



## **SHORT SYNOPSIS**

Elle Marja, 14, is a reindeer-herding Sámi girl. Exposed to the racism of the 1930's and race biology examinations at her boarding school she starts dreaming of another life. To achieve this other life she has to become someone else and break all ties with her family and culture.

Distribution

**Festival inquiry** 

Original title Sameblod
International title Sami Blood
Genre/Technique Drama, Live action
Dialogue South sámi, Swedish
Subtitles English

Distribution format DCP
Ratio 2:35
Sound 5.1

Duration 1h50min Year of production 2016

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Amanda Kernell, born in 1986, graduated in film directing from The National Film School of Denmark in 2013. Since 2006, Amanda has directed several acclaimed shorts including Stoerre Vaerie, the pilot for Sami blood which premiered at Sundance, was nominated for the Swedish Guldbagge for best short 2015 and has won several awards like the audience award at GIFF, Best short in Uppsala, etc.

## **Director's comment**

Many older Samis left everything behind and became Swedish and I've always wondered; what happens to you if you cut all ties with your culture and history? And can you really become someone else?

Sami Blood is declaration of love to those who left and stayed – told from Elle Marja's perspective. I wanted to make a film where we see the Sami society from within, a film where we experience this dark part of Swedish colonial history in a physical way. A film with yoik and blood.

Film Crew

Director Amanda Kernell Screenwriter Amanda Kernell Producer Lars G Lindström

Cinematographer Sophia Olsson, Petrus Sjövik Composer Kristian Eidnes Andersen

Anders Skov **Fditor** Sound Brian Dyrby, Mira Falk Production Design Olle Remaeus

Costume Viktoria Mattila & Sara Svonni Principal cast

Elle Marja Nienna Christina/Elle Marja Niklas

Olle Lärarinnan Elise Gustav Laevie

Lene Cecilia Sparrok Mia Erika Sparrok Maj Doris Rimpi Julius Fleischanderl

Olle Sarri Hanna Alström Malin Crépin Andreas Kundler Ylva Gustafsson

## Produced by

Nordisk Film Production AB in co-production with SVT, Bautafilm AB/Oskar Östergren, Digipilot AS/Jim Hansen. In collaboration with ISFI, Film Fond Nord, Kulturnäringsstiftelsen Sparebank1 Nord-Norge, Sametinget, Film i Västerbotten, Konstnärsnämnden, with support from The Swedish Film Institute - Magdalena Jangard and The Danish Film Institute co-production minor scheme, EURIMAGES - Council of Europe



## **FILMOGRAPHY**

2016 SAMEBLOD (SAMI BLOOD), DRAMA, RUNTIME 1 H 50 MIN 2016 I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU KINGEN), DRAMA, RUNTIME 30 MIN. 2015 STOERRE VAERIE (NORTHERN GREAT MOUNTAIN), DRAMA, RUNTIME 15 MIN 2014 PARADISET (EUTOPIA), DRAMA, RUNTIME 20 MIN 2013 THE ASSOCIATION OF JOY, DRAMA, RUNTIME 25 MIN. 2010 DET KOMMER ALDRIG GÅ ÖVER, (THIS MEANS FOREVER), DRAMA, RUNTIME 17 MIN

2009 ATT DELA ALLT (SHARING ALL), DRAMA, RUNTIME 14 MIN

2009 SPEL, DRAMA, RUNTIME 15 MIN

2008 SEMESTERSYSTERN (THE HOLIDAY SISTER), DRAMA, RUNTIME 13.5 MIN.

2007 VÅRA DISCON (OUR DISCO), DRAMA, RUNTIME 8.5 MIN.

























