FREE MONEY

Directed and Written by **Rain Rannu**

Starring **Miklos Banyai, Märt Pius, Ivo Uukkivi**Producers **Tõnu Hiielaid, Rain Rannu**

Production Company **Tallifornia**

Original Title: VABA RAHA | 104’ | 2:39:1 | English, Estonian OV | Estonian 2023

**HIGHLIGHT**

**Crypto's allure, wealth's pursuit, and the lessons of a changing financial world collide in a intense journey of interconnected lives. Based on true stories of the crypto and investment craze of the early 2020-ies.**

**SHORT SYNOPSIS**

Taavi, an unwitting Bitcoin holder, races to recover his lost fortune. Maximillion, a crypto entrepreneur, rides the turbulent waves of crypto's inception, facing hubris and redemption. Erik, a conservative banker, grapples with his son's crypto success while navigating challenges in a changing financial landscape

**DIRECTOR’S BIOGRAPHY**
**Rain Rannu** is an Estonian film director and producer. His previous film as writer-director are startup-comedy *Chasing Unicorns* (*Ükssarvik”* - “how can something that didn’t exits two days ago be worth a million dollars?”) and AI-themed sci-fi adventure *Child Machine* (*“Lapsmasin”*,- “it sucks to be number two intelligent species on this planet — just ask the gorillas.”). Together with producer Tõnu Hiielaid, Rain is a founder of indie movie company Tallifornia that produces and finances narrative feature films from talented filmmakers from Estonia and elsewhere.

**CAST BIOGRAPHY**

**Miklós Bányai** is an Estonian actor. His previews work includes, the British TV Series *Dracula*, thereafter the American *FBI International*, and his first Feature was *Porthole*.

**Märt Pius** is an Estonian stage, television, and film actor Following his graduation from the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre join at the Tallinn City Theather. His first feature film was *Detektiivid Ja Valge Daami Saladus*, followed by the starring role in the drama *Nullpunkt* He was cast in the war drama *1944* which was selected as the Estonian entry for the Best Foreign Language Film at the Academy Awards.

**Ivo Uukkivi** born in Tallinn, is a Film/Television actor and producer. He started his career at the Tallinn’s Estonian Drama Theater with roles in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Emperor Nero's Private Life.* He television debut on the series *Salmonid* and starred in *V.E.R.I.* His work on film includes *Hysteria,* among others.

**DIRECTOR’S STATEMENT**
*An ensemble movie that tells three interconnected stories of money, loosely based on real-life events. It’s my take on the crypto and investment craze of the last few years, where every taxi driver is an investment expert, where money has no price and everything can only go in one direction — up. And what happens when the crisis hits — as it always inevitably does. It is part satire, part fast-paced comedy, part drama. Drawing on the real history of crypto and people around its first decade, I’m interested in exploring the absurdity of money and what it does to people who get especially obsessed about it. Free Money is an authentic story of a recent phenomenon, told in a fun and interesting way for a wide international audience.*

**GENRE**

Drama, Dark Comedy