

Goodbye, Soviet Union

Johannes is born to a single student mom and is raised by his grandparents, while the hippie mom protests against the war in Afghanistan. Strong characters quarrel with each other until mother smuggles herself to work in Finland through KGB and Johannes has to face the life challenges alone. He falls deeply in love with his classmate, Vera, takes risks, gets into fights, and gets punished... all the while, in the background, the Evil Empire collapses. As the Lenins fall and the Barbie dolls take over, the crocodile Genas and the Moskvitches are forced to step aside, leaving the road to the West wide open!

Director Lauri Randla

has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in film art from Aalto/ELO film school in Finland. His filmography to date consists of several short films, among them *Mausoleum* (2016), which has won several international awards: Best Foreign Film at 2016 Toronto short film festival, audience prize from ShortCuts Bucharest in Romania, Best Film at Scanorama festival in Vilnius, London Lift-Off FF – Best Short Film, Discover Film Awards/UK – Best Narrative.

Original title: Huvasti, NSVL

Genre: drama, comedy

Languages: Estonian, Ingrian, Russian

Director: Lauri Randla

Screenwriter: Lauri Randla

Cinematographer: Elen Lotman E.S.C.

Production Designer: Jaana Jüris

Editors: Leo Liesvirta, Andres Hallik

Composer: Lauri Randla

Sound: Karri Niinivaara

Main cast: Niklas Kouzmitchev, Nika Savolainen, Ülle Kaljuste, Tõnu Oja, Pääru Oja, Jekaterina Novosjolova, Elene Baratašvili, Sten Karpov,

Producer: Peeter Urbla

Co-producers: Mark Lwoff, Misha Jaari

Produced by: Exitfilm (EE), Bufo (FI)

Premiere: November 2020, Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival

Awards: Audience Award at Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival

Festivals: Cleveland IFF, Tromsø International Film Festival, Moscow IFF, Busan International Kids and Youth Film Festival, NY NewFilmmakers IFF...

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