



P.O.V. FILM DEVELOPMENT FUND – FIRST GRANT HOLDERS

P.O.V. FILM DEVELOPMENT FUND announced its first grant holders in the end of August 2013. Three co-productions received grants to the value of 65 000 Euros. The Fund's Expert Group includes Sergey Selyanov (CTB Film Company), Artem Vasiliev (MetraFilms), Konstantinos Kontovrakis (Herectic, Cinemart), Riina Sildos (Amrion, Baltic Event) and Jean-Christophe Simon (Films Boutiques).

The selected projects whether already have a foreign producer attached or might be interesting for international co-production and distribution. The financial support is provided in the form of an interest-free loan, which is to be returned in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement. The loan is to be returned on the first day of shooting, unless the agreement specifies otherwise.

The list of the selected projects:

THE WOMAN FROM INGRIA (Producer Pavel Odyin; awarded 25 000 EUROS)
The film based on a real biographical story is about the fate of a simple woman - the Ingrian Ida Sokko. Her life was full of sudden turns and tragic incidents, which in a strange, uncanny way reflects the dramatic zigzags of XXth century history.

SVETLANA (Producers Anastasia Perova, Olga Kolegaeva, Konstantin Nafikov, Karsten Stöter; awarded 25 000 EUROS)
A love story between Svetlana Alliluyeva (the Kremlin princess and daughter of the tyrant Joseph Stalin) and an Indian raj. The project is based on a real love story which completely transformed Svetlana's life.

EXERTION (Director Anna Sarukhanova; Producer Julia Mishkinene; awarded 15 000 EUROS). The film is about a young girl from Tbilisi, Georgia, who tried to take her own path in life but, growing disillusioned with a person that she believed to be a kindred spirit, loses faith in her values and falls into a cycle of self-deception.

The presentation of the selected projects will be held on **September, 15** at Northern Seas Film Forum, the business platform of St. Petersburg International Film Festival located at Original Sokos Hotel Olympia Garden in St. Petersburg.

The next P.O.V. FILM DEVELOPMENT FUND competition will be held in February 2014. The call for applications is planned to be announced in December 2013.

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