Celma - writer

2008 FINDING ELVIS

live-action feature, 78 min, Latvia, dir. Una Celma - actor (role Tomass)

THEATRE

2023 SOFT POWER

National Theatre of Latvia, New Hall - director, writer

WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 - today TRICKSTER PICTURES, Latvia

founder, producer, Chairman of the Board

2021 - today DREAM WELL STUDIO, Latvia

Producer

2022 - today RISEBA, Latvia

Guest lecturer

2020 - today LATVIAN ACADEMY OF CULTURE, Latvia

Lecturer

2015-2022 DEEP SEA STUDIOS, Latvia

producer

2011-2022 FENIXFILM, Latvia

producer

2015-2022 ASSOCIATION "JEST", Latvia

member of the Board, curator of cultural events and educational programmes

EDUCATION

2022 - today LATVIAN ACADEMY OF CULTURE, Latvia

professional doctorate programme" Arts"

2019-2021 LATVIAN ACADEMY OF CULTURE, Latvia

M.A. Audiovisual & Performative Art, specialization in Film Directing

2018 AFI CONSERVATORY, USA

M.F.A. Directing

2014-2018 NYU TISCH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, USA

B.F.A. Film & Television, minor in Dramatic Literature, summa cum laude

2011-2014 RIGA CENTRE HUMANITARIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL, Latvia

general secondary education

ORGANISATIONS

European Film Academy, member EAVE Producers, member

The Film Directors Guild of Latvia, member The Screenwriters Guild of Latvia, member Film Producers Association of Latvia, member The Latvian Filmmakers Union, member of the Board

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