

CAST **INDREK OJARI, MARCUS BORKMANN, REIN OJA, LAINE MÄGI,**  
**MAGDALENA POPŁAWSKA, MEELIS RÄMMELD, IVO UUKKIVI**

# Rain

A FILM BY **JANNO JÜRGENS**

**ALASTI KINO** PRESENTS **RAIN**  
CINEMATOGRAPHER **ERIK PÖLLUMAA**, PRODUCTION DESIGN **MATIS MÄESALU**, COSTUME **LIIS PLATO**,  
MAKEUP ARTIST **SIIRI LAURI**, EDITOR **PRZEMYSŁAW CHRUŚCIELEWSKI**, SOUND DESIGN **ARTIS DUKAŁSKIS**,  
COMPOSERS **REINIS SĒJĀNS, MISHA PANFILOV**, VFX **ANTI RANNUS**,  
PRODUCER **KRISTJAN PÜTSEP**, SCRIPT **ANTI NAULAINEN & JANNO JÜRGENS**,  
DIRECTOR **JANNO JÜRGENS**

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## SYNOPSIS

Rain, the older brother of Ats, a 12-year old kid growing up in a small seaside town, returns to the family home, where their authoritarian father Kalju and a mother on the verge of losing love are waiting. Ats is witness to the clash of two men, a father and a brother, two stubborn men from different generations with different views of the world. When the father tries to push Rain, who has lost his stable ground, into the boundaries of his world, Rain finds instead hope in Aleksandra, a mysterious woman with a shady past.

“In his astonishing first film Janno Jürgens opts for a quirky dark comedy approach to exploring complex male dynamics in the wide open lushness of a rainswept Estonian backwater in summer and through to an icebound wintertime. This is essentially a love/hate buddy movie that derives tremendous energy from its widescreen settings, and DoP Erik Pollumaa creates a great sense of place, breathing life into the intense domestic scenes which are imaginative, limpid and gracefully framed despite the quiet hopelessness they often portray.” Meredith Taylor





Director-scriptwriter **JANNO JÜRGENS** was born in 1985 in Haapsalu, Estonia. He has made different experiments in short film genre since 2005. Janno graduated from the Baltic Film And Media School in 2012 as a film director. His short film “Distant” had its world premiere at Locarno Film Festival in 2012. Janno Jürgens’ films can be described as Nordic family dramas infused with melancholic undertones. “Rain” is his first feature film.

## FILMOGRPAHY

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| 2020 | Rain, 95’, Alasti Kino (EE), director-writer                              |
| 2016 | They Say Tomatoes Love Rock Music, 40’, Alasti Kino (EE), director-writer |
| 2014 | Final Cut, 8’, Wajda Studio (PL), director-writer                         |
| 2013 | Medic (documentary), 35’, Alasti Kino (EE), director-writer               |
| 2012 | Distance, 24’, Alasti Kino (EE), director-writer                          |
| 2009 | Setting Fire, 15’, Baltic Film And Media School, director-writer          |
| 2008 | About Men, 17’, Baltic Film And Media School, director-writer             |
| 2008 | Devil Incarnate, 14’, Baltic Film And Media School, director              |
| 2007 | Algolis, 8’, Baltic Film And Media School, director-writer                |
| 2006 | Ting, 15’, director-writer  |
| 2005 | Mythoman, 25’, director-writer  |



## DIRECTORS INTENTION

In *Rain*, we're dealing with the issues of being a man through several generations. Fear and inability to express oneself, to show one's feelings and one's gentler side and the resulting problems are some of the big undercurrents of the film, which we're trying to understand. Although everything is constantly changing and every new generation is different from the previous one, every new generation is also terribly similar to the previous one. I'm interested in these differences and similarities and the change. Does something change and how? Who are we? Who will we become? Is it possible to break this chain and become free or is everything predestined?





## CREW

Director	Janno Jürgens
Script	Anti Naulainen & Janno Jürgens
Cinematographer	Erik Põllumaa
Production designer	Matis Mäesalu
Costume	Liis Plato
Makeup artist	Siiri Lauri
Editor	Przemyslaw Chruscielewski
Sound design	Artis Dukalskis
Music	Misha Panfilov & Reinis Sejans
Producer	Kristjan Pütsep

## CAST

Rain	Indrek Ojari
Ats	Marcus Borkmann
Kalju	Rein Oja
Marju	Laine Mägi
Aleksandra	Magdalena Poplawska
Musa-Mart	Meelis Rämmeld
Uuno	Ivo Uukkivi
Tom	Andres Roosimaa
Merlin	Meelo Elisabet-Kriista
Dimitri	Aleksei Beljajev



















## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

GENRE	DRAMA
YEAR	2020
LENGTH	100 min.
FORMAT	COLOR 1,85:1 2K, 24fps, 5:1 DOLBY DIGITAL, DCP
LANGUAGE	ESTONIAN, RUSSIAN
SUBTITLES	ENGLISH, RUSSIAN, ESTONIAN
COUNTRY	ESTONIA

“This is a quirky and memorable drama that gets an emotional kick from its silent sequences and introspective characters given considerable depth by a strong and sensitive cast showing how men often struggle with complex emotions they can’t always express.” Filmuforia

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