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GENDER, MARRIAGE, AND DEPRESSION IN THE ANIMATED STORIES OF LATVIAN WOMEN

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Signe Baumane will discuss her animated films, particularly *Rocks in my Pockets* (2014), a film about five Latvian women throughout the twentieth century, and depression, suicide, marriage, and gender roles in Soviet-occupied and post-Soviet Latvia. Signe will offer a glance at her work-in-progress animated feature film *My Love Affair With Marriage*, a fresh look on gender and romantic love, to be released in 2022.



still from Baumane's film, *My Love Affair with Marriage*



Signe Baumane is a Latvian-born independent filmmaker, artist and animator with an interest in a wide variety of narrative themes, including sex, pregnancy, bodily functions, love, marriage, and the individual vs. society. Signe is a Guggenheim Fellow and a Fellow in Film for New York Foundation for the Arts. Her 16 animated shorts have screened collectively at over 400 film festivals including Berlinale, Sundance and Annecy.