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PROFILE

Independent filmmaker with a wide experience in directing, shooting and editing creative documentaries, with a focus on social issues and a strong emphasis on the story.

CURRENT

TAIGA FILM

Founder/director. Production of creative documentaries, broadcast journalism, new media and branded content. *2013-present.*

FILMOGRAPHY

LET'S DO IT! / TEEME ÄRA!

Director. A dozen activists overcome cultural differences and political chaos to organize a million volunteers to clean the Mediterranean Sea. *Traumfabrik, in post-production.*

BORDER YOUTH / PIIRINOORED

Director. As the future of Europe is balanced on its eastern border, Russian-Estonians explore the questions of identity. *Exitfilm, in post-production.*

A CAN OF FREEDOM / VABADUS PURGIS

Director/camera/montage. A group of hippies declares war on boring walls and creates a successful start-up in Silicon Valley. *Taiga Film, in post-production.*

INVENTING ESTONIA / LEIUTADES EESTIT

Producer/director. 7 short documentaries about young inventors, commissioned by ETV as part of Estonia 100. *Taiga Film, 2017-2018.*

RECEPTION / VASTUVÕTT

Director/camera. On Estonia's Independence Day, one reception is hosted by the president and the other by a quirky family in their tiny apartment. *Taiga Film, 2018.*

ST. JOHN'S DAY / JAANIPÄEV

Director/camera/montage. On the day before the summer solstice, tens of thousands of Estonians wait in a queue to cross to the island of Saaremaa. *Taiga Film, 2017.*

CANVASCITY / LÕUENDILINN

Director/camera/montage. Imagine a city, where street art wasn't illegal and everybody could draw whatever they liked. *Taiga Film / Vincent Films, 2015.*

QUEUE / JÄRJEKORD

Director/camera/montage. A teenage fashionista and a rural pensioner in the whirlwind of consumer society. *Pimik / Taiga Film, 2014.*

METROPOLIS TV

Director/camera/montage. 10 short documentaries for an award-winning project of Dutch public broadcaster. *VPRO, 2010-2014.*

OVER THE ROADS, OVER THE RIVER

Camera. A paradise of allotted gardens is threatened by the grandiose plans of Riga developers. *Mistrus Media, 2014.*

ROBBIE WILLIAMS - MEET ME IN TALLIN

Camera. Robbie Williams' Estonian visit through the personal stories of his biggest fans. *The Factory, 2013.*

TEN TO TEN / KÜMNEST KÜMNENI

Director/camera/montage. Two underpaid sculptors descend into the criminal business of illegitimate alcohol. *Kuukulgur Film, 2011.*

THE CORMORANTS / KOGU TÕDE ANSAMBLIST KORMORANID

Director/montage. A fictional documentary about the rise and fall of Estonian rock music. *Kuukulgur Film, 2011.*

STRANGERS AMONG US / VÕÕRAD OMADE SEAS

Director/camera. Four Russian-Estonian musicians struggle to find their place on both sides of the border. *Revolver Film, 2010.*

TRUE LIFE

Associate Producer. Emmy award winning documentary series about the experiences and cultures of this generation. *MTV Networks, 2001-2004.*

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

BA Psychology / BA Linguistics, 1997-2001

PRAGUE FILM ACADEMY

FAMU International, Film Directing, 2004-2005