

# **Julia Popławska**

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## **documentary film director, photographer**

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### **EDUCATION**

2008-2010 - Andrzej Wajda School of Film Directing, Warsaw, documentary course, Poland  
1992-1997 - Master Degree of Journalism and Political Science at Warsaw University, Poland

#### **Languages:**

Polish – native, English – fluent, Spanish – intermediate, French – intermediate,  
Danish - basic

2009 - until now - Member of Polish Filmmakers Association

2016 - until now - Member of Board of documentary filmmakers section, Polish Filmmakers  
Poland's largest organisation of film professionals. The Association promotes Polish film  
domestically and abroad.

2014 - until now - Canal+ Polska television - editor and journalist. Author of weekly  
television magazines about design and architecture and popular science.

### **ARTISTIC ACTIVITY** **DOCUMENTARY FILM DIRECTING AND TV EXPERIENCE**

2019 - director of short documentary films series – “Stories of Garden” (The City Council of  
Warsaw - artistic scholarship)

2015 – documentary film director: "The Place" (Munk Studio)

#### **Awards:**

13th Tegernsee International Mountain Film Festival, Germany, 2015 - **GRAND PRIX**

8th Imagine Science Film Festival, NYC, USA, 2015 - **The Science/AAAS Scientist Award**

#### **-runner-up**

6th Dutch Mountain Film Festival, The Netherlands, 2016 - **Best Newcomer Award**

Ushuaina SHH, Festival Internacional de Cine Montaña, Argentina, 2016 – **Mention**

The 5th Nature and Cinema Exhibition, ForadCamp 2016, - **Prize Cultural Association**

#### **Granollers**

#### **“The Place” was in competition of:**

11th Zagreb Dox, Croatia, 2015

22nd Hot Docs Canadian IDF, Canada, 2015

Documenta Madrid, Spain, 2015

Fidocs, Chile, 2015

Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival, USA, 2015

10th DocsDF, Mexico, 2015

RIDM – Rencontres internationales du documentaire de Montréal, Canada, 2015

‘Punto de Vista’ International Documentary FF, Spain, 2016  
8th Iquique International Film Festival, Chile, 2016  
54th Ann Arbor Film Festival, USA, 2016  
64th Trento Film Festival, Italy, 2016  
Imagine Science Film Festival, Paris, France, 2016

2012 - winner of the competition for the Best Script about the old town of Mexico City announced by **Docs Festival in Mexico DF, Mexico**.

Directing and completing short documentary film - "The Center" at the place within 100 hours.

2010 - documentary film director: “Oh, God, Dear God” (Wajda Studio)

**Awards:**

6th 'MiradasDocs' International Documentary Film Festival, Guía de Isora, Tenerife, Spain (2011) - **Best Short Documentary Film**

17th 'Nurt' Documentaries Forms Festival, Kielce, Poland (2011) - **Mention**

**“Oh, God, Dear God” was in competition of:**

9th 'SilverDocs' Documentary Festival, Silver Spring, USA (2011)

'Open City London' International Documentary Festival, London, Great Britain (2011)

5th 'Heart of Gold' International Film Festival, Queensland, Australia (2011)

7th 'ZagrebDox' International Documentary Film Festival, Zagreb, Croatia (2011)

3. Küstendorf Film and Music Festival, Beograd, Serbia (2011)

50th Krakow Film Festival, Cracow, Poland (2010)

26th 'interfilm' International Short Film Festival, Berlin, Germany (2010)

52nd ZINEBI International Festival of Documentary and Short Films, Bilbao, Spain (2010)

2010 - 2012 – author of series of reportages from Belarus for Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw – (The Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation - Journalist Stipendium)

2009 - TVP (Polish Public Television) – an interview with H.H.Dalai Lama in Poland

2008 - director of television documentaries:

"Children of Dalai Lama" - TVP (Polish National Television) – film about Tibetans living in Poland

"Polish Righteous" - TVP (Polish National Television) film about Poles who hid and helped Jews during II war in Warsaw

2005-2006 - TVP (Polish National Television) – author of reportages from Scotland, Ireland, Denmark

Interviews:

**Lech Walesa** – Polish President

**Philip Glass** – American musician (for Newsweek)

**H.H. Dalai Lama** – Tibetan leader

**Jacob Holdt** - Danish photographer

**Neal Ascherson** - Scottish writer

## **Scholarships**

2019 – The City Council of Warsaw - artist scholarship for film – photo project for Botanic Garden of the University of Warsaw

2018 - The Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of Poland – artist scholarship for documentary film project about Polish Art&Science

2014 - The Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of Poland – artist scholarship for “Meteopaths” – documentary project

2012 - winner of the competition for the best script about the old town of Mexico City announced by the Docs Festival Mexico DF, Mexico

2011/2012 – The City Council of Warsaw - artist scholarship for films about the Jewish Warsaw

2011 – The Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation - journalist stipendium for the film about Jewish towns in Belarus

2010 – The Polish Filmmakers Association (SFP) artist scholarship for Greenland – documentary script project

## **Artist residencies**

2017 - artist residency SACO-Contemporary Art Festival in Antofagasta, Chile. Co-working on film of Polish artist Dagmara Wyskiel located at Atacama Desert, scientific research of geology of the desert with professor Guillermo Chong from Catholic University of the North at Antofagasta

2016/2017 - artist residency, Tissardmine, Sahara Desert, Morocco. Photograph and film research about geology and Berber culture of Erfoud region.

2015 - Adventure Filmmakers Workshop - Banff Centre, Canada

2015 - Science and Communications residency with Jay Ingram, broadcaster and science communicator thanks to Ontario Genomics Institute Artist Award - Banff Centre, Canada

2014 - artist residency - Centro Selva – Center of promoting projects in the art and sciences in the Central Amazon Region, Ucayali river area, Peru. Making art photographs presented later on curatorial photo exhibition in Cracow, Poland titled: “Patterns”

## **OTHER**

1996 - Safari-Poland - safari guide in Kenya, administration, budget, logistic, contact to customers and authorities

1991 – driving licence

