




INFLATABLE BEAR, HOURLY

A FILM BY **ELISABETH WERCHOSIN**



BLUE MONTICOLA FILM PRESENTS **INFLATABLE BEAR, HOURLY** WITH **VARVARA SHMYKOVA** AND **CORINNA KIRCHHOFF**
CINEMATOGRAPHY **ROMAN BLATMAN** SOUND **SASHA VALENT** MUSIC **ALEKSEI KOMASA** COSTUME DESIGN
ALEXANDRA CHUMACHENKO MAKE-UP ARTISTS **ANASTASIYA DASHKEVICH** **KATYA BUDNIK** CASTING **ANNA GOLENKO**
PRODUCERS **KIRILL KRASOVSKI** **ROMAN BLATMAN** **ELISABETH WERCHOSIN** ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS **OLEG HRISTOLÚBSKIY**
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SYNOPSIS

A young immigrant actress, dressed as a costumed bear, faces a surreal odyssey in Berlin's Soviet-era outskirts, where a chaotic birthday party blends humor, tragedy, and the echoes of a home she can't forget.

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INFLATABLE BEARS

This type of performance is very popular for birthday greetings among people with roots in former Soviet countries — no matter where they live now. In Berlin, where there are many immigrants, performances by inflatable bears are a demanded service.




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LENA

Varvara Shmykova

Varvara is a Russian theater and film actress known for her roles in performances at the Meyerhold Center, IjulAnsemble, and Praktika theater projects. She has also starred in acclaimed films such as “Loveless” (2017), directed by Andrey Zvyagintsev. Her other notable roles include “Petrov’s Flu” (2021) and “Tchaikovsky’s Wife” (2022) by Kirill Serebrennikov.



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CASTING LADY

Corinna Kirchhoff

Corinna is a German actress known for her work in theater, film, and television. She has performed at the Vienna Burgtheater, Schauspielhaus Zürich, Salzburger Festspiele, and Berliner Ensemble, collaborating with acclaimed directors such as Andrea Breth, Peter Stein, and Jürgen Gosch.

Her film credits include "Amnesia" (2015), directed by Barbet Schroeder, and "The City Below" (2010) by Lars Kraume.

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CAST

Ido Gotlib

Kseniia Vorsuleva

Aleksey Mironov

Irina Platon

Anastasiia Dashkevich

Philipp Fortunkov

Igor Polenov

Andrei Moisekin

Ilia Kartashov

CREW

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED

by Elisabeth Werchosin



Elisabeth was born in 1995 in Pskov, Russia, to a family of a German immigrant. Graduated as a film director from the Saint Petersburg University of Film and Television. Moved to Berlin in 2022. Besides working as an assistant director in filmmaking, participates in an independent journalist project as a photographer. Her short film "We Mourn" (2022) won the audience prize at the 48th Internationale Grenzland-Filmtage Filmfestival. Her latest short film, "Inflatable Bear, Hourly" (2024), was selected for the International Competition at the 47th Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival.

CAMERA

by Roman Blatman

Roman graduated from the Saint Petersburg University of Film and Television as a film director. Is a part of the team of an oppositional russian newsmedia and produces his own films about history of repressions in Russia. His shortfilm "The Executioner", which was written in collaboration with Elisabeth Werchosin was a part of the programm of Uppsala Short Film Festival and Message to Men International Film Festival in 2021.

SOUND

by Sasha Valent

Sasha has worked as the head of the sound department on 26 features and series, contributed to over 50 films, and produced various art and film projects in collaboration with Kirill Serebrennikov, Natalia Meshchaninova, Eva Neymann, Sandrine Bonnaire, students, and alumni of the DFFB (German Film and Television Academy Berlin), among others. Sasha is the founder of Wave Odyssey Sound and runs a production sound equipment rental service in Berlin.

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Elisabeth Werchosin
Roman Blatman

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ASSOCIATE PRODUCER

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Shooting format: 8mm

Screening format: DCP, digital

Aspect ratio: 1.33:1

Audio format: Dolby Digital 5.1

Length: 11 min. 59 sec.

**Original language: English, Russian, German
(subtitled in English)**

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