

ABOVE THE LINE



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Location New York/ Hamburg

Languages Spanish, German, French, English

FILMOGRAPHY (Selection)

2016	AMERICAN RIVERS	RBB/Arte Production: Penelope Pictures Director: Katja Esson Documentary Series 5 x 45 min Deutscher NaturfilmPreis - Children's Jury Award (2017)
2015	CANTINEROS DE CUBA	Production: Penelope Pictures Writer and Director: Katja Esson Documentary In Production
2012	BACKROADS USA	RBB/Arte Production: Maha Productions Director: Katja Esson Documentary Series
2011	POETRY OF RESILIENCE	Production: Penelope Pictures Writer and Director: Katja Esson Documentary Cinema for Peace Award - Nominated for Best Documentary of the Year (2012) Woodstock Film Festival - Diane Seligman Award for Best Documentary (2011)
	NY CONFIDENTIAL - BROOKLYN	Arte Production: Maha Productions Director: Katja Esson Documentary Series
2010	LATCHING ON - THE POLITICS OF BREASTFEEDING IN AMERICA	Production: Penelope Pictures Writer and Director: Katja Esson Documentary LA Femme International Filmfestival Los Angeles (2010)
	SKYDANCER	WDR/Arte Production: Penelope Pictures, maja.de. Writer and Director: Katja Esson Documentary Shanghai Television Festival - Nominated for Magnolia Award Best Documentary & Best Director (2012) Pärnu International Film Festival - Nominated for Best Film on Indigenous People (2012) Guanajuato International Film Festival - Nominated for Best Documentary (2012) Salem Film Festival - Nominated for EDA Award Best Film by a Female Journalist (2012)
2009-1997	SIEGFRIED & ROY - EIN MÄRCHEN FÜR ERWACHSENE	ARD/Arte Production: Zero Film Writer and Director: Katja Esson Documentary
2009	THE OLDEST PROFESSION	ARD/Arte Production: LE Vision Director: Katja Esson Docufiction International Film and Video Festival "Silver Screen" (2011)
2009-1997	TORE ZUR WELT - DER HAFEN VON NEW YORK	Arte Production: maja.de. Writer and Director: Katja Esson Documentary
	HOLE IN THE SKY: THE SCARS OF 9/11	WDR Production: maja.de. Writer and Director: Katja Esson Documentary World Media Festival - Gold Award (2006)

	WE ARE NEW YORK - THE WEDDING	NYC TV Production: CUNY Productions Writer: David Hellman, Kayhan Irani, Sandra Poster Director: Katja Esson Emmy Awards - Four Nominations (2010)
	FERRY TALES	Production: Penelope Pictures Writer and Director: Katja Esson Documentary 40 min Academy Awards - Nominated for Best Documentary (2004) Palm Springs International Film Festival (2004) IDA Documentary Awards (2004) Seattle Film Festival (2004) Women's Image Network Awards - Grand Prix (2004) Birds Eye View Festival (2004) Commendatory Recognition at diverse Festivals (2004)
	VERTICAL TRAVELER	Arte/Thirteen/WNET Production: Schenk Productions Writer and Director: Katja Esson Documentary
2006	A SEASON OF MADNESS	Production: Isotope Films Writer and Director: Katja Esson Short Film

MISCELLANEOUS

	VELUX	Image Film
	BMW	Image Film
	VW	Image Film
	FINANCIAL TIMES GERMANY	Commercial / Image Film

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Nominated for United States Artist Fellowship (2012)

Assistant Director for Jürgen Roland, Peter Kahane, Piet Ariel, Sherry Hormann, Don Silver with David Keith and Cindy Lauper (1991 - 1996)

Bachelor in Motion Pictures and Theatre at University of Miami, Florida (1990)

Born and raised in Hamburg