

## **FILMOGRAPHY: RENÉ NUIJENS (director)**

### **COVID LOVE (2021)**

A strange first date during the darkest days of the pandemic (comedy).

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### **RINGO ROCKET STAR and his song for Yuri Gagarin (2017)**

A dry tragic musical comedy about a gipsy guy and his song he wrote for the first man in space.

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### **YURI ON THE PHONE (2015)**

A dry tragic comedy featuring Serbian film diva Rada Đuričin (1934) as a woman whose passion for Yuri Gagarin (1934-68) is still as strong as when it was first set aflame after Gagarin's launch in 1961.

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### **THE FIRST YUGOSLAVIAN COSMONAUT (2012)**

A story about a man who dreamed to be the first Yugoslav in the Cosmos but as a kid he got already sick on children swings.

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### **THE YURI GAGARIN GOOSE CHASE (2011)**

A road movie shot in Cuba, searching for the Yuri Gagarin Goose Farm.

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### **TV COMMERCIALS/ VIDEOCLIPS / VIRALS**

Over more than 100 television commercials, virals and music-videos between 2000 & 2021

## BIO: RENÉ NUIJENS (director)

Autodidactic director/filmmaker Rene Nuijens loves to uncover the absurdity of situations who are recognizable for everybody. Known for his photographic eye, subtle storytelling, dry humor and casting. He learned life's most important lessons while working as a boy in his fathers pet shop. For example, that humor is very much like kitty litter: its best to keep it dry, very dry... His ability to talk and bond with animals laid the groundwork in his development into a true actors director. And while he never liked dog shows, they did give him a taste for winning prizes. In short Rene always shoots towards the stars like his heroes space dog Laika and her wonderfully human counterpart Yuri Gagarin.

René finished the Amsterdam Graphic School, studied photography at the Royal Art Academy in the Hague, worked in steel Factory 'de Hoogovens' and had a working period in New York. Straight after finished the academy Rene started to work as a pop-photographer for magazines and started making alternative music videos.

Now he works as a director and photographer on national and international commercial assignments and on personal project like publishing art books, making short films on Yuri Gagarin and runs the roadtogagarin facebook page & the Bad Food Gone Worse instagram page. Rene Nuijens is based in the old centre of Amsterdam, the Netherlands.



*René Nuijens on his Lunar Rover on set at 'Ringo Rocket Star and his song for Yuri Gagarin'*