

# JOHN APPEL

---

## curriculum vitae

### John Appel

filmmaker

#### *Education*

Gymnasium B

Classical Literature, Univ. of Amsterdam

Film Academy (camera & documentary)

#### *Films*

- 2009 **THE PLAYER** (80 min./16mm) NPS 2010  
personal documentary about gambling, based  
on memories of the filmmaker's father  
Produced by: Cobos Films
- 2007 **TRAINER** (50 min./video) HOS 2007  
portrait of a dedicated young Turkish soccer coach and his pupils  
Produced by: Pieter van Huystee Films
- 2005 **THERE GOES MY HEART** (60 min./video) VPRO 2005  
portrait of the world's first old peoples house for drug addicts  
*IDFA 2005 other festivals Kiev, Kaapstad, Krakow, Rome, Sheffield (2006)*  
*Top Ten Non-Fiction Köln (2006), Apordoc Lisboa (2009)*  
Produced by: Appel&Honigmann
- THE LAST HONOUR** (52 min./video) IKON 2005  
documentary about funerals without family  
*Dutch Filmfestival 2006*  
Produced by: Appel&Honigmann
- 2004 **HOLLAND IN SPEECHES** (45 min./video) HOS 2004  
portrait of the Netherlands by speeches  
*Dutch Filmfestival 2004*  
Produced by: Appel&Honigmann
- ALWAYS IN MY HEART/** (25 min./video) AVRO 2004  
documentary love story of a German WW 2- soldier and a Dutch girl  
Produced by: Appel&Honigmann
- 2003 **SENEGAL SURPLACE** (50 min./video) IKON 2003  
roadmovie about the cycle tour of Senegal  
*Dutch Filmfestival 2003*  
Produced by: Appel&Honigmann

- 2003 **THE LAST VICTORY** (88 min./35mm) IKON 2004  
documentary about the world famous horserace of Siena  
*IDFA 2003 (Joris Ivens Competition), Golden Calf 'Best Feature Documentary', 'Best Camera' and 'Best Editing' 2004, 'Best Director Award' Infinity Festival Alba 2004, Grand Prize for Best Film Ismailia International Filmfestival Egypte 2004, Grand Prize for Best Film Krasnagorski International Filmfestival Moskou 2004, nomination European Academy Award en Prix Arte 2004;* in competition in festivals of Karlovy Vary, Toronto, Pusan  
Produced by: Cobos Films; Cinema release USA, Great-Brittain, the Netherlands, Poland 2004, Germany 2006
- 2002 **PRINCE ON 'WIERINGEN'** (50 min./16mm) VPRO 2002  
documentary about the exile (1918-1923) of German crown prince Friedrich Wilhelm on the former island of Wieringen  
Produced by: Appel&Honigmann
- NAOMI & HER MOTHER** (25 min./16mm) VPRO 2003  
portrait of an 11- year old girl and her manic-depressive mother  
*IDFA 2003 (Kids & Docs), Hot Docs 2004*  
Produced by: Lemming Film
- 2001 **GREETINGS FROM THE 'AFSLUITDIJK'** (30 min./16mm) 2001  
filmportrait based on postcards  
*Dutch Filmfestival 2001*  
Produced by: Appel&Honigmann
- ILJA REPIN, PAINTER OF THE RUSSIAN SOUL** (50 min./16mm) AVRO 2002  
documentary about 19th century Russian painter Ilya Repin  
*Dutch Filmfestival 2002, Nomination Golden Statue 2002*  
Produced by: IDTV
- 2000 **100 YEARS AJAX** (70 min./video) NOS 2000  
documentary about the history of soccer club Ajax at its 100th anniversary  
Produced by: Zeppers Films
- THE PROMISED LAND** (50 min./16mm) IKON 2001  
documentary about a man found dead in his appartement after five weeks  
*IDFA 2000, winner Premio Speciale Milaan 2001*  
Produced by: FVS Paul de Bont (cinema release 2000)
- 1999 **TRENCH OF DEATH** (70 min./16 mm) VPRO 1999  
documentary about the five last surviving soldiers of a WW 1-trench in Belgium  
*Nederlands Filmfestival 2000*
- ANDRÉ HAZES – SHE BELIEVES IN ME** (90 min./35 mm) NPS 2001  
portrait of the most popular Dutch singer André Hazes  
*Opening Film IDFA 1999, winner Joris Ivens Award 1999, nomination Golden Calf 2000, nomination Golden Statue 2001*  
Produced by: Zeppers Films (cinema release 1999)

- 1998 **THE THIRD CROSS** (30 min./16 mm) VPRO 1998  
 portrait of a skater during the unique '11 Cities Tour' in the Netherlands
- OUTLAWED** (50 min./video) AVRO 1998  
 documentary about the worldwide discrimination of gays  
*Amnesty International Filmfestival 1998*
- 1997 **VREDENHOF** (60 min./16 mm) VPRO 1997  
 documentary about the daily visitors of a cemetery in Amsterdam
- THE ROMANTIC LINE** (50 min./16 mm) NPS 1997  
 documentary about two saleswomen in linen  
*IDFA 1997*
- LITTLE LITHUANIA** (50 min./16 mm) VPRO 1997  
 documentary about Lithuanian exiles living on a manor in England
- 1996 **BEYOND THE DREAM/PETER WINNEN** (25 min./video) AVRO 1996  
 portrait of a former professional cyclist as an artist  
 Produced by: Zeppers Films
- 1995 **FAREWELL TO THE SHIPPER'S QUAY** (67 min./16 mm) VPRO 1996  
 documentary about the demolition of a new housing estate in Almere,  
 the 1st in the very young history of this new city
- 1993 **JOHNNY MEIJER** (60 min./16 mm) TROS 1994  
 documentary about Dutch accordion virtuoso Johnny Meijer  
*2nd place Audience Award IDFA 1993, Nominated for 'Golden Calf Best Documentary' 1993*  
 Produced by: Jura Films (cinema release 1994)
- 1992 **NEW AMELANDS LEVEL** (260 min./video) RVU 1992-1993  
 26 weekly reports from the isle of Ameland
- 1991 **THE SHIPYARD** (35 min./16 mm) VPRO 1992  
 documentary about former workers of the NDSM-shipyard in Amsterdam
- 1988 **ON YOUR EYES** (120 min./video) KRO 1988-1990  
 14 short documentaries
- 1987 **RADIO DANIËLLE** (35 min./16 mm) VPRO 1988  
 documentary about an illegal radio station  
 Graduation Film Academy  
*Canon City Award Dutch Filmfestival 1987 (Best Graduation Film)*
- 1986 **FOUR MEN AND A COFFIN** (12 min./16 mm) Salto TV 1987  
 short documentary about four undertakers

*Other activities:*

Photographer on more than 40 documentaries; Guest Lecturer at the Dutch Film Academy and Media Academy; Advisor at the Dutch Film Fund; Jury Member of IDFA 2000 and International Filmfestival Karlovy Vary 2005; Tutor Scenario Workshop IDFA 2001 & 2008; Lecturer at Masterclass IDFA 2001; Tutor of the 1st International Documentary Workshop at the Maurits Binger Institute 2005; Commissioning Editor for the Humanistic Broadcast; Mentor at the International Greenhouse Project for filmmakers in the Middle-East (sinds 2006); Tutor at workshops in a.o. Iceland, Turkey, Syria; Professional in Residence, Media and Culture Studies, University of Amsterdam 2009  
Since 2000 Partner in production company VOF Appel&Honigmann , in cooperation with filmmaker Heddy Honigmann.