



## MITJA OKORN

Director

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Mitja Okorn is a director of numerous award winning commercials, music videos and feature films. In 2004 his debut feature film *"Here and There"* (*"Tu Pa Tam"*), a crime comedy made on a shoestring budget became a major hit in his home country of Slovenia. In 2008 he received the *British Council's International Young Film Entrepreneur of the Year Award (IYFEY)*, and he was proclaimed by *Screen International Magazine* as one of *20 European Stars of Tomorrow*. In the same year he directed the wildly popular TV series *"39 and a Half"* (*"39 i Pol"*) for Polish network TVN and later, the hit romantic comedy *"Letters to Santa"* (*"Listy do M."*). This film in addition to being one of the highest grossing Polish film of the past three decades, has won top honors at Polish film festivals across North America, including Seattle and Toronto. His third film, *"Planeta Singli"* (*"Planet Single"*), was released in 2016 to critical acclaim and broke attendance records during its second week of release. It was also the only film in 61 markets to beat Marvel's *Deadpool* for the #1 box office position on Valentine's Day Weekend. *"Planet Single"* was also released theatrically in the UK and Slovenia where it has continued to break attendance records. In addition to his feature film work, Mitja has directed over 30 music videos in MTV rotation for Sony, EMI and Universal as well as commercials for such clients as Orange, BNP Paribas Bank and many others.

### FEATURES AND TV:

PLANETA SINGLI / PLANET SINGLE (Feature Film)	Director, Writer	Gigant Films
LISTY DO M. / LETTERS TO SANTA (Feature Film)	Director	TVN
TU PA TAM / HERE AND THERE	Director, Writer	
39 I PÓŁ / 39 AND A HALF (TV Series)	Director (ep.:1-5, 14-26)	TVN
39 I PÓŁ / 39 AND A HALF (TV Series)	Director of video clip	TVN

### DOCUMENTARY AND SHORTS:

BE FLEXIBLE	Director
NOT SPONSORED 2	Director
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### COMMERCIALS (PARTIAL LIST):

BNP PARIBAS, TP SA, ORANGE

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

2016 – PLANET SINGLE, Chicago (Chicago Polish Film Festival) Best Comedy Award  
2016 – PLANET SINGLE, Chicago (Chicago Polish Film Festival) Star Tech Glass Audience Award for the most popular film  
2016 – PLANET SINGLE, Moscow ("Wisła" Polish Film Festival) Audience Award

2016 – PLANET SINGLE, Luxembourg (“CineEast” Central and Eastern European Film Festival) Audiečne Award  
2012 – LETTERS TO SANTA, Toronto (Toronto Polish Film Festival) Best Directing  
2012 – LETTERS TO SANTA, Seattle (Seattle Polish Film Festival) Audience Award  
2012 – LETTERS TO SANTA, Gdynia (Gdynia Film Festival) Amber Lions Award  
2012 – LETTERS TO SANTA, Lubomierz (National Festival of Comedy Film) Złoty Granat  
2012 – LETTERS TO SANTA, Chicago (Polish Film Festival) Audience Award  
2012 – LETTERS TO SANTA - biggest box office in Poland after 1989 (\$11mIn Total Gross)  
2009 - 39 AND A HALF Gdańsk (Festival of Good Humour) Award category: comedy series  
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2002 - BE FLEXIBLE Motovum (Film Festival) Croatia Award for the Best Short Form Film