

## KARAOKE

short film (HDV/35mm, 15'40, 2008)

writer/director/editor: Carolina Hellsgård, *UdK Berlin*

dop: Manuel Kinzer, *dffb*

sound: Robert Fuhrmann

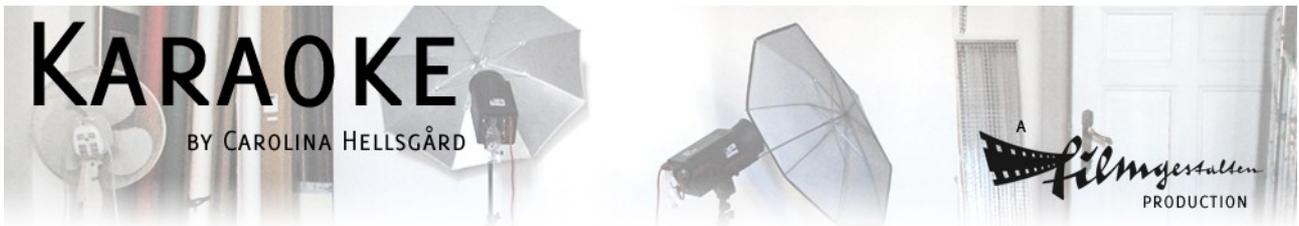
production design: Marie Roth

producer: Florian Gerstenberg, *filmgestalten*

co-producer: German Film & Television Academy (*dffb*)

cast: Renate Serwotke (main role),  
Anna Khan, Astrid Gorvin, u.a.

With 'Karaoke', Carolina Hellsgård completes her Master studies under the mentorship of Hartmut Bitomsky at The Berlin University of the Arts (UdK Berlin).



## **Synopsis**

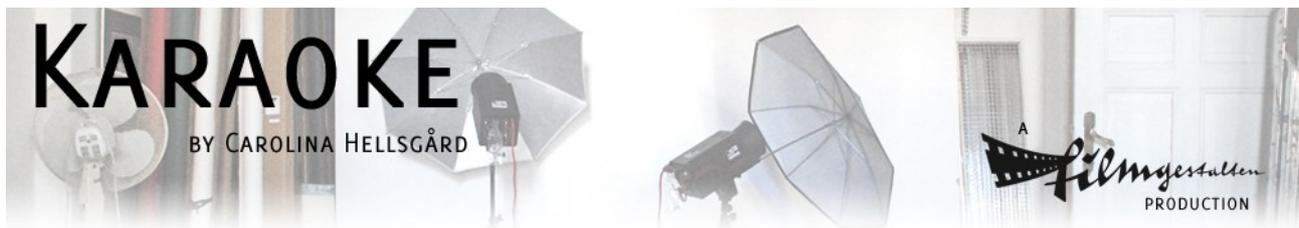
'Karaoke' is the story about Liselotte, an elderly actress looking for a new role in theatre or film. In a series of scenes we follow her as she visits different casting-sessions. Without significant success, she interacts with the people around her. Her only hope remains an old friend Vera, to whom she has not spoken to for years.

## **One-Line Synopsis**

An elderly actress's desperate search for a new role.

## **Director Statement**

As a contrast to films about life change and transformation, I wanted to depict a life situation that does not change. In Karaoke we follow the main protagonist, an elderly actress, as she desperately tries to get a role. The everyday and somehow banal situations, which she encounters, eventually amounts to a personal tragedy. Karaoke is a film about aging and acting. On a more general level, the film reflects upon the search for identity and difficulties of finding ones place in society.



## **Carolina Hellsgård**

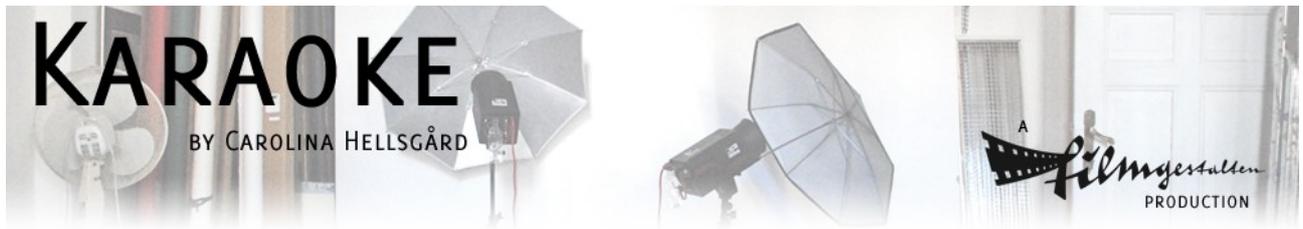
Carolina Hellsgård, born 1977 in Stockholm. After finishing her studies in film history at the Stockholm University, she attended the experimental film program at The Berlin University of Arts. "Karaoke" which she wrote and directed is her graduation film. Filmography short movies – as a writer and director: "Thicker than Water" (2004), "Thirst" (2006), "Karaoke" (2008)

## **Biography**

2007	<i>Meisterschülerin</i> of Prof. Hartmut Bitomsky
2003 - 2007	Master Degree at the Experimental Film and Media Department, The Berlin Academy of the Arts (UdK)
1998 - 2002	Bachelor of Arts at the Department of Cinema Studies & Nordic Languages, University of Stockholm
1977	Born in Stockholm, Sweden

## **Filmography (Selection)**

2008	<i>Karaoke</i>	[Fiction, HDV, 15']
2006	<i>Thirst</i>	[Fiction, DV, 10']
2005	<i>Prata Sannita Portrait Project</i>	[Exp. Documentary, 10']
2004	<i>Thicker than Water</i>	[Fiction, DV, 6:50']
2003	<i>Husen</i>	[Fiction, DV, 9']
2002	<i>Spaceman</i>	[Science-fiction, DV, 4']



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