

MAJA WEISS / director

- 1965 Born on April 17 in Novo mesto, Slovenia
 1984-88 Studying film and TV directing at AGRFT, Ljubljana
 1988-93 Assistant director at 5 full-length fiction films
 Working as a freelanced screenwriter and director of documentary and fiction genres for TV Slovenia and independent productions
 1993 Birth of son August Adrian
 1993-94 European film scholarship of Nipkow Program in Berlin
 1995 Back in Slovenia and working on several projects
 1996 In March interviewing Margarethe Von Trotta in Paris
 1997 Initiator, selector and organiser of First Marathon of Slovenian Women's Film and Video; editor of the published catalogue supporting this event
 1998 Co-founder of the film production company Bela Film
 Participant at the European Film College in Ebeltoft, Denmark
 Participant of Mannheim Co-production Meetings
 1999 Participant at Int' Conference on Documentary Film in Munich
 2000 Directing her first full-length fiction film "Guardian of the Frontier"
 2001 Birth of daughter Larissa Maria Christa
 2005 "Tribute to Maja Weiss & Peter Braatz" – Film Retrospective at Crossing Europe Film Festival in Linz and Wien
 2005-2007 President of Slovenian Filmmakers Association

She is a member of European Film Academy.

Selected films:

- 1985-90 VIGRED / doc., 04 min, 16mm, production: AGRFT
 LITTLE RUS / doc., 10 min, 16mm, production: AGRFT
 DYING OF THE WATERS / doc., 22 min, 16mm, production: TVS
 JUWES IN SLOVENIA / doc., 41 min., 16mm, production: TVS
 VOTE ME, I LIKE YOU / doc., 37 min., 16mm, production: TVS
 RAIN / fiction, 16 min, 16mm, production: AGRFT
 CINDERELLA / fict.-doc., 20 min, beta, production: TVS
 1991 BALKAN GUNFIGHTERS / fiction, 13 min, 16mm, production: AGRFT
 EXPROPRIATED / doc., 35 min, 16mm, production: TVS
 THE CHILDREN OF CHERNOBIL / doc., 17 min, 16mm, production: TVS
 1992 BOY-A BLOOD-BROTHER OF DEATH / doc., 67 min, 16mm, production: TVS
 DRUGS - FAITH OR CHANCE / doc., 45 min, beta, production: TVS
 PROSTITUTION IN SLOVENIA / doc., 45 min, beta, production: TVS
 1993 ON THE WAY BACK / doc., 88 min, 16mm, production: TVS / Taris Film
 1994 VILLAGE TEACHER / fict.drama, 60 min, 16mm, production: TVS
 1995 TRIESTE ON THE BOARDER / doc., 70 min, 16mm, production: TVS
 1996 FOTO FILM 2001 / doc., 60 min, 16mm, production: TVS / Taris Film
 SLOVENIA FROM INSIDE / doc., 50 min, beta, production: TVS
 SLOVENIA FROM OUTSIDE / doc., 60 min, beta, production: TVS
 1997 SLOVENIANS FROM INSIDE / doc., 60 min, beta, production: TVS
 1998 ADRIAN / fiction, 15 min, 35mm, production: Bindweed / Slovenian Film Fund
 1999 THE ROAD OF FRATERNITY AND UNITY / doc., 104 min / 50min, beta, production: Bela Film / TVS
 2000 NUBA – A PURE PEOPLE / doc., 62 min, beta, production: Bela Film / TVS
 2002 GUARDIAN OF THE FRONTIER / fiction, 100 min, 35mm, production: Bela Film / Slovenian Film Fund / TVS; Taris Film / ZDF / ARTE
 2003 NEW WORLD (TV series) / fiction, 5 x 30 min, S16mm, production: TVS
 2004 UNDER PRESEREN'S HEAD / doc., 25 min, D Beta, production: Bela Film / TVS / LOOKS Germany
 2004 CHILD IN TIME / fiction, 16 min, 35mm, production: Bela Film / Slovenian Film Fund / TVS
 2005 PHOTO: JOCO ŽNIDARŠIČ / doc., 50 min, D Beta, production: TVS
 2006 I WANT TO CONQUER THE WORLD – Portret of actress Marija Vera / doc., 54 min, D Beta, production: Bela Film / TVS / MzK
 2007 INSTALLATION OF LOVE / fiction, 98 min, 35mm, production: Bela Film / Slovenia Film Fund / TVS / Iluzija / Taris Film
 2008 FEEL FOR THE WIND / doc., 54 min, D Beta, production: Bela Film / TVS / MzK
 2008 DAR FUR – WAR FOR WATER / doc., 89 min, D Beta/35mm, co-directed with Tomo Križnar, production: Bela Film / Slovenia Film Fund / TVS / Tomo Križnar / Taris Film
 2009 HIDDEN MEMORY OF ANGELA VODE / fiction, 100 min, HD, production: TVS
 2010 WHERE HAS THE WORKING CLASS GONE? / doc., 55 min., HD, production: Bela Film / TVS / MzK

Festivals:

Neum, Portorož, Gorizia, Parma, Budapest, Salzburg, Karlovy Vary, Tel Aviv, Munchen, Giessen, Kassel, Leipzig, Edinburgh, Berlin, Vila do Conde, Montreal, Sao Paulo, Siena, Drama, Chicago, Feminale-Kologne, Cottbus, London, Bristol, Rome, Amsterdam, Brussels, Goteborg, San Jose, Creteil, Valencia, New York, IDFA, New Director – New Films (New York), Berlinale, European Film Awards and many others.

Her films participated at more than 100 film festivals all over the world.

Awards (chronologically):

Slovene Film Students Award, 1991 - "Balkan Gunfighters"

Golden Prize Metod Badjura for Best Slovene Film, 1991 and 1992 - "Balkan Gunfighters" and "Boy - A Blood-Brother Of Death"

Golden Bird, 1992 - "Boy - A Blood-Brother Of Death"

Silberne Taube, Leipzig 1992 - "Boy - A Blood-Brother Of Death"

Egon-Erwin Kisch Prize 1992 - "Boy - A Blood-Brother Of Death"

Antena Hungaria, 1995 - "Village Teacher"

Festival Of Slovenian Films, Best Short Film 1998 - "Adrian"

2nd Festival of Slovenian Film, Best Documentary of 1999 - "The Road of Fraternity and Unity"

34th Chicago International Film Festival '98 - Silver plaque award "Adrian"

Film de Femmes, Creteil, France 1999 - Canal + award for best short film "Adrian"

Sarajevo Film Festival 1999 - FIPRESCI Award for best short film "Adrian"

Film Video Monitor, Gorizia 1999 - Darko Bratina Award - "The Road of Fraternity and Unity"

»VIKTOR« Slovenian Media Award - "The Road of Fraternity and Unity"

3rd Festival of Slovenian Film- Best Documentary of 2000 - "Nuba-Pure People"

IDFA - International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam 1999 - Official nomination for Silver Wolf Award - "The Road of Fraternity and Unity"

Rotterdam Market for Educational Programmes and Multimedia 2000 - Special Mention - "Nuba - Pure People"

International Ethnic Film Festival »At home«, Cracow - Poland, 2000 - Second Award founded by Regional Polish Television - "Nuba - Pure People"

International Mountain and Adventure Film Festival Graz, 2000 - Camera Alpin in Gold - "Nuba - Pure People"

Telluride Film Festival, 2001 - Best Cultural Documentary - "Nuba - Pure People"

5th Festival of Slovenian Films - Best Directing - "Guardian of the Frontier"

52nd Berlinale - Manfred Salzgeber Award for European Most Innovative Film - "Guardian of the Frontier"

European Film Awards - Fassbinder Award Official Nomination - "Guardian of the Frontier"

Miami Gay & Lesbian Film Festival - Special Jury Award - "Guardian of the Frontier"

26th San Francisco Gay & Lesbian Film Festival - Levi's Award for Best Film - "Guardian of the Frontier"

VIKTOR 2003 - Slovenian Media Award - "Balkanski revolveraši"

VIKTOR 2005 - Slovenian Media Award - "Photo: Joco Žnidaršič"

19th Trieste Film Festival 2008 „Special Mention“ - "Installation Of Love"

IFF Durban - Amnesty International Award - "Dar Fur - War for Water"

International Film and Environment Festival of Zaragoza - Best documentary - „Dar Fur - War for Water“

»VIKTOR 2010« Slovenian Media Award - "Dar Fur - War For Water"

»VIKTOR 2010« Slovenian Media Award - "Hidden Memory of Angela Vode"