

Sebastian Johansson Micci - Artistic Statement

I'm a director, screenwriter, photographer and editor working mostly with fiction films made for a festival, tv and cinema audience. So far I have been writing, directing and editing all of my own shortfilms. I'm currently based in Gothenburg but I'm working more or less all over Sweden. I graduated from my bachelor in film at HDK - Valand in 2020.

My greatest joy within the filmmaking medium comes from working with actors. I used to work at the City theatre in Stockholm and spent a lot of time with the actors behind the stage, both during the rehearsals and during the shows. My interest and method was formed there, as I now like to work in a theatre kind of method. I prefer working with bigger ensembles, group of characters where there's really no protagonist and it's more the situation or the location being the main character or the premiss. My movies often takes place in one location and is played out in realtime where the audience get to experience everything at the same time as the characters.

All my movies are about relationships, humans that have to relate to each other in different situations and constellations. My biggest interest is to examine and portray human behavior, both as individuals and in groups. I'm interested in the line between our primitive self and our rationell self. When does the other take over and what triggers that? How should one act in a particular situation and what are the hidden norms/hierarchies? Which role do you take on in a certain constellation and who or what decides the roles? I think since we humans have to relate to each other in different ways throughout our whole life, there's always going to be conflicts and dilemmas surrounding our behavior, so for me this theme is an never-ending exploration that really gives me a lot of inspiration and creativity.

Most of my inspiration and ideas come from watching human behavior both in real life and on the screen. Some of my biggest inspirations at the moment are: David O'Russel, Lars Von Trier, Suzanne Osten, Hasse & Tage and different realityshow programs such as *Arga Snickaren* and *Robinson*.