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Artist, director of animation films

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Biography:

Sasha Svirsky was born in 1980. He graduated from Grekov Art College in Rostov-on-Don, Russia with a painter diploma.

Self-taught animation in 2008 he began work also as an independent animation film director. During this time he has created more than 15 animation shorts. He develops his own artistic language by mixing media and continues to make graphics artworks, painting and collages. In his animation he uses a method of an improvisation and challenges stereotypes.

Now he lives in Moscow.

Among his films: 9 ways to draw a person, Tanzonk, Bokus Mang, Harvest, Ants' songs, Chepurnas, Guest on a horse, Mirs Pirs, etc.

Filmography:

[Engine of Progress / Машина прогресса](#) (music video for Oxxxymiron feat. Ka-tet), 2017

[Bird on the Windowsill / Птица на подоконнике](#) (music video for B2), 2017

[What it was? / Что это было?](#) (animated video for Cinema Poetry project), 2017

[9 ways to draw a person / 9 способов нарисовать человека](#) (animated film), 2016

[Al-eL](#) (animated film), 2016

[My flower / Мой цветочек](#) (animated film), 2016

[Mole / Крот](#) (animated video for Lisokot), 2016

[Simple shapes, a swarthy child / Простые формы, смуглое дитя](#), 2015

[Harvest / Урожай](#) (music video for Pál Zsertvolý & Magyar Ensemble), 2015

[Tanzonk](#) (animated film), 2015

[Gda-Gda](#) (animated film), 2015

[Bokus Mang](#) (animated film), 2014

[Ants' songs / Муравьиные песни](#) (animated film), 2014

[Chepurnas / Чепурнас](#) (animated film), 2014

[Direct speech / Прямая речь](#) (animated film), 2014

[Guest on a horse / Гость на коне](#) (animated music video for Leonid Fedorov), 2012

[Sto / Сто](#) (music video), 2010

[Sirens / Сирены](#) (music video), 2010

[A word and words / Слово и слова](#) (animated film), 2010

[Like a rock / Как скала](#) (animated film), 2010

[Mirs Pirs / Мирс Пирс](#) (animated film), 2009

[Rodina / Родина](#) (music video for Grazhdanskaya Oborona band), 2008

[Gangsters / Бандиты](#) (animated film), 2008

Festivals and prizes:

9 ways to draw a person

Nine short and unexpected stories that tell us, how a person can be depicted.

Composer Alexey Prosvirnin

6 min, December 2016

Prizes:

The SPECIAL MENTION in the professional short film category – 22nd Open Russian Festival of Animated Film, Suzdal, Russia, 2017

The BEST OF THE FESTIVAL - Melbourne International Animation Festival, Australia, 2017

The BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM - International Festival of Animated Films TOFUZI, Batumi, Georgia

The HONORABLE MENTION - 24-th IFF Etiuda&Anima Festival, Krakow, Poland, November, 2017

The JURY'S SPECIAL AWARD - 15th Anilogue International Animation Festival, Budapest, Hungary, 2017

Festivals:

- 22nd Open Russian Festival of Animated Film, Suzdal, Russia, March 2017
- Big Cartoon Festival, Moscow, Russia, April 2017
- 8th Golden Kuker-Sofia, International Animation Film Festival, Bulgaria, competition program, May 2017
- 19th Future Film Festival, Bologna, Italy, competition program, May 2017
- 14th VIS Vienna Shorts Festival for Short Film, Animation & Music Video, Animation Avantgarde program, Austria, Vienna, June 2017
- Animafest Zagreb, Panorama program, 8, 10 June 2017
- Insomnia International Animation Festival, Russia, July, 2017
- Melbourne International Animation Festival, Australia, International program, June 2017
- 25th International Animation Festival ANIMA MUNDI, Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, Gallery competition: July 18-23th, 2017, São Paulo: July 26-30th, 2017
- Window to Europe, Vyborg, Russia, August 2017
- International Kansk Video Festival, Kansk, Moscow, Russia, August 2017
- ANIMANIMA Festival, Cacak, Serbia, September 2017
- World Festival of Animated Film Varna, Bulgaria, September 2017
- Krok International Animated Film Festival, Moscow - Saint-Petersburg, Russia, September 2017
- ReAnima Festival, Bergen, Norway, September, 2017
- LINOLEUM International Contemporary Animation and Media Art Festival, Kiev, Ukraine, September 2017
- International Festival of Animated Films TOFUZI, Batumi, Georgia, October 2017
- KLIK Amsterdam Animation Festival, Netherland, October 2017
- CutOut Fest, Mexico, Mexico, November, 2017
- PSIAF, Palm Spring, USA, November, 2017
- 24th IIF Etiuda&Anima, Krakow, Poland, November, 2017
- PÖFF Shorts International Competition / Animated Dreams International Animation Film Festival, Estonia, 21-26 November, 2017
- Animasivo Festival of Contemporary Animation, November 29th and December 3rd, Mexico City.

Tanzonk

A story about a love between a man and a robot

Composer Alexey Zelensky

9 min, 2015

Prizes:

- The SPECIAL MENTION in the professional short film category – Open Russian Festival of Animated Film, Suzdal, Russia, 2016
- The BEST MUSIC AWARD - Third Culture Film Festival, Hong Kong, 2017

Festivals:

- Premier: Brusov ship, Muzeon park, Moscow, Russia, 6th of October, 2015
- Big Cartoon Festival, Moscow, Russia, November 2015
- Open Russian Festival of Animated Film, Suzdal, Russia, March 2016
- 28th FILMFEST DRESDEN, special program, Germany, April 2016
- 13th Festival for Short Film, Animation & Music Video, Animation Avantgarde program, Austria, Vienna, May 2016
- Future Film Festival, Bologna, Italy, May 2016, competition program
- World Festival of Animated Film - Animafest Zagreb 2016, Grand competition program, Croatia, June, 2016
- Annecy International Animated Film Festival, Out of Competition, France, June, 2016
- 7th Golden Kuker-Sofia, International Animation Film Festival, July, 2016, out of competition
- XII Lago Film Festival, Italy, July 2016, special program
- International Animation Festival Hiroshima, Japan, August 2016, competition program
- Festival International du Film d'Animation de Paris, France, 13-18.09.16
- 12th Korea Independent Animation Film Festival, Seoul, South Korea, 22--27.09.16
- International Kansk Video Festival, Russia, Moscow, 22-27.09.16
- Libelula International Animation Festival, Barcelona, Spain, 24-23.09.16
- ANIMASIVO, Mexico City Contemporary Animation Festival, 28.09 -01.09.16
- CutOut International Animation and Digital Art Festival, Querétaro, Mexico 17-20.11.16
- International Animated Short Film Festival "AJAYU", Puno, Peru, 02-05.11.16
- ZubrOFFka - International Short Film Festival, Bialystok, Poland, 7-11.12.16
- VOID International Film Festival - Copenhagen, Denmark, 26.01.17
- Third Culture Film Festival, Hong Kong 21-24.04.2017
- XV Cine Pobre Film Festival 2017, La Paz, Mexico, 4-7.05.17
- The WE Festival, Maastricht, Netherlands, 13-20.05.17
- Kinolikbez Short Film Festival, Saint-Petersburg, Russia, 24-26.06.17
- Krok International Animated Film Festival, Moscow - Saint-Petersburg, Russia, 2017
- Lublin Film Festival, Poland 2017

Gda-Gda

An experimental animation film about a boy and a war, 2015

Music by Sasha Svirsky and Alexey Prosvirnin

Festivals:

- Insomnia Open-air Animation Festival, Russia, 2015

- Bideodromo Festival, Spain, 2015
- LUFF, Switzerland, 2015
- ZubrOFFka - International Short Film Festival, special program, 2015

Al-eL

An experimental animation, 2016

Music by Sasha Svirsky

Festivals:

- Melbourne International Animation Festival, Australia, Installation Animation program, June 2017

Harvest

A music video based on Dmitry Prigov poem of the same name. The part of a musical project Prigov-suite by Pál Zsertvoly & Magyar Ensemble, 2015

Prizes:

- Special mention – Insomnia Open-air Animation Festival, Russia, 2015

Festivals:

- Insomnia Open-air Animation Festival, Russia, 2015
- International Kansk Video Festival, Russia/Siberia, 2015
- Big Cartoon Festival, Moscow, Russia, 2015.

Bokus Mang

A film on a music by Netherland composer Maarten Altena, 2014

Prizes:

- The Bronze Jabberwocky prize – Etiuda & Anima Festival, Krakow, Poland, 2015

Festivals:

- Insomnia Open-air Animation Festival, Russia, 2014
- Linoleum Festival, Kiev, Ukraine, 2014
- Open Russian Festival of Animated Film, Suzdal, Russia, 2015
- Melbourne International Animation Festival, Australia, 2015
- Kinolikbez Film Festival, Russia, 2015
- Encontrarte Amares, Lissabon, Portugal, 2015
- Krok International Animated Film Festival, Moscow - Saint-Petersburg, Russia, 2015
- CutOut Fest, Mexico, Mexico City, 2015
- Etiuda & Anima Festival, Krakow, Poland, 2015
- Tindirindis animation festival, Vilnius, Lithuania, 2015

Ants' songs

Drama, 2014

Music by Grigory Shmidko & Grigory Mumrikov

Prizes:

- The second prize – Vkratze Short Film Festival, Volgograd, Russia, 2014
- The best animation film – Kinolikbez Short Film Festival, Barnaul, Russia, 2014

- The third prize – Insomnia Animation Film Festival, Moscow, Russia, 2014

Festivals:

- Vkratze Short Film Festival, Volgograd, Russia, March 2014
- Future Film Festival, Bologna, Italy, April 2014 - competition program
- Kinolikbez Short Film Festival, Barnaul, Russia, May 2014
- 8th Tarkovsky Film Festival THE MIRROR, Ples-Ivanovo, Russia, June 2014 – special program
- Insomnia Animation Film Festival, Moscow, Russia, July 2014
- 12th Fantoche Animation Film Festival, Baden, Switzerland, September 2014 – competition program
- FestAnca, Animation Film Festival, Bratislava, Slovakia, June 2014 – special program
- FIA Animation Film Festival, Montevideo, Uruguay, September 2014 – competition program
- 7th Banja Luka, Animation Film Festival, Bosnia and Herzegovina, October 2014 – competition program
- Big Cartoon Festival, Moscow, Russia, October 2014
- Anilogue International Animation Festival, Budapest, Hungary, November 2014 – competition program
- 18th Holland Animation Film Festival, Utrecht, Netherlands, March 2015 – competition program
- 19th Open Russian Festival of Animated Film, Suzdal, Russia, March 2015 – competition program
- 17th Mecal, International short film festival Barcelona, Spain, May 2015 – competition program
- 18th edition of the International Short Film Festival Barcelona Mecal Pro, Santiago de Chile, 2015
- World Festival of Animated Film Varna, Bulgaria, September 2015 – competition program
- International Animated Film Festival KROK, Moscow-S.Petersburg, Russia, September 2015
- LIAF, London, UK, December 2015 – competition program
- Los Angeles De San Rafael, Spain, December 2017

[Chepurnas](#)

A story about the hereditary pilot, 2014

Composer Alexey Prosvirnin

Prizes:

- The Special prize – Open Cinema short film festival, Saint-Petersburg, Russia, 2014

Festivals:

- Open Cinema short film festival, Saint-Petersburg, Russia, August 2014
- Open Russian Festival of Animated Film, Russia, 2014 – competition program
- Big Cartoon Festival, Moscow, Russia, 2013

[Guest on a horse](#)

Music by Leonid Fedorov. Poetry by Alexander Vvedensky.

Music video, 2012

Prizes:

- The first prize – Insomnia Festival, Russia, 2013

Festivals:

- Insomnia Festival, Russia, 2013
- Open Russian Festival of Animated Film, Russia, 2014 – competition program.
- Tehran International Animation Film Festival, Iran, 2015 - competition program.

- Krok, International Animation Film Festival, Russia-Ukraine, 2013 - competition program.
- Zubroffka, Animation Film Festival, Poland, 2014 - special program of Russian films.
- Golden Kuker, Sofia, 2014 - competition program.
- Big Cartoon Festival, Moscow, Russia, 2013

[Sto](#)

Music video, 2010

- Second prize of Parallel program of "Linolium Festival", Russia, 2010

Exhibitions as an artist:

- Solo exhibition " Worlds and myths of Alexander Svirsky ", Museum of Fine Arts, Stavropol, Russia, 2004
- II International Independent Biennial of Graphic, St. Petersburg, Russia, 2004
- Solo exhibition " About scrap ", Museum of Decorative Art, Moscow, Russia, 2007
- Group exhibition " Prospero's Library ", NCCA - St. Petersburg, Russia, Accademia di - Belle Arte, Catania, Italia, Tsaritzino, Moscow, Russia etc, from 2008 till now
- Group exhibition "Akkumulyatsiya " State Exhibition Hall "Gallery of the XXI Century", Moscow, Russia, 2008
- Solo exhibition Museum of Fine Arts, Stavropol, Russia, 2013
- First prize in Competition for young artist PRICELESS CITY, Moscow, Russia, 2013
- Group exhibition PRICELESS CITY, Multimedia Art Museum, Moscow, Moscow, Russia, 2014
- Solo exhibition dedicated to Mikhail Bulgakov, Bulgakov Museum, Moscow, Russia, 2014
- Solo exhibition "Anyway with two unknowns", Open Theater space, Moscow, Russia 2014
- Group exhibition STELLAR - WANDERING STARS SUITE, NORD/LB Art Gallery, Hannover, Germany, 2015
- Group exhibition Pictures of the World, National Centre for Contemporary, Art Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, 2016
- Group exhibition 6th Croatian Illustration Biennial, Klovićevi dvori, Zagreb, Croatia, 2016
- Group exhibition Grundstein Art Festival, Kunsttankstelle Ottakring, Masc Foundation, Vienna, Austria, 2017

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