

## **Marsia Tzivara**

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### **Short Biographical note**

Marsia Tzivara is a filmmaker from Athens-Greece, currently living in Berlin. She studied media and film in England, and since then she works professionally in the international film and TV industry as director, casting director and assistant director. She has coordinated numerous national and international sets and big events (i.e. Sp. Olympic Games Athens 2011) and has been in the casting team of films which have entered big festivals such as Cannes and Berlinale (Xenia, Luton etc) . She is a video activist interested in human rights (member of the German video collective Ak-kraak), founding and board member of the Greek-German culture association, and program director of HELLAS FILMBOX BERLIN ([www.hellasfilmbox.de](http://www.hellasfilmbox.de)) the first Greek film festival in Berlin. At the moment, she is on a festival circle with her film *'Burning from the inside'* which has already won international awards, and found world distribution ([www.sidewaysfilm.com/burning-from-the-inside/](http://www.sidewaysfilm.com/burning-from-the-inside/)). Currently, she is on development for her next film *'Out of the ashes'*.

### **EDUCATION**

**1998-2000 MASTER OF ARTS IN FILM AND CULTURAL STUDIES**

(UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND, UK)

**1995-1998 BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MEDIA STUDIES**

(UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND, UK)

**1994-1995 HUMANITY STUDIES** (FOUNDATION COLLEGE, ATHENS, GREECE)

### **WORKSHOPS**

**2015- PRODUCERS SHARING THEIR SECRETS** (BERLINALE TALENT CAMPUS, GERMANY)

**2013-WORKSHOP WITH ULHRICH SEIDL** (BERLINALE TALENT CAMPUS, GERMANY)

**2010 –NEW FORMS OF NARRATIVE IN THE THEATRE** (GUIJERMO HERAS, THERVANTES INSTITUTE, SPAIN)

**2004 -ADVANCED SCRIPTWRITING FOR FILM & TV**( EFI GAVRILOY, GREECE)

**2003 –SCRIPTWRITING FOR FILM & TV** (EFI GAVRILOU, GREECE)

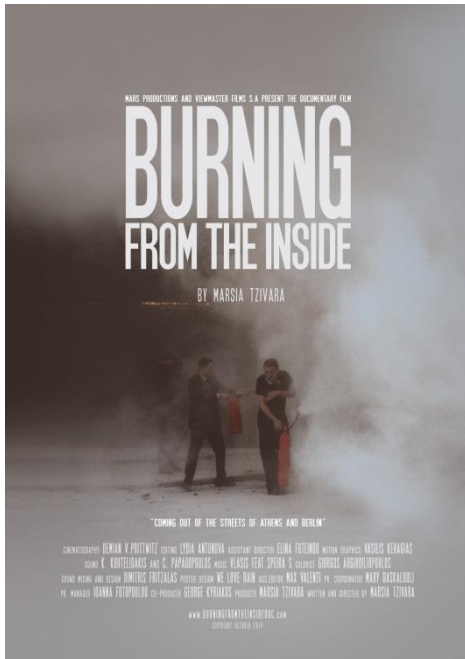
**1996 -DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY** (NORTHUMBERLAND COLLEGE, UK)

**1997 - BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY**(NORTHUMBERLAND COLLEGE, UK)

**1998 -DOCUMENTARY SCRIPTWRITING** (MIKE 'O BRIAN, BBC)

## Films

- **2012-2014**  
*'Burning from the inside'* (Writer, Director, Producer)



### OFFICIAL FESTIVAL SELECTION:

- Thessaloniki international documentary festival ( Greece)
- All lights India (Cochin, India)
- Global Visions (Edmonton, Canada)
- Vision du reel (Nyon, Switzerland/International Market)
- Hellas filmbox Berlin (Berlin, Germany)
- Neisse Film Festival (Zittau, Germany)
- Human rights international film festival (Todi, Italy)
- Human rights intern. film festival ( Yangon, Myanmar)
- Doc Fest Chalkida (Chalkida, Greece)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Anarchist Film festival ( Montreal, Canada)
- London Greek Film Festival
- Australian Greek film festival (Melbourne, Sydney)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Anarchist film festival (Kavala, Greece)
- Festival of German speaking films (Rhodes, Greece)

### AWARDS:

- The San Francisco film awards 2015 (Award of excellence-best documentary)
- DSIMA Jakarta, 2015 (Golden Award for European documentary)

#### Links:

<https://vimeo.com/116587969> (teaser)

<https://vimeo.com/80664811> (trailer)

- **2015**  
*'The dreamlike path'* (Germany, Feature, Dir Angela Schanelec)  
2nd Ass. Director & Extras Coordinator (Greece)  
<http://www.filmgalerie451.de/en/filme/der-traumhafte-weg/>
- **2014**  
*'Recycling Media'* (German Feature Film, Dir. Asteris Koutoulas)  
Casting Director-Assistant Director-Trailer maker  
**AWARDS:**  
Most valuable Documentary 2014 (Institute of peace foundation)  
<https://vimeo.com/80711704>
- **2014**  
*'Ein Sommer In Griechenland'* (Summer in Greece') (German TV Film, Jorgo Papavasiliou, Z.D.F)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Director-Extras casting  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VxorxCJUgw>
- **2015 (work in Progress)**  
*'Dance, fight, love, die. On the road with Mikis Theodorakis'* ( Documentary film, A. Kutoulas, Germany)  
Production Manager

- **2011**  
'Children of the Riots' (Documentary Film, Al Jazeera, Dir. Christos Georgiou)  
Researcher ,production coordinator, second unit director  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C45QKpGFy6w>
- **2011**  
'Xenia' (Feature film, Panos Koutras) OFFICIAL SELECTION CANNES FILM FESTIVAL  
Assistant Casting director (Athens Casting [www.athenscasting.gr](http://www.athenscasting.gr) )  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qaZ3mOod9hk>
- **2010**  
'Luton' (Feature Film, M. Konstantatos)  
Assistant Casting director (Athens Casting [www.athenscasting.gr](http://www.athenscasting.gr) )  
[https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x13ykab\\_luton-official-trailer\\_shortfilms?start=4](https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x13ykab_luton-official-trailer_shortfilms?start=4)
- **2010**  
'zititai pseftis' (Feature film) CL Productions, Dir. Ieroklis Michailidis)  
Support & extras Casting (ODEON, CL PRODUCTIONS)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJJ3Sa\\_deG8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJJ3Sa_deG8)
- **2009- 2010**  
'Paradise' (Greek feature Film)  
First Assistant Director (Greek Film Centre, Pan Entertainment Dir: Panagiotis Fafoutis)  
[http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xlrslz\\_paradise-by-panagiotis-fafoutis-trailer-english-subtitles-www-flix-gr\\_shortfilms](http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xlrslz_paradise-by-panagiotis-fafoutis-trailer-english-subtitles-www-flix-gr_shortfilms)
- **2010**  
'Dogs, cats and rats' (Greek feature film)  
First Assistant Director/ replacement (Dir: Andrianos Georgandas)  
<https://vimeo.com/14542902>

## **Television**

- **2013**  
'APPASSIONATA' (DVD release of International Theater Show)  
Writer-Director of 'making of' documentary (Award for the most successful family show in Europe)  
<https://vimeo.com/66253792>
- **2012**  
'APPASSIONATA' (International Theater Show)  
Writer-Director of Backstage Documentary  
<https://vimeo.com/89228381>
- **2010**  
'The Flat mates' (Greek Web series)  
Casting Director (CL Productions, Dir: V. Kehagias)
- **2009**  
'The Third Low' (Greek Detective TV Series -12 episodes)  
First Assistant Director (Mega Channel, Frenzy Films Dir: Panos Kokkinopoulos)
- **2008- 2009**  
'Steps' (Greek music TV Series- 20 Episodes)  
Casting Director – First Assistant Director ( Antenna Channel, Studio Ata Dir: Christos Georgiou)
- **2007- 2008**  
'True Love' (Greek Drama- 20 Episodes)  
Casting Director (Alpha TV, P.L.D)

- **2006- 2008**  
*'Detective Mpeka's Stories' (Greek Detective Series – 50 episodes)*  
Casting Director (Alpha TV, P.L.D)
- **2004- 2006**  
*'Hara's' Coffeehouse' (Greek TV Series-90 episodes)*  
First Assistant Director (Antenna T.V, Studio Ata)
- **2003-2004**  
*'You come, you go' (Greek TV Comedy series-12 episodes)*  
First Assistant Director (Alpha TV, Kappa Studios)
- **2002-2003**  
*'Only If You Knew...' (Greek T.V Series -26 Episodes)*  
First Assistant Director (Alpha T.V, Frenzy Films)
- **2001- 2002 (National award for the best production, best direction, best music)**  
*'Red Circle' ( Greek Documentary Drama Series -20 Episodes)*  
First Assistant Director
- **2000-2001 (National award for the best direction, production and editing)**  
*'Red Circle' ( Greek Documentary Drama Series -20 Episodes)*  
Second Assistant Director (Alpha T.V, Frenzy Films)

## COMMERCIALS

### 2016

'Filmbox on the road' (Writer-Director)

(Trailer series for the film festival HELLAS FILMBOX BERLIN shot in Greek and German versions)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sjqz4Fp3s0>

I have also worked in the Advertising Industry as Casting Director, First Assistant Director and Director in numerous Projects, in collaboration to the companies below:

Athens Casting [www.athenscasting.gr](http://www.athenscasting.gr) Avion Films [www.avionfilms.gr](http://www.avionfilms.gr) White Room [www.whiteroom.gr](http://www.whiteroom.gr)

## MUSIC VIDEO

### 2011

Siva Six ' The valley of the Shadows' OFFICIAL VIDEO

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfccuJ\\_ZMTY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfccuJ_ZMTY)

[www.sivasix.com](http://www.sivasix.com)

## SHORT FILMS

- **The chair** (1995, 1 min, fiction, university of Sunderland, UK)
- **Caught in the net** (1996, 10 min, doc, university of Sunderland, UK)
- **The big issue** (1996, 15 min, doc, university of Sunderland, UK)
- **The devil's night** (1997, 15 min, doc, university of Sunderland, UK)
- **The man in the mirror** (1998, 10 min, fiction, university of Sunderland, UK)
- **Paint** (1999, 11min, fiction, university of Sunderland, UK)
- **Duchess** (2000, 15 min, fiction, Forster film society, UK)

## **SCRIPTS**

- **Birthday Party (Short film)**
- **Man in the Mirror (short Film)**
- **Ich bin (short film)**
- **Insert Coin (short film)**
- **180 Grad (TV series)**
- **Dread cleaning (short film)**
- **Mirror (short film)**

## **OTHERS**

I have shot live concerts of famous bands such as 'Ojos de Bruho' and I have participated as stage manager and cast coordinator in big events such as the Olympic Games Athens 2004 and the Special Olympics 2011. I collaborate with the popular German newspaper 'Die Welt' as coordinator, researcher and translator in Greece, and I am a seminar tutor at 'Film Arche', the self-organized film school in Berlin.

I also contact seminars and presentations on an activist basis (mostly on human rights) and the use of film in order to create social change. I have made presentations at the University of Athens (Greece), at the Goethe University in Frankfurt, at the Macro Media University in Berlin and at the freie University in Berlin.

## **LANGUAGES**

GREEK (NATIVE)

ENGLISH (FLUENT)

GERMAN (C1)

SPANISH (BASIC)

## **ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

- MICRO COMPUTING (WORD -EXCELL -INTERNET USE)
- KNOWLEDGE IN BUDGETING, MARKETING & MANAGEMENT
- EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION & ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS
- TEAM PLAYER
- SKILLED IN MANAGING WITH LARGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE
- SKILLED & EXPERIENCED WITH HEADLINE TALENTS
- EXPERIENCED IN DECISION MAKING, PROBLEM SOLVING, EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
- ABLE TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY UNDER PREASSURE

## **HOBBIES & INTERESTS**

I like sports, I listen to punk and new wave music and I read many books.

I love films, and my job is also my hobby!

I travel a lot, I hate injustice, I love animals!

