



LIGHTHART MEDIA PRODUKTIES

BIOGRAPHY

Wilma Lighthart – *Film director / script*

Wilma Lighthart started her career in the theatre, where she appeared with the Internationally known Dogtroep. This experience shines through in her work as a filmmaker. She created for the VPRO (Dutch Broadcast station) various drama-productions. She filled the parts of director, scenarist en also played the leading role.

Wilma finished the Media Academy in Hilversum, specialisations; documentary, directing and interview. She was invited by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) to make a documentary about the airplane disaster in Amsterdam (1992) titled ' When the plane crashed '. A slew of documentaries followed. Several of them were awarded.

Wilma Lighthart is considered a leading figure in child documentary in the Netherlands. Her films are shown on Dutch TV, at international film festivals, and at the IDFA on a regular base. Her preferences are tabu subjects, where people do recognise themselves but would rather not speak out. Some of her subjects were: ageing as a teen, obesity, lovers pain, trauma processing and ' the first time '.

Most recently the documentary ' Syawal was very scared ', shot in Sumatra (Indonesia) premiered in November 2009 at the IDFA Film Festival. At the moment Wilma is busy working on a Feature Film titled ' A happy divorce '. She is invited by PBS to make a documentary about ' Scars' , and is looking forward showing this in 2010 for a national and international public.

