



SYNOPSIS

Karla invites Katrine to spend the holidays with her, hoping they might become best friends. As it turns out, nothing goes as planned. Karla meets Jonas and falls in love for the first time, and she nearly forgets all about Katrine. But the two girls are forced to put their difficulties aside for a while, as they join Jonas in exposing a local gang of thieves.

DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Charlotte Sachs Bostrup debuted as a scriptwriter and director with the short film, *FRIDA'S FIRST TIME* (1996), followed by *ON THE ROAD* (2000). Her debut as a feature film director came with the romantic youth comedy, *ANJA & VIKTOR* (2001) which became the most successful Danish film at the movie theatres that year. In 2003 she made the third installment of the Anja & Viktor franchise, *ANJA AFTER VIKTOR* and in 2004 the period drama, *LOST GENERATION* (2004), a screen adaptation of author Christian Kampmann's bestselling books.

KARLA & KATRINE continues the same warm-hearted themes and deep sincere passion for children's life as *KARLA'S WORLD* (2007), which travelled the world to festivals like Giffoni, Tokyo, Sprockets (Toronto), Lübeck and Lucas (Germany).

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Making *KARLA & KATRINE* has been at least as joyful as making the first *KARLA'S WORLD*. With utmost sympathy and seriousness the author of the books, Renée Toft Simonsen, raises issues that are important and close to the children. This makes it possible for me to make a children's movie, which deals with the problems at eye-level with the kids and takes them seriously.

Not to have a friend is a serious and painful thing for a twelve-year-old and I really enjoy working with the mix of humour, warmth and real emotions. That calls for something special of the young actors of course, because they have to achieve deep psychological empathy, in order to fill their roles. Also because of this it is for me as a director just as exiting and challenging to make these kinds of films as it is making any film for an adult audience.

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