

# PRIIT PÄRN

Born on August 26, 1946 in Tallinn.

Graduated from secondary school in Tapa in 1965.

Graduated from the Department of Biology of University of Tartu in 1970.

Worked at the Botanical Garden of Tallinn as a plant ecologist from 1970 to 1976.

Worked as an art director and animated film director at the Joonisfilm animated film department of Tallinnfilm Studio since 1976. Works at Eesti Joonisfilm Studio since 1994.

Has been active as a caricaturist and illustrator since the end of the 1960's. He has done more and more work as a freelance graphic artist since the early 1980's. Pärn has had over 30 solo exhibitions over the past 12 years in various European countries and Canada.

Pärn has also worked as a teacher over the past 10 years. He has taught at film schools in Finland, Norway, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Belgium, Holland and England. He has also held briefer workshops in Australia and Canada. Pärn is the artistic director of the animation department of the Turku School of Art and Media in Finland since 1994.

Pärn has made 10 animated films of duration up to 30 minutes as well as a host of short films, commercials and so on.

Pärn is married to Kaie Pärn and they have three grown-up children.

## Animated films:

**1977** IS THE EARTH ROUND?

**1978** AND PLAYS TRICKS

- The best children's film from 2<sup>nd</sup> Varna Animated Film Festival, Bulgaria 1981

**1980** SOME EXERCISE IN PREPARATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIFE

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize at the 15<sup>th</sup> USSR filmfestival, 1981

**1982** THE TRIANGLE

**1984** TIME OUT

## History

## Films

## Filmmakers



- Grand Prix Varna Animated Film Festival, Bulgaria 1985
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize from the International Animated Film Festival Cinanima in Espinho, Portugal 1985
- Best animated film Bilbao Short Film Festival, Spain 1985

#### 1987 LUNCHEON ON THE GRASS

- Grand Prix from the XVIII Tampere Short Film Festival, Finland 1988
- Grand Prix, best film in category C and critics prize from VIII Animated Film Festival in Zagreb, Croatia 1988
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Audience Prize from Short Film Festival in Bonn, Germany 1988
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in category C from 1<sup>st</sup> Animated Film Festival in Shanghai, 1988
- Grand Prix from the International Animated Film Festival Cinanima in Espinho, Portugal 1988
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize from the XXI USSR Film Festival in Baku, 1988
- Best Animated Film Award from Melbourne Film Festival, Australia 1988
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize from VIII Odense Film Festival, Denmark 1989
- Nika - the highest prize of the USSR film industry 1989

#### 1988 Commercial spot SWITCH OFF THE LIGHTS

- Bronze Lion 35<sup>th</sup> Cannes International Advertising Festival, France 1988

#### 1992 HOTEL E

- Prize of Land Baden-Württemberg from International Festival of Animated Film in Stuttgart, Germany 1992

#### 1995 1895 (co-director Janno Põldma)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, awarded by festival's youth jury from 11<sup>th</sup> International Odense Film Festival 1995 (Denmark)
- The Prize of Russian ASIFA from 3<sup>rd</sup> International Animated Film Festival Krok 95, Ukraine 1995
- The Russian Critics' Prize from 3<sup>rd</sup> International Animated Film Festival Krok 95, Ukraine 1995
- Prize in Class C, awarded by International Jury from 19<sup>th</sup> International Animated Film Festival of Espinho Cinanima, Portugal 1995
- The Estonian Film Critics (FIPRESCI) Prize for the best film of the year 1995
- Estonian Cultural Endowment's annual Johannes Pääsuke Award 1995
- The Republic of Estonia's State Cultural Award for the film "1895" in the year 1995
- The Festival Jury Special Prize from Balticum Film & TV Festival in Bornholm, Denmark 1996
- Best Film Award from Oslo Animation Festival, Norway 1996
- Grand Prix from 12<sup>th</sup> World Festival of Animated Films in Zagreb, Croatia 1996
- The Critics' Award given by the Jury of the Association of

### Croatian Film Critics, Croatia 1996

- Magic Chrystal Prize 6<sup>th</sup> International Film Forum Arsenals in Riga, Latvia 1996
- Best Design Award from Ottawa International Animation Festival, Canada 1996
- Grand Prix from Pärnu Film Days, Estonia 1997
- Prize for Outstanding Film in General Category from '97 Seoul Animation Expo, South-Korea 1997

**1995** Commercial spot DELISS

**1996** Commercial spot ABSOLUT PÄRN

- Diploma from International Animated Film Festival Krok 97, Ukraine 1997
- Diploma from Holland Animated Film Festival in Utrecht, Holland 1996

**1996** FREE ACTION

### **1998** NIGHT OF THE CARROTS

- Grand Prix from Ottawa International Animation Festival, Canada 1998
- Special Jury Prize from Oslo Animation Festival, Norway 1999
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Silver Dove from 42<sup>nd</sup> International Leipzig Festival of Documentary and Animated Film, Germany 1999
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize from World Animation Celebration Competition, Los Angeles, USA 2000

**2002** ASIFA Life Achievement Award

**2003** KARL AND MARILYN (in production)