

Stephan Knuesel

Filmmaker (Director / DP / Editor)

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Swiss born (1976), NY based (since 1999) multi disciplinary filmmaker with a focus on art and (inter)cultural projects.

Selected Projects

2014 South Street Seaport [Associate Director,Editor]
Documentary, 14mins, HD
*Commissioned by The Howard Hughes Corporation.
in collaboration with SHoP Architects

2013 Hero, Villain and Yeti [Director, Writer, Editor, Animator]
Animation for an exhibition, 10mins, HD
*Commissioned by Rubin Museum NY & Rietberg Museum, Switzerland

2013 The Nobodies [Director of Photography]
Comedy Pilot (in post-production), 20mins, HD
*with Jim Gaffigan, Tony Hale (Arrested Development)
Ellie Kemper (The Office) and Jack McBrayer (30 Rock).

2012 Negative: Nothing [Director, Writer, DP, Editor]
Documentary, 78mins, HD
*Playing in select theaters in Japan and Switzerland since Oct 2012
*Playing on all Swiss Airlines entertainment systems for 6 months in 2014

2011-Pres. Newtown Sessions [Director, DP, Editor]
Weekly live music sessions + interviews, 10mins, HD
*Partnership between Newtown Radio and VICE/Noisey

2010. Unilever Ponds [Director / DP / Editor]
Adv 30sec, HD.
*Face lotion commercial for Ogilvy & Mather

2009-Pres. Music Videos [Director / DP / Editor]
MV 3-5mins, Misc.
*Music videos for various US, Japanese and Swiss Artists
some of which screened on MTV or went viral on youtube

2009. An American Synagogue [Editor]
Doc 25mins, HD
*Narrated by Leonard Nimoy. Written by James Sanders

2008 The Universe Short Form Promos [Producer / Editor]
Promo, 14 Episodes, 1mins each, HD

2005 Timescapes [Editor]
Doc. 25mins, Multi Screen, 3 HD Streams
*On permanent display at the Museum of the City of NY
* Narrated by Stanley Tucci & Cynthia Nixon

2004 Shadow of a Bout [Co-Editor]
Doc. 52mins, HD, Boxing documentary
*Screened at IFP Market in NY

2003 StoryCorps [DP]
Promo. 1min, Multi Screen, Green Screen
*On display at the Grand Central StoryCorps booth

2001 My Asahi [Editor / DP]
Commercial. 30sec, 35mm
*Screened in Japan, LA and NY

1999 Oh My New York [DP]
Live TV Show. 5mins, BetaSP
*Weekly lifestyle show from NY to Japan

Education

2001-2003 Masters / Interactive Design, Tisch School of Arts, NYU
2000-2001 BA Liberal Arts, New School University.
1999-2000 Filmmaking classes at Tisch NYU & SVA
1996-1998 BA Economics / University of Zurich, Switzerland

Experience

2011-pres Filmmaker & Designer at Thom Pictures
2010-2013 Director / DP / Editor at Newtown Sessions
2008-pres Editor / DP at Tschudko Design
2008 Producer / Editor at History Channel A&E
2006-2010 Editor / Programmer at Picture Projects Inc.
2003-2007 Editor / DP at Local Projects, NY
2001-2006 DP at Theater5Films
1999-2000 Cameraman at FujiTV
1998 Editor / DP at Condor Films, Switzerland

Clients

Ogilvy & Mather, History Channel, Unilever, Amnesty International,
Local Projects, Pictures Projects, Tschudko Design
Magnum Photos New York, Sealed Air, Rubin Museum of Art,
Museum of the City of New York, Brooklyn Historical Society,
Museum Rietberg, Greenteam Advertising, Fuji TV, Asahi Shimbun

Screenings

My work has been screened on MTV, MTV Europe, Swiss TV,
FUJI TV, VICE / NOISEY, SXSW, Consequence of Sound, and others.
My documentary "Negative: Nothing" has been playing in
select theaters in Japan and Switzerland since Oct 2012 and will be
playing in all Swiss Airline flights for 6 months in 2014.

Studio & Gear

Studio and portable editing setup (Mac Pro / FCP7 / Premiere / AE).
Camera DSRL setup with 2 bodies, lenses, shoulder rig, tripod, slider,
lights, audio recorder & wireless mic.
Access to video crew and rental facilities in NYC.