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Co-founder of SPOR MEDIA: <https://www.spormedia.dk/documentary-films/?lang=en>

I have made films since the revolution in Nicaragua in 1979. Many from the global south. Often I follow my main characters for several years. I want us to look into the eyes of the stranger, to find common ground, and understanding.

Parallel to directing films I have been promoting and selecting films from the Third World for national distribution, re-editing documentaries for Danish distribution and co-organising film festivals in Copenhagen with films from the South, - and edited several educational booklets and catalogues on films from the South.

EAVE 97, member of EDN.

Examples of films:

2006 – 2023:

In development/filming for 17 years: **“WOUNDED WARRIOR”** about FLORENTINA, a young Navajo Native American Iraq war-veteran confronted with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (to be finished in 2025-26)

Recent:

2015 – 2021: ISLAND of HOPE, a personal film about how refugee boys came to our Island ÆRØ, and moved our hearts and minds (Danish Film Institute / DR 1 supported by Film FYN. International sales : DR SALES)

2017 RODLØS: (“ROOTLESS”) a series of 6 x27 min for DR3 – about 5 young refugee boys, and their difficult journey into a danish teenage-life.

2006 -2015: "SOUND TRACKS of life – Moussa Diallo on bass"

Mali/Denmark. – about daring to follow your heart and seeking reconciliation. (The Danish Film Institute, DR TV, Zanzibar Film Festival.)

2001-2005: "HOTEL of DREAMS" Senegal. Global turism and the long journey home. (DFI, NDR/Arte, YLE,TV2, RTBF, TSR, ETV, SVT,NHK) Festivals: IDFA, ZIFF, SOUL, Korea, FLAHERTIANA, Perm/Russia, New York African Film Festival / DR SALES)

1998-2002: "ANCESTORS ON-LINE -a journey into African memory". Zimbabwe. The search for identity and values in life. (DRTV, SVT, YLE, ETV, The Danish Film Institute).

...and long time ago, a 16 mm film:

1980: "Children of the Revolution" Young Nicaraguans involved in the literacy campaign. 16 mm, Danish/Swedish/English/Spanish Cinema, SVT, The Danish Film Institute.