

# Benjamin's Flowers

A film by: Malin Erixon

## SYNOPSIS

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Benjamin's lack of love and company has placed him on the blurry borderline between fantasy and reality, where it can be hard to understand what's what. We meet Benjamin in the room in which he lives his life – see his confusion, his obsessive thoughts and colorful imagination.

## PRODUCTION INFORMATION

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**English title:** Benjamin's Flowers

**Category:** Animation

**Genre:** Drama

**Duration:** 11:52 min

**Origin:** Sweden

**Production year:** 2012

**Premiere screening / date:** Uppsala International Film Festival, the largest festival for short film in Sweden. October 23, 2012.

**International premiere:** Sundance International Film Festival 2013

**Technique:** Classical and computer 2D

**Formats:** HD-cam / DCDM (Digital Cinema Distribution Master) / DCP (Digital Cinema Package) / HD Videofile (ProRes 422 HQ 1080p) / .h264 in full HD / DVD

**Image format:** widescreen (16:9 anamorphic)

**Sound format:** surround 5.1 and stereo

**Dialogue:** English

## TEAM

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**Director:** Malin Erixon

**Voice actor:** Andreas Wilson / from the movies *Ondskan* (Evil) and *Animal*

**Producers:** Malin Ekerstedt and Malin Erixon

**Production company:** Ganzanderes Animation / [www.ganzanderes.com](http://www.ganzanderes.com)

**Script, graphics, animation, editing:** Malin Erixon

**Sound design:** Lea Korsgaard

**Music:** Christofer Ahde and Simon Caringer

**Dramaturgical and artistic advisor:** Johan Ribe

**Grading:** Josefine Truedsson

**Swedish translation:** Malin Erixon

**Financial support by:** The Swedish Film Institute / film commissioner Andra Lasmanis  
Konstnärsnämnden / The Swedish Arts Grants Committee

**Swedish distribution:** Folkets Bio. [www.folketsbio.se](http://www.folketsbio.se)

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## DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

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Everybody makes and defines their own reality. We might agree on what to call reality in part, but nobody perceives and interprets the world in the exact same way as you. In order to come to a somewhat close agreement on what's real and what's not, we need to interact with each other of course. It is interesting to me to see what happens when people have trouble interacting and have a little too much alone-time. I have always been fascinated by people who create a reality that remarkably deviates from the rest. I guess, to keep it short, Benjamin's Flowers shows what I imagine that you all do when you're home alone and think nobody's watching.

## DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

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**Born:** 1975

**Place of birth:** Stockholm, Sweden

**Education:** Konstfack University College of Arts, Crafts and Design  
Forsbergs School of Design and Berghs School of Communications

Malin Erixon founded the company Ganzanderes Animation & Illustration in the year 2000 where she freelances doing contracted as well as independent film productions. Her films have been screened at film festivals all over the world, including the Sundance Film Festival, and have received numerous recognitions and awards.

## DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY

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2016 **Sleep Incidents** – *in production*

2014 **But You Are a Dog**

2012 **Benjamins Blommor**  
Benjamin's Flowers

2005 **Skogen... och 7 illustrationer kring namnet på ett träd** – *student film*  
The Forest... and 7 illustrations around the name of a tree

2005 **Death by Heart** – *student film*

2004 **En Kålmask's Äventyr** – *student film*  
A Cabbageworm's Adventure

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## AWARDS, FESTIVALS AND SCREENINGS

The festival list was last updated on: *April 22, 2014.*

### Queer City Cinema Film Festival 2014

*May, 2014. Canada.*

### ZOOM short & doc film night 2014

*April, 2014. Tirana Ekspres. Albania.*

### BFI Flare: London LGBT Film Festival 2014

*British Film Institute. UK.*

### Ekerö Animationfestival 2014

*Sweden*

### Diversity in Animation Festival.

*Nominated for Best Short Film. Brazil.*

### Gotlands Kortfilmsfestival. Sweden

### Mecal // 16th Festival International of Short Film and Animation of Barcelona.

*Nominated for Best Short Film. Spain.*

### XPOSED International Queer Film Festival

*Nominated for Best XPosed Short Film. Germany.*

### Zine Goak 2014.

*Nominated for Best Short Film. Spain.*

### 3rd Pink Life QueerFest. Turkey.

### Future Shorts. World wide.

### Shortcutz Lisboa. Portugal.

### Coimbra Film Fest. Portugal.

### Foxes Cinema Lounge. UK.

### Maverick Movie Awards 2013

- *Nominated for Best Animation*

- *Nominated for Best Performance*

- *Nominated for Best Soundtrack*

### MIX Festival NYC. USA.

### Reeling: The Chicago LGBT International Film Festival 2013. USA.

### New Hampshire Film Festival 2013

*Nominated for Best Animated Short Film. USA.*



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**Glovebox Short Film & Animation Festival 2013.**  
*USA.*



**Fil'm Hafizasi Film Festival 2013.** *Turkey.*



**The Animasyros International Animation Festival 2013**  
*Greece.*

**Aesthetica Short Film Festival 2013**  
*UK.*



**The Queer Film Festival MEZIPATRA 2013**  
*Nominated for Best International Short Film.*  
*Czech Republic.*

**Polari Film Festival 2013**  
*USA.*



**Norrköping International Film Festival – Flimmer 2013**  
*Sweden.*



**MIX Copenhagen 2013**  
*Denmark.*

**Queer Cinema Stockholm 2013**  
*Sweden.*



**LISFF – Ljubljana International Short Film Festival 2013**  
*Slovenia.*

**Queer Lisboa Film Festival 2013**  
*Awarded Best Short Film. Portugal.*

**The International Animation Festival ANIMANIMA 2013**  
*Nominated for Best Animated Film. Serbia.*

**BUSHO – The Budapest Short International Film Festival 2013**  
*Nominated for Best Short Film. Hungary.*

**Animated Eden Animation Festival 2013**  
*UK.*

**Molise Cinema Festival 2013**  
*Italy.*

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### **Pink Sheep Film Festival 2013**

*USA.*

### **Summer Shorts Film Festival 2013**

*Russia.*

### **Cinefiesta Film Festival 2013**

*Puerto Rico.*

### **Kloosterkino Heavenly Animated Shorts 2013**

*Netherlands.*

### **Frameline37: San Francisco International LGBT Film Festival 2013**

*USA.*

### **SouthSide Film Festival 2013**

*USA.*

### **Provincetown International Film Festival 2013**

*USA. Nominated for Best Animated Short Film.*

### **Umeå International Film Festival 2013**

*Sweden.*

### **Dallas International Film Festival 2013**

*Nominated for Best Animated Short Film.*

### **Mindpirates Film Night**

*As part of the artists group's film night "Shorts from Sundance". Berlin, Germany.*

### **HAFF – Holland Animation Film Festival 2013**

*Nominated for Best Short Film.*

### **Florida Film Festival 2013**

*USA.*

### **Tricky Women International Animation Festival 2013**

*Austria.*

### **Minimalen Short Film Festival 2013**

*Nominated for Best Nordic Short Film. Norway.*

### **Sundance Film Festival 2013**

*Nominated for Best Short Film. USA.*

### **Liljevalchs Vårsalong 2013**

*Selected for the famous Spring Salon Exhibition at Liljevalchs Art Gallery in Stockholm, Sweden.*

### **Orienteatern**

*Screening as part of Videoverket. Stockholm, Sweden. 2012.*

### **Stockholm International Film Festival 2012**

*Awarded the iFestival Award. Sweden.*

### **Fredrikstads International Animation Festival 2012**

*Nominated for Best Animated Film. Norway.*

### **International Animation Day 2012**

*Selected for the official program in Sweden for the world wide celebration of animation. Screenings at Filmhuset, Bio Mauritz in Stockholm and at several other places all over Sweden.*

### **Kinofest – International Digital Film Festival 2012**

*Official Selection for the section "Off Animation". Romania.*

### **Uppsala International Short Film Festival 2012**

*Nominated for Best Swedish Short Film. Sweden.*

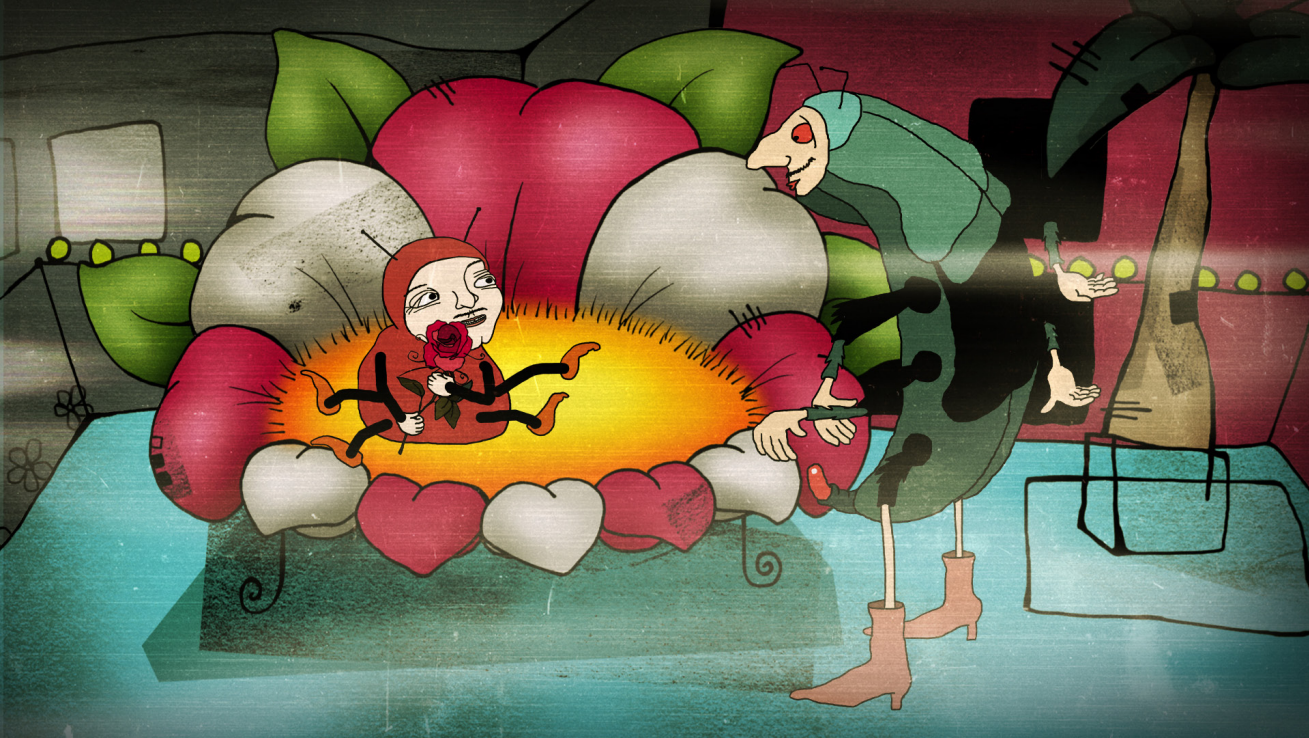
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