



Johannes Nyholm

Film director, producer, artist, writer and animator Johannes Nyholm is regarded as one of the most original and intriguing filmmakers of his generation in Scandinavia.

Nyholm first gained recognition for his animated film series *The Tale of Little Puppetboy* (2008), which has been widely shown at festivals and galleries around the world, most notably at the Directors' Fortnight in Cannes in 2009. The following year saw the premiere of Nyholm's shadow puppetry short-film, *Dreams from the Woods* (2009), also at the Directors' Fortnight in Cannes. In 2011, Nyholm's short film, *Las Palmas*, gained worldwide fame from its trailer, which currently has more than 20 million views on YouTube. It won a flurry of awards and became Nyholm's third entry for the Directors' Fortnight in Cannes and was then selected for Sundance in 2012.

In 2016, Nyholm made his highly anticipated feature film debut with *The Giant*, a fantastical and wondrous drama that had the highest review index of all Swedish films released in 2016. The film had its world premiere at the Toronto Film Festival and went on to play at San Sebastian along with a slew of other international festivals. It won three **Guldbagge Awards** as well as prizes at the San Sebastian, Rotterdam and Warsaw film festivals.

Koko-di Koko-da, Nyholm's latest feature film, premiered at the 2019 Sundance Festival and has received numerous awards and nominations, including the **Camera Lucida Award** at Fantasia Film Festival, 'Best Picture' at Brussels International Film Festival, and a nomination for the prestigious **Dragon Award Best Nordic Film** at Gothenburg Film Festival.

Awards

Fangoria Chainsaw Awards Nominee (Best Foreign Film) US - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2020
Brooklyn Horror Film Festival (Best Screenplay) US - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Brooklyn Horror Film Festival (Special Jury Award) US - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
T-Mobile New Horizons International Film Festival Nominee (Grand Prix) Poland - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Buenos Aires International Festival Nominee (Best Film) Argentina - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Sitges - Catalanian International Film Festival Nominee (Best Motion Picture) Spain - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Guanajuato International Film Festival Nominee (Best International Film) Mexico - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019

Molins Film Festival Nominee (Audience Award) Spain - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Strasbourg European Fantastic Film Festival Nominee (Best European Fantastic Feature Film) France - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Strasbourg European Fantastic Film Festival Nominee (Best International Feature Film) France - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Brussels International Film Festival (Best Picture) Belgium - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Fantasia Film Festival (Camera Lucida Award) Canada - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Molins Film Festival Nominee (Jury Prize) Spain - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Rotterdam International Film Festival Nominee (Tiger Award) Netherlands - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Gothenburg Film Festival Nominee (Dragon Award Best Nordic Film) Sweden - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Sundance Film Festival Nominee (Grand Jury Prize) US - <i>Koko-di Koko-da</i>	2019
Annonay International Festival of First Films (Special Prize of the Jury) France - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2018
GardenCity International Film Festival (Best Feature Film) India - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2017
Bergamo Film Meeting (Silver Rosa Camuna) Italy - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2017
Guldbagge Award (Best Film) Sweden - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2017
Guldbagge Award (Best Screenplay) Sweden - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2017
Guldbagge Awards Nominee (Best Editing) Sweden - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2017
Rotterdam International Film Festival Nominee (MovieZone Award) Holland - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2017
London Film Festival Nominee (Sutherland Award) UK - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2016
San Sebastián International Film Festival (Special Prize of the Jury) Spain - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2016
Warsaw International Film Festival (Free Spirit Award) Poland - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2016
CPH PIX Nominee (Politiken's Audience Award) Denmark - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2016
Reykjavik International Film Festival (Special Mention) Island - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2016
San Sebastián International Film Festival Nominee (Best Film) Spain - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2016
Rotterdam International Film Festival (Eurimages Award) Netherlands - <i>Jätten The Giant</i>	2013
Stuttgarter Filmwinter (Wand 5's Honorary Award) Germany - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2013
Sapporo Short Film Festival (Filmmaker Grand Prix) Japan	2012
Selected for Sundance US - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2012
Sapporo Short Film Festival (Audience Award) Japan - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2012
Favourites Film Festival Berlin (Audience Award) Germany - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2012

Tampere International Short Film Festival (Audience Award) Finland - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2012
Sao Paulo Short Film Festival (Audience Award) Brazil - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2012
Ravenna Cinesogni (Audience Award) Italy - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2012
Sapporo Short Film Festival (Best editing) Japan - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2012
Minimalen Short Film Festival (Best Art / Animation) Norway - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2012
Flickerfest Short Film Festival (Best Use of Digital Technology) Australia - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2012
Vienna Independent Shorts (Prix Très Chic) Austria - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2012
Nashville Film Festival (Honourable Mention) US - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2012
Guldbagge Award (Best Short Film) Sweden - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2012
Gothenburg Film Festival (Startsladden - Short Film Award) Sweden - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2011
Gothenburg Film Festival (Audience Award) Sweden - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2011
Winterthur Short Film Festival (Audience Award) Switzerland - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2011
Directors' Fortnight in Cannes France - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2011
Hamburg Short Film Festival (Audience Award) Germany - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2011
Encounters Film Festival (Audience Award) UK - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2011
Milano Film Festival (Special Mention) Italy - <i>Las Palmas</i>	2011
Naoussa International Film Festival (Special Mention) Greece - <i>Drömmar från skogen Dreams from the Woods</i>	2010
Cartoon d'Or Nominee - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2010
Gothenburg Film Festival (Golden Dragon) Sweden	2010
Animafest Zagreb (Special Award) Croatia - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2010
Durango Independent Film Festival (Jury Award for Best Animation) US - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2010
Animage International Animation Festival (Best Sound Design) Brazil - <i>Drömmar från skogen Dreams from the Woods</i>	2010
Tampere International Short Film Festival (Lab10 section Audience Award) Finland - <i>Dockpojken Puppetboy</i>	2009
Directors' Fortnight in Cannes France - <i>Drömmar från skogen Dreams from the Woods</i>	2009
Swedish Television's New Filmmaker of the Year Award Sweden - <i>Dockpojken Puppetboy</i>	2009
Premiers Plans Film Festival (Audience Award) France - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2009
Holland Animation Film Festival (Movie Squad Award) Holland - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The</i>	2009

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Tampere International Short Film Festival (Lab10 section Main Award) Finland - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2009
Anilogue International Animation Festival (Special Prize of the Jury) Hungary - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2009
FreeNetWorld International Film Festival (Most Technichally Innovative Film) Serbia - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2009
Guldbagge Awards Nominee (Best Short Film) Sweden - <i>Drömmar från skogen Dreams from the Woods</i>	2009
Janela Internacional de Cinema (Sound Award) Brazil - <i>Drömmar från skogen Dreams from the Woods</i>	2009
Guldbagge Awards Nominee (Best Short Film) Sweden - <i>Dockpojken Puppetboy</i>	2009
Holland Animation Film Festival (Main Award) Holland - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2009
Animanima International Animation Festival (Best Screenplay) Serbia - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2009
Janela Internacional de Cinema (Young Critics Award) Brazil - <i>Dockpojken Puppetboy</i>	2008
Gothenburg Film Festival (Honorable Mention) Sweden - <i>Dockpojken Puppetboy</i>	2008
Sao Paulo Short Film Festival (Audience Award) Brazil - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2008
Hamburg International Short Film Festival (International Competition Audience Award) Germany - <i>Dockpojken Puppetboy</i>	2008
Uppsala International Short Film Festival (Audience Award) Sweden - <i>Dockpojken Puppetboy</i>	2008
Directors' Fortnight in Cannes France - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2008
Bilbao Film Festival (Silver Mikeldi) Spain - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2008
Eksjö Animation Festival (Eksjö Grand Prix) Sweden - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2008
Nordic Panorama (Honorable Mention) Sweden - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2008
Hamburg International Short Film Festival (International Competition Jury Award) Germany - <i>Dockpojken Puppetboy</i>	2008
Short Film Festival Winterthur (Main Jury Award) Switzerland - <i>Dockpojken Puppetboy</i>	2008
Janela Internacional de Cinema (Young Critic's Award) Brazil - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2008
Fredrikstad Animation Festival (Honorable Mention) Norway - <i>Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy</i>	2008
ZTV Hit Music Award (Best Swedish Music Video) Sweden	2003
Guanajuato International Film Festival Nominee	

Filmography

Weird Elliot <i>(Feature film)</i> in-development - <i>Writer, Director</i>	2026
Eldfåglar Firehawks <i>(TV Series)</i> in-development - <i>Writer, Director</i>	2023
Koko-di Koko-da <i>(Feature film)</i> <i>(Drama, Horror)</i> - <i>Director, Writer</i>	2019
Speldosan The Music Box <i>(Short)</i> <i>(Mystery)</i> - <i>Director, Writer</i>	2017
Jätten The Giant <i>(Feature film)</i> <i>(Comedy, Drama, Fantasy)</i> - <i>Director, Writer</i>	2016
Las Palmas <i>(Short)</i> <i>(Comedy, Drama)</i> - <i>Director, Writer</i>	2011
Drömmar från skogen Dreams from the Woods <i>(Short)</i> <i>(Animated Short, Drama)</i> - <i>Director, Writer</i>	2009
Sagan om den lille Dockpojken The Tale of Little Puppetboy <i>(Short)</i> <i>(Comedy, Drama)</i> - <i>Director, Writer</i>	2008
Dockpojken Puppetboy <i>(Short)</i> <i>(Comedy, Drama)</i> - <i>Director, Writer</i>	2008