

Director's Statement

My name is Marius Pocevicius. I am a self-taught director, actor and screenwriter from Lithuania. Since 2008 I started studying in Vilnius Gediminas Technical University where I have chosen studies of Information Technology Service Management. Although I did not really like my studies, I promised myself to graduate. I found a student theatre studio „The Attic“ which I have joined and where I became interested in theatre and acting itself. There was also a performance created according to my own poetry. I increasingly started to write then and also became interested in directing. Since 2009 I started to create short caricature movies for the internet. I have always been studying books and participating in various free training courses. After creating a few short movies I started to cultivate the idea of a feature film which would be created with a low budget and by the crew of amateurs.

Since 2011 I started creating a scenario but later I quit. After a graduation I decided to run away from IT and get into studies of directing. I have started studying in University of the West of Scotland since 2012 but I had to stop the studies because of some financial problems. Therefore I came back to Lithuania. I found a job in the field of IT but I did not feel happy. I decided to return to my passion and have continued writing a scenario. I have shared my idea about a feature film with my friends and we started to develop the project in 2014.

A budget of the film consisted of my own savings amounted to 2900 Euros. The whole crew and cast are amateurs and they supported the idea by joining without any payment for their work. From the very beginning one point of the concept was not to commit to anyone and do not put any advertisements into the movie. We wanted to prove that it is possible to create a feature film only by the efforts of people which believe in the idea. However the film crew had faced with many problems until the very shooting start (August, 2014). It was difficult to establish a full cast of supporting actors. There was also a lack of necessary equipment and a support staff. The whole shooting took 2 weeks.

I had several roles which were the director, second camera operator and also an actor. After the shooting I took the main editing role with the help of co-editor. The editing took whole 6 months after which we made a private preview screening in the same town where I have born and where the film shooting has taken place. The screening was held for the whole crew and friends at 23rd of April, 2015.

I believe that this movie is not only going to show me the way to cinema industry but it will also inspire other people to make movies in non-professional conditions and do what they really want but still dare to.

Biography

I am a self-taught director, actor and screenwriter. I have been working as an independent filmmaker since 2009 and from that time I have gained a broad experience in the areas of filmmaking. During that time I have played in several theatre plays, made some short films and started with my feature film in 2015.

Birth date:

June 13th, 1989

Education:

Veisiejai high school (1996-2008)

Veisiejai technology and business school (2009-2012)

Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (2008-2012)

Films directed:

„Problem Solver“ – written, directed, filmed, acted, edited, produced. 2015

Roles in cinema:

„1939 Battle of Westerplatte“ – Polish soldier, Writer and director: Pawel Chochlew, 2013

„The Crown Jewels“ – Graduate, hockey team fan. Writer and director: Ella Lemhagen, 2011

Roles in theatre:

„Friends“ by Kobo Abe – Male. VGTU theatre studio "The Attic". Directed by Olegas Kesminas, 2014

„Peer Gynt“ by Henrik Ibsen – The Bridegroom, Monsieur Ballon, Madmen keeper. VGTU theatre studio "The Attic". Directed by Olegas Kesminas, 2012

„Labyrinth“ based on novel "Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes – Charlie Gordon. VGTU theatre studio "The Attic". Directed by Olegas Kesminas, 2011

„Sappho“ based by Ovid's piece "Sappho's letter for Faon" – The Storyteller. VGTU theatre studio "The Attic". Directed by Olegas Kesminas, 2009

„I Have Come And I Leave“ by Marius Pocevicius (myself) – The Poet. VGTU theatre studio "The Attic". Directed by Olegas Kesminas, 2009

„The Shadow“ by Evgeny Shvarts – The Doctor. VGTU theatre studio "The Attic". Directed by Olegas Kesminas, 2009