

## **GERARD MICHAEL MAC CARTHY**

Writer, artist, musician and film director Gerard Michael Mac Carthy was born in Dublin, Ireland where he completed a Masters in Anglo-Irish Literature and Drama in 1988. He has lived and worked in Russia since 1989.

From 1989-1991, Gerard worked as a consultant to establish Russian Video as one of the first independent television and film production companies in Russia.

His co-production and line production credits include 'Prodigal Son', a drama documentary about Sergei Prokofiev, with live performances conducted by Valeriy Gergiev for the BBC; Nine Days in Leningrad for Windmill Lane Pictures; and Maxim Pezhemsky's script debut 'Nicotine'. He also was involved in bringing Michele Placido to Russia to star in Vladimir Bortko's film 'Afghan Break'.

At 25, as writer/director and co-producer, he made his feature film debut with the Russian language Micha (Lestnitsa Sveta) shot at Lenfilm Studios in St.Petersburg. 'Micha' was nominated for the Prix Europa.

Gerard was Media Consultant to Saatchi and Saatchi Internationals start-up operation in Russia, producing and line producing the first commercials filmed in Russia while also producing, scripting and directing information films for the St.Petersburg Government-Sobchak / Kissenger Commission.

In 2005, Gerard founded the International Film Workshop in Moscow, running a series of film master classes given by internationally renowned tutors for film-makers and students based in Moscow.

In 2006, Gerard established INFINITI Film and Media which has consulted on marketing Russian feature film projects in the West with recent projects including 'Captive' and 'Gustav' (Rock Film Studio, dir. Alexey Uchitel), and VII (Rospo Film).

INFINITI FILM & MEDIA is the organizer, together with the Embassy of Ireland in Russia, of the Irish Film Festival in Moscow.

Gerard is also the Strategy and Concept Director of Russian Arts and Culture magazine DEI as well as Director of the stonglanguage agency.

As an artist, Gerard is one of the founders of the Aeternae group created in St.Petersburg in 1995. He writes and performs music with his project CURBCRAWLER.