

EILEEN THALENBERG

WRITER - DIRECTOR - PRODUCER

Award winning filmmaker Eileen Thalenberg produces, writes and directs TV and feature documentaries on a wide range of subjects from music and dance to social and political issues. Her body of work includes more than 50 films that have aired all over the world. Her latest **Up Against the Wall** was nominated for the GEMINI'S Donald Brittain Award and won the Special Jury Award for best Social and Political Documentary at Worldfest and her last feature length doc **Silence at the Heart of Things** was winner of the Silver Chris Award for Best Arts Documentary and nominated for the overall best in festival at the Columbus International Film and Video Festival. Eileen is fluent in 8 languages which helps when shooting abroad. She is a partner in **Stormy Nights Productions** (Toronto). As part of **Stormy Nights** she is currently working on several projects one for the CBC about the moral development of children called BORN TO BE GOOD?.

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY

UP AGAINST THE WALL

Documentary about the walls that have gone up in 3 democracies since the fall of the Berlin Wall

- for CBC's DOC ZONE. (2009)
- nominated for a Gemini – The Donald Brittain Award
- Winner of a Special Jury award, Houston International Film Festival

SILENCE AT THE HEART OF THINGS

Documentary about Canadian fiddler Oliver Schroer (1956 – 2008) filmed during the last months of his life. (2009)

- Winner of a Silver Chris Award for Best Arts Documentary & nominated for Best of Festival, Columbus International Film and Video Festival, 2010
- Jury Selected for screening at WOMEX, the World Music Festival 2010

LOIN DES FAVELAS / STREETS OF ENCOUNTER

Dance documentary featuring the work of Brazilian choreographer Ivaldo Bertazzo and his work with teenagers from the slums of Sao Paulo.

French version for TV5 (2006) English version for Bravo (2007).

- winner of the Prix Gémeaux (2008)
- winner Platinum Remi Award – Houston International Festival
- Winner of The Silver Chris Award (best in category) at the Columbus International Film Festival 2007

À DEUX C'EST MIEUX

A short film about the dance company Corpus. (2007)

One of 6 vignettes produced by the ONF for TFO.

YOU SHOULD BE DANCING

Lifestyle show for W (2006)

A LONG JOURNEY HOME

performance/documentary featuring Canadian opera soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian for CBC'S OPENING NIGHT

producer, director, writer - STORMY NIGHTS PRODUCTIONS (2005)

- Winner of a Bronze Remi Award, Houston International Film Festival
- Winner of a Bronze Plaque, Columbus International Film Festival
- Nominated for a Rose d'Or Award
- Nominated for two Gemini Awards - Best Performing Arts Documentary
- and for Best Performance by an Artist in a Performing Arts Program

THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE

performance/documentary featuring Canadian Jazz musician Carol Welsman for CBC'S OPENING NIGHT
producer & director

STORMY NIGHTS PRODUCTIONS (2005)

- winner of Golden Sheaf Award – Yorkton Film Festival
- winner Silver Remi Award – Houston International Film Festival
- Featured at the 24th FIFA 2006 (Festival international du sur l'art)
- nominated for a Gemini 2005

WHEN GRANDMOTHERS FLY AWAY

dance film featuring Dancemakers

for CBC's OPENING NIGHT producer & director - STORMY NIGHTS PRODUCTIONS (2004)

MEMOIRE – short for Bravo!fact featuring Dancemakers

THE BABY HUMAN II – (OH BABY! – Canadian title)

further series of 3 one-hour documentaries on infant development writer/director Ellis Ent. For Discovery Health Canada/US (2004)

- gold plaque – Science & Nature – Chicago International Film Festival
- Platinum Award - Houston International Film Festival
- Gold Medal in Science & Technology - New York Festivals: Television Programming and Promotion
- Gold Medal in Writing category - New York Festivals: Television Programming and Promotion

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- Gold Camera Award – Sciences, Research Exploration – U.S. International Film and Video Festival
- Gemini Award Nomination

WIND IN THEIR SAILS / LE VENT DANS LES VOILES

a film about exile & identity featuring the Acadian music group SUROIT

-producer & director –STORMY NIGHTS PRODUCTIONS

-independent co-production with PRODUCTIONS EN COMMUN & Vision Television

INFLUENZA & E-COLI – 2 episodes in series *CONFESSIONS OF A GERM*

-director & writer

-Alliance Atlantis (for Discovery Health)

THE SLEEP GENE – episode of *GENE HUNTERS*

-director

-for Discovery Channel

HENRY WITH THE BIG SHIP

- director - documentary for series *GOING HOME* produced by Great North Productions for History Channel & Life Channel

HOME BOY

Director- documentary for series *Going Home* produced by Great North Productions for History Channel & Life Channel

DRIVING FORCE

- 13-part series, producer
- co- production between Stormy Nights Productions and ECP for Canadian Learning Television, TeleQuebec

LES CHASSEURS D'OMBRE

- director
- for National Film Board of Canada (film about eclipses)

CAN'T STOP NOW...

- (Nederlands Dans Theater & Karen Kain - about dancers over 40)
- producer, director - Stormy Nights Productions Inc.
- independent co-production (with Productions en commun and CBC)
 - Dance Screen '99 - one of three finalists in Documentary Category
 - Nominated for Gemini Award – 2000
 - Jury selected to screen at the Dance on Camera Festival, Lincoln Center, NY.

THE WOMEN OF URGE

- producer, director - for Stormy Nights Productions
- commissioned by CBC Adrienne Clarkson Presents

IN STILLNESS AND IN MOTION

- a film about dancer/choreographer Marie-Josée Chartier
- producer, director - Stormy Nights Productions broadcasted on CBC's "Reflections"

FISHERIES BEYOND THE CRISIS

- producer, director, writer - The Nature of Things - CBC
 - Columbus Film Festival Award
 - two awards at the International Wildlife Festival - Missoula (1999)

HORMONE IMPOSTERS

- producer, director & writer - The Nature of Things - CBC (1998)
 - awarded 2 prizes at International Wildlife Festival -Missoula
 - awarded prize by the Canadian Nursing Association

ANTIBIOTICS : GROWING RESISTANCE

- writer -The Nature of Things - CBC
 - winner of The John Muir Film Festival Award - best documentary

ADDITIONAL AWARDS**The Foundation for the Advancement of Canadian Letters.**

Author's Awards - Second prize in paperback non-fiction category for DAVID SUZUKI TALKS ABOUT A.I.D.S. by Suzuki, Thalenberg & Knudtson.

Canadian Science Writers Association

Science Writer of the Year in one-hour television documentary category for A.I.D.S: A REPORT produced by The Nature of Things, C.B.C.