

Bio-Filmography
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born 1959 Lichtenfels/Oberfranken, Germany
1978 - 1979 Two semester of legal science, Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen, Germany
1979 - 1986 Studies of visual arts, art science and philosophy, University Gesamthochschule Kassel, u.a. attended photo-and film class, and sculpting class.
1988 - 1992 Classical singing and opera studies, musik academy Kassel, Germany
1994 Stipend of the Federal Ministry of Art and Science, Vienna, Austria
1995 Book published, called „Buchwerke“ at the Library of state in Berlin, Wissenschafts- Verlag der Staatsbibliothek Berlin, Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Dr. Ludwig Reichert, ISBN 3-88226-826-3
1994/1995 Stipend at the Edward Albee Foundation, Long Island, New York, USA
1995 - 1996 classical singing studies at the Metropolitan Opera New York, with Candice Götz and Oren Brown, New York, USA

Exhibitions

1986 Annual House of Arts Museum- Exhibition, Munic, Germany (with catalog)
1986 Villa Massimo Exhibition, Gründerzentrum Berlin
1996 / 1999 Berlin-Brandenburgische Kunsttage (with catalog)
1999 Steinreich, Ausstellung in Altstätten (with catalog) ISBN 3-9501013-0-6)
1995 - 1999 „Sterne, Steine, Staub“ Internationale Ausstellungsreihe in Nationalbibliotheken Kassel, Berlin, Wien und Budapest
2000 Vessel for a Sound, Gefäß für einen Klang, catalog, ISBN 3-905619-00-8
Several exhibitions, performances und video installations, publications in catalogs and articles. Lives in Cologne, Berlin and New York.
Freelanced journalist, actively exhibiting and writing, independent artist and musician.

Films, stipends, NGO' s and other

since 1997 living in Switzerland
1997 - 1998 Annual stipend of the Schlesinger Visual Arts Foundation, Wald, AR, Switzerland
2002 Stipend of Binz 39, Tarasp, Switzerland
Songs in White. A series of concerts with own compositions and traditional Swiss music from the alp regions, with Urs Klauser, Brigitta Gmünder, u. a.

2004 Annual stipend for film of the Helene Wurlitzer Foundation, Taos, New Mexico, USA
2004 **Timeflakes (87min)**, documentary, DVD, Italy, Switzerland
2004 **Mirrors and Prayers**, Iran during the Iraq war, documentary, part 1 (54min) and part 2 (70min), DigiBeta, Iran
2007 Charity Organisation *A Grain of Change*, founder, president. For blind children in Sierra Leone, Africa.
2011 **God No Say So (88min)**, documentary, Sierra Leone, Africa, 2011. Nomination Prix de Soleure 2011, DigiBeta
2012 **Imagine, The Sky (83min)** Sierra Leone 2012, documentary, DigiBeta

Since February 2014 Honorary Ambassador for Captive Elephants in Switzerland, Fiapo, India
Since September 2014 *Elefanten in Not*, Help organisation, founder, president. www.elefanteninnot.com
2015 Beneficiary concerts for Elephants in Need St. Gallen, film-lecturer, coordinator

Awards

2010 Special mention of the 5th Monaco Charity Filmfestival for **the outstanding spirit of God No Say So**.
2010 Personal distinction of the Vatikan, Pope Benedictus XVI, Secretary of the State of the Vatikan, „Your film productions shall be of help to the humanity, to acknowledge the human dignity of the single person, and furthermore encourage to peace and justice between nations.“
„Mögen Ihre Filmproduktionen den Menschen helfen, die Würde der menschlichen Person anzuerkennen, und den Frieden und die Gerechtigkeit zwischen den Völkern zu fördern.“ for **God No Say So**
2011 **Nomination Prix de Soleure**, for **God No Say So (88min)**



2012 - 2016 **Where the Elephant Sleeps (99 min)**, documentary for cinema, India. Currently in postproduction.

2015 August: OpenAir Cinema, Lichtensteig SG, Waldstatt AR, Switzerland

Several short films 2015: **Sugarcane Village (07:07 min)**, **Elephant Kitchen (21:20 min)**, **Cheetal Walk (27:21)**, **The Wedding of the Mahout (11 min)**, **Lonely Planet (17 min)**, **River Bath (10:30 min)**, **Behind Bars (14:55)**, **Elephants in Need (16:22)**



Plans

„The Elephant Healer of Jaipur“, documentary film for TV. Ayurvedic medicine versus classical veterinary medicine for elephants, Jaipur, India. (Existing Exposé)
„On the Heels of Elephants“, documentary film or investigation for TV. This film is about human-animal conflict zones between settlers and elephants in the south of India. (12:04 teaser)
Going back to the wild as soon as possible.



Plus:

Extreme wild life lover. Serious sport swimmer and yogi, vegetarian.
Lacking a pianist, singing only while driving.