

A MAP OF THE REGION

Synopsis:

When Piret wakes one morning with a Russian stranger in her bed, her flat and family are thrown into confusion. It's 1989 and Soviet Estonia is crumbling around her and her son Tonü. With a husband whose disappearance the authorities won't explain, Piret embarks on a campaign to find out the truth, while Tonü makes friends with the stranger who's come to stay. Faced with the new realpolitik of the Baltic States – from the presence of the Russian Mafia to the challenges faced in the pursuit of individual freedom, Piret and Tonü's stories tell the history of the European fight for freedom in 1989, and a map of the geography of this complex region is drawn.

Casting:

Number of characters: 10

Number of actors needed: 7

Men: 3 (young x1, 30s-40s x 2)

Women: 4 (30s x 3, 70s x 1)

Note: The young male actor has to play from 12 to 32

Setting:

Mostly, the action takes place in an Estonian Soviet-style apartment in 1989. Other scenes could take place within that set.

Online:

Watch a video about the play at <http://www.writeaplay.co.uk/about/2011-shortlisted-plays/> and click on 'A Map of the Region'