

# SUOMEN ELOKUVAKONTAKTI RY

## The Finnish Film Contact

The Finnish Film Contact, Suomen elokuvakontakti is a non-profitable distribution association. FFC was founded 37 year ago by a group of filmmakers, who wanted to find a way to distribute documentaries in Finland. The distribution started with three documentaries; today FFC has over 750 short and documentary films in our catalogue. Most of them are Finnish. 90 % per cent of rented films are children films. The organisation does not have the rights for cinema screenings.

Finnish Film Contact rents movies on film and video copies. The biggest customers are community centres, kindergartens, schools, non-commercial film clubs and regional film centres. FFC also work closely with a number of film festivals in Finland. Finnish Film Contact arranges also provincial tours by directors and their films.

FFC also sells short and documentary films on the online shop. The shop has selection on Finnish short and documentary films. There are also plenty of domestic films for the small children.

### New titles

Short and documentary compilation **Make it Short - 10 short films of Finland**, contains warmhearted and humorous films, **Talvinen matka** is a musical portrait and document by Visa Koiso-Kanttila, experimental films like **3 films by Sami van Ingen** and a puppet animation **Elukka** by Tatu Pohjavirta.

### Media Education

The Ministry of Education launched a Media Education Project called Mediamuffins in early 2006. The meaning of this project is to gather all children under 8 years and the adults working with them, to learn and educate social skills with media. Film Contact supports this Media Education by working together with national media organisations for example planning suitable, thematic film compilations for the children for Koulukino – screenings. All the compilations for the screenings are provided with learning material produced together with Media Centre Metka.

### Events

Finnish Film Contact organizes yearly Finnish Short and Documentary Film Event, **Lyhytelokuvia kansalle (Short Movies for the people)** starting 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2007 and festival **Kettupäivät (Finnish for "Fox Days")**. The 24th Kettupäivät will take place from 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2007 until 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2007 presenting recent Finnish short and documentary films in cinema Andorra, in the heart of Helsinki city. Finnish Film Contact organizes the festival for 24 years now.

Kettupäivät awards the best short films in professional and student categories as well as the best documentary made. Furthermore, the best new Finnish animation will be selected and awarded with the Hinku and Vinku prize.

Short Movies for the People shows Scandinavian short films in cafes and bars. The tour starts from Helsinki 21<sup>st</sup> of August travelling also to Turku, Vaasa, Jyväskylä and Rovaniemi.

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