

**ESTONIAN FILMS, 9.-11. March at Gilmorehill G12**  
**The best new Estonian documentaries, animation and feature films will be shown!**

**Monday 9. March, 6 pm**

**Alyosha**

Documentary (2008)

Most monuments erected during the Soviet regime were taken away after Estonia regained its independence in 1991. The Bronze Soldier Alyosha, located in the centre of Tallinn, remained in its place. For Estonian nationalists this monument was the symbol for Soviet occupation and marked the beginning of Stalinist repressions. However, for many Russians the monument was one of the few remaining symbols that connected them to Russia and Russian identity.

The documentary Alyosha brings us the people who gathered to the Bronze Soldier in 2005-2007 and whose behaviour created a new line in our cultural memory. What mattered were the rituals around the monument, not the monument itself. Differences of opinion about history resulted in tragic conflicts and relocating the monument.



Russian and Estonian with English subtitles  
 Written and Directed by Meelis Muhu  
 Operator: Erik Norkroos  
 67min

**9. March, 7.30 pm**

**Life Stories**

Documentary animation (2008)

„This film is not fictional. All events portrayed have actually transpired. They are memoirs, moments from life. Our life.“ (Rao Heidmets)

The basis of this film is a selection of life stories of Estonians from the period 1920 – 2004. The fate of the entire people is reflected in each life story. A particularly characteristic selection of stories of people is found in this film. Life Stories combines documentary film with animation on the screen.



Estonian with English subtitles  
 Writers: Mats Traat, Rao Heidmets  
 Director: Rao Heidmets  
 Composer: Olav Ehala  
 28 min

**Tuesday 10. March, 7 pm**

**Life Without Gabriella Ferri**

Animation (2008)

Dramatic story about love, locked doors, a faceless thief, a wounded stork, a lost laptop and virtual prostitutes the O'Key sisters... There is no Gabriella Ferri but there is an almost happy ending.

**Festivals and awards: Utrecht (Grand Prix), Leipzig, Fredrikstad**



Estonian with English subtitles

Writer: Prit Pärn

Director: Prit Pärn, Olga Marchenko  
 45 min

**Wednesday 11. March, 5 pm**

**The Class**

Feature film (2007)

Seven chapters from the life of the pupils of an anonymous Estonian secondary school. An average guy of an Estonian high-school decides to defend his bullied classmate. This starts war between him and the informal leader of the class. As teenagers' honour is a touchy thing, everything ends in bloodshed.

**The film has won the Europa Cinemas Label as Best European film at the 42nd Karlovy Vary International Film Festival and 3 other awards.**



Estonian with English subtitles

Written and directed by Ilmar Raag  
 97 min

**After the film meeting with writer and film director Ilmar Raag!**

**Wednesday 11. March, 7 pm**

**I Was Here**

Feature film (2008)

The story (based on the award-winning novel by Sass Henno, I Was Here: First Arrest) is about growing up, about boys who start a game but don't realize how serious it suddenly gets, nor that starting again is no longer possible. A 17 year old boy becomes a drug dealer and this decision draws him into turbulent events he can't control.

**The film is this year's Estonian entry for the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar nominations.**



Estonian with English subtitles

Written by Sass Henno and Ilmar Raag  
 Director: Rene Vilbre  
 94 min

**Before the film meeting with writer and film director Ilmar Raag!**