



# Jānis Lūsēns and Normunds Beļskis’ musical for children “The Thumbelina”



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Full of wonders, colorful surprises, and bright adventures, Jānis Lūsēns and Normunds Beļskis’ musical fairy tale “Īkstīte” is coming to audiences young and old.

The play, like the well-known fairy tale by H. K. Andersen, tells the story of Thumbelina, a flower child who is in a hurry to explore the world and goes in search of her Happy Land, reminding us that even today, good can prevail in the world and true miracles can happen, as long as each of us has a generous and loving heart beating in our chests.

For the role of Thumbelina, the musical’s creative team chose two young, talented girls – **Karīne Anna Ērgli** and **Šarlote Patmalniece** – from among many applicants in a casting competition.

**Other roles:**

Mother – Beāte Zviedre and Jolanta Strikaite,  
The Sorceress – Anmary,  
The Swallow – Klāvs Kristaps Košins,  
The Mole – Atis Zviedris,  
The Old Toad – Emīls Gilučs-Lācis,  
The Young Toad – Toms Kalderauskis,  
The Old Mouse – Elizabete Zagorska,  
The Storyteller – Voldemārs Rode,  
Frogs, Moths, Beetles, Mice – Sarma Liede, Austra Elza Kozuliņa, Artūrs Biķernieks, Lote Voiska, Zane Lazdiņa, Elizabete Liepa, Karīna Laugale, Gustavs Zavadskis.

The fabulous wonderland of Īkstīte will be conjured up by directors **Rēzija Kalniņa** and **Voldemārs Rode**, the fantastic costumes were created by costume designer **Liene Rolšteina**, the magnificent multimedia environment will be brought to life by video artists **Ineta Sipunova** and **Marks Fridbergs**, choreographer **Liza Manija**, lighting designer **Ivars Vācers**, while all the song arrangements in a new orchestral sound typical of Hollywood animation style were created by Jānis Lūsēns junior, vocal pedagogue **Ilze Dzenīte**, and producer **Aigars Dinsbergs**.

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