

# TRUEFAUX

## John Hillis Bio

Producer | Director | Editor | Writer

John is co-owner of Truefaux Films. As a filmmaker he approaches each project with an interest in the small events that make up the story; capturing the subtleties, the details, and the heartfelt moments which stay the longest in people's minds.

John's first five years in film were spent working in the lighting, grip, camera, and AD departments on other peoples' projects before taking the leap into the above the line roles, first as a producer on the award winning short *Joe* and then as writer, director, and editor for *Ethan's Walk*, which travelled the world festival circuit.

This opened the door for John to direct and line-produce on the Emmy award winning television series *Street Cents*. What followed was a decade of challenges and excitement; producing and directing live broadcasts, television documentaries and commercials, and short dramatic work. All the while Hillis continued his writing - resulting in the award winning feature scripts *Bitter, Sweet, and Beautiful* and *Niagara Falls (and other stories)*.

John has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from NSCAD University, Canada and a Masters in Screenwriting from Royal Holloway, University of London in the UK. Along with his film credits John has taught film production and screenwriting at universities in England, Wales, and Canada. His passion for film goes beyond production as shown by his involvement at the grassroots level through local co-operatives, youth film initiatives, and mentoring developing talent.

Hillis has been the recipient of numerous Arts NS and Canada Council grants, has been a finalist and semifinalist in the prestigious Final Draft Screenwriting Competition, and was selected to be a participant in the Praxis Screenwriting workshop. His script *Niagara Falls (And Other Stories)* won the 33rd Atlantic Film Festival's Script Development Award. As a writer, director and producer, Hillis' films have screened across Canada and internationally including Clermont-Ferrand, France, Zinebi 44, Spain, and Krakowski Festiwal Filmowy, Poland.

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