

## Podtalk: Lina Ramona Vitkauskas Presents ‘The Master Plan’ in Chicago on Nov. 14, 2017

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CHICAGO – Poet and Activist Lina Ramona Vitkauskas is also a first generation Lithuanian-American. In keeping an eye on the situation in her homeland – part of the Baltic States that broke independently from the old Soviet Union – she discovered a new documentary about the Russian infiltration in the country’s political structure. “The Master Plan” breaks down the several-year campaign by Vladimir Putin to divide opinions and politics, to disrupt the region and confuse the recent independence. Sound familiar? A FREE screening of “The Master Plan” will take place on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 (7pm) at the historic Music Box Theatre in Chicago.



‘The Master Plan,’ directed by Juris Pakalns

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Lina Ramona Vitkauskas’ family came to the U.S. via Lithuania and Canada, and she has established a long career in Chicago’s poetry community. Her poetry collections include “The Range of Your Amazing Nothing,” “A Neon Tryst,” “Spiny Retinas” and “White Stockings,”



and she has served in virtually all capacities associated with poetry in the city. As an activist, she has volunteered in Chicago’s “Sister Cities” program for Kyiv in the Ukraine.

Her interest in “The Master Plan” – directed by Juris Pakalns – was spurred when she saw the trailer online, and pursued bringing the film to Chicago, including fundraising and coordinating the event. Vitkauskas will facilitate a panel discussion immediately following the film, which will include Latvian journalist Inga Spinge, Lithuanian Consul General Mantvydas Bakesius and Latvian Honorary Consul General Robert Blumberg.



Poet & Activist Lina Ramona Vitkauskas

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**In the following two-part Podtalk, Vitkauskas relates the origin of her discovery of the film, the implications behind it, and the parallels to the circumstances of Russian infiltration into the 2016 U.S. presidential elections.**

## PART TWO

*“The Master Plan” will screen November 14th, 2017 (7pm), at the Music Box Theatre, 3733 North Southport in Chicago. Admission is free. Lina Ramona Vitkauskas will facilitate a panel discussion immediately after the film. The documentary is directed by Juris Pakalns. Not Rated.*



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