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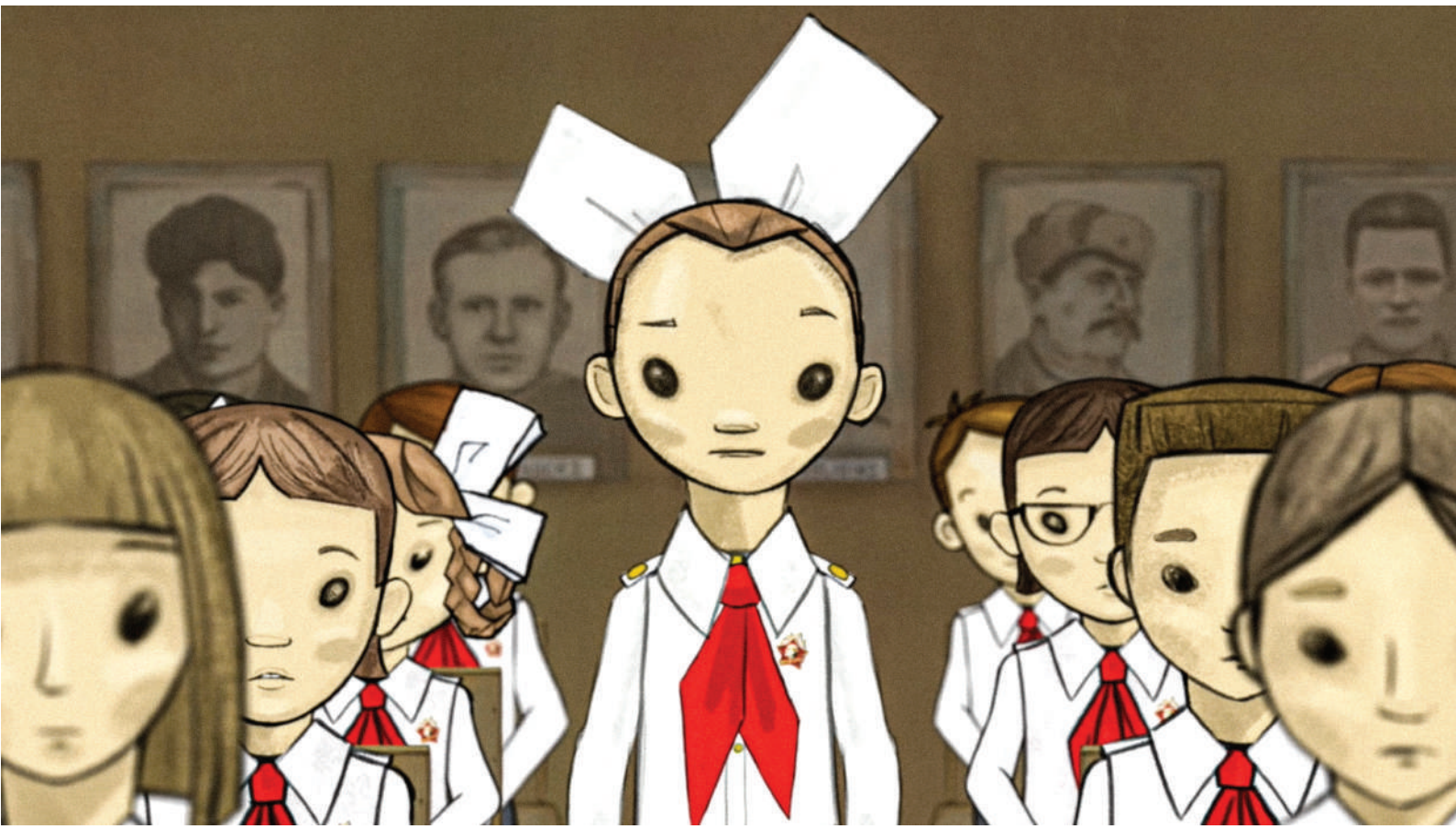
MY FAVORITE WAR

Animated Feature Film by ILZE BURKOVSKA - JACOBSEN



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English / Latvian / Russian. English subtitles.

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BIVROST FILM & EGO MEDIA PRESENT

MY FAVORITE WAR

(MANS MĪĻĀKAIS KARŠ)

CREDITS

Writer and director	Ilze Burkovska- Jacobsen
Concept artist	Svein Nyhus
Animators	Krišjānis Ābols
	Neil Hammer
	Arnis Zemītis
	Kerija Arne
	Toms Burāns
Lead Background Artist	Laima Puntule
Cinematographers	Andrejs Verhoustinskis
	Trond Jacobsen
	Mārcis Ābele
Editors	Julie Vinten
	Reinis Rinka
Sound Designer	Ernests Ansons
Composer	Kārlis Auzāns
Producers	Trond Jacobsen
	Guntis Trekteris

SHORT SYNOPSIS

This is the personal story of the director, Ilze, growing up in Cold-War Latvia, USSR. It's a coming of age story, a personal escape route from the mighty authoritarian regime's brainwashing. An antiwar film, emphasizing the importance of an individual's freedom being a democratic society's fundamental right.

LONG SYNOPSIS

My Favorite War is an animated documentary telling the personal story of its director, Ilze, about her growing up in the Cold-War USSR. It is an exciting coming-of-age story about finding one's own identity, truth and loyalty.

First, we meet Ilze as a little girl playing war at her granddad´s farm, then she is faced with the horror of war threats at school. Ilze lives in a clash between the Soviet reality and propaganda denying what people actually are experiencing. Moreover, Ilze also finds out how opposite in their beliefs are people whom she loves the most.

The film is about choices a girl has to make in a very young age, then getting wiser and finding courage to speak out.

WORLD PREMIERE

Annecy International Animation Film Festival 2020

AWARDS

- Winner of Annecy Contrechamp Competition
- French Critics Prize, Annecy
- Special Distinction Prize, Bucheon IAFF (Korea)
- Grand Prix / Feature Films, New Chitose Animation Festival
- Best Animation Director, Best Animated Film, Latvian National Film Prize
- Animator Of The Year, Palm Springs International Animation Festival & EXPO

ANNECY CONTRECHAMP JURY

'We were touched by this memoir that is part of a bigger story. It gives a vivid feeling for a young girl growing up and evolving in a small Latvian town during the Soviet occupation. My Favorite War teaches the global value of freedom and demonstrates how a very personal story can be of universal interest.'

NEW CHITOSHE ANIMATION FESTIVAL JURY

'Through the animated documentary with the provocative title, we have also been able to touch many small but important experiences. Now they are a sincere part of our world.'

TRAILER

https://vimeo.com/421103164

PHOTOS

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1U89_S5kfa-disEhXp2ea_EyjxbluRQ2cj?usp=sharing

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR (Ilze Burkovska- Jacobsen)

Latvian born film director living and working in both Norway and Latvia. She has done eight documentaries and more than 20 hours of TV animation-/ documentary series. The last ten years Ilze, and her production company Bivrost Film, have worked on "My Favorite War" as well as on several animated documentary series for children with topics like abuse and violence. **She and her team won an International Emmy Award for "My Body Belongs to Me" in 2018.**

ABOUT BIVROST FILM

Bivrost Film was founded in 2000 with the primary objective of producing high quality documentaries and films for children and young people, for Norwegian and international audiences. We develop films and series we believe are important for the times we are living in. Our productions have reached a large audience and have been nominated and won awards at festivals.

ABOUT EGO MEDIA

Latvian production company Ego Media was established in 2005 by Guntis Trekteris , one of the country's leading veteran producers. The recent selected titles include the local box office hit The Sign Painter (Piļsāta pi upis) by Viestur Kairish, premiered in Tallinn International Film Festival and nominated in fifteen categories for the National Film Award, as well as the animation My Favorite War by Ilze Burkovska-Jakobsen – the winner of many local and international awards among them - Annecy's Contrechamp award in 2020.

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