

Matthew Lessner

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1988, Walnut Creek, US

Lives and works in Amsterdam, The Netherlands

## Education

2001–2005 BFA Writing and Directing for Film and Television, Dodge  
College of Film and Media Arts, Chapman University, Orange, CA

## Narrative Films

2019 - *The Position (series proof of concept)*. 12 min, Arri, color

2017 - *Automatic at Sea*. 88 min, RED, color

2014 - *Chapel Perilous*. 13 min, RED, color

2011 - *The Woods*. 93 min, super 16 mm, color

2007 - *By Modern Measure*. 6 min, 16 mm, b & w

2005 - *Darling Darling*. 14 min, super 16 mm, color

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## Solo Exhibitions

*Champis Solutions (Phase 2 of In Anticipation of the Unexpected)*  
(2016) NEVVEN, Göteborg

## Group shows

*Dimensions / Of Possibility* (2020) NEVVEN, Göteborg

*Acid Free, MEMORY* (2018) Blum + Poe, Los Angeles

*Biased Gods, The One Minutes* (2018) Art Museum of Nanjing  
University of the Arts

*Biased Gods, The One Minutes* (2018) Sinan Mansions, Shanghai

*Biased Gods, The One Minutes* (2018) Museum Hilversum

## Grants, Prizes (selected)

2018 - Kulturbryggan Konstnärsnämnden, Stockholm

2018 - Ganador Mejor Largometraje Experimental Fic Autor,  
Guadalajara

2017 - Grand Jury Award, New Hampshire International Film Festival

2014 - Sundance Audience Award, Sundance Film Festival, Park City

2012 - San Francisco Film Society / K. Rainin Foundation Development  
Grant, San Francisco

2011 - San Francisco Film Society / K. Rainin Foundation  
Screenwriting Grant, San Francisco

2007 - Judge's Award, Northwest Film Festival, Portland

2006 - Most Promising Filmmaker Award, Ann Arbor Film Festival,

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Ann Arbor

2005 - Audience Award, Chlotrudis, Boston

2005 - Judge's Award, Northwest Film Festival, Portland

## Residencies

2018 - Okinawa Film Commission, Location Scout Residency, Okinawa

2013 - San Francisco Film Society, Film House Residency,  
San Francisco

2012 - The Yard, Creator's Residency, Martha's Vineyard

## Screenings / Film Festivals (selected)

2017

Visiting Artists Series, Northwest Film Forum, Seattle

ArcLight Presents, ArcLight Hollywood Los Angeles & ArcLight  
Chicago Chicago

Slamdance Film Festival, Park City

Swedish Release, Zita Folkets Bio, Stockholm

Official Competition, New Hampshire Film Festival, Portsmouth

Vanguard: Narrative Features, Cucalorus Festival, Wilmington

Memory Program 2, Metrograph, New York

Special Screening, American Film Festival, Wrocław

Memory Presents, The Royal Theatre, Toronto

2015

Visual Walls, Cucalorus Film Festival, Wilmington

Sundance Film Festival, Park City

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Twenty-first Century American Short Films, Clermont-Ferrand  
International Short Film Festival  
US in Progress, Paris Champs-Élysées Film Festival, Paris  
Official Competition, Maryland Film Festival, Baltimore  
2013  
International Competition, Stockholm Film Festival, Stockholm  
American Retrospective, Nouveau Casino, Paris  
Retrospective, Clair-obscur Filmfestival, Basel  
2012  
No More Westerns, Impakt Festival, Utrecht  
New York Release, ReRun Theater, Brooklyn  
2011  
Sundance Film Festival, New Frontiers, Park City  
Cologne, Conference Cologne  
International Competition, Rio de Janeiro International Film Festival,  
Rio de Janeiro  
BAMcinemaFest, Brooklyn  
Official Competition, American Film Festival, Wrocław  
2010  
South by Southwest Austin  
2008  
Sundance Film Festival, Park City  
Official Competition, Sarasota Film Festival, Sarasota  
2007  
South by Southwest Austin  
Official Competition, Ann Arbor Film Festival, Ann Arbor  
International Competition, Comedia, Montreal  
International Competition, Expresión en Corto International Film  
Festival, Guanajuato  
International Competition, Encounters Short Film Festival, Bristol  
International Competition, 25 FPS Festival, Zagreb

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2006

Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, Clermont-Ferrand  
Sarajevo Film Festival, Sarajevo

International Competition, Tabor Film Festival, Desinic

International Competition, Fantasia Film Festival, Montreal

International Competition, L'Étrange Festival, Paris

International Competition, Mecal International Short Film Festival,  
Barcelona

2005

Official Competition, Palm Springs International Short Film Festival,  
Palm Springs

Official Competition, Northwest Film Festival, Portland

Music Videos (selected)

2014 - *Malachite* Lydia Ainsworth, Arbutus

2014 - *Solo Wallet Shuffe* Sun Araw, Drag City

2010 - *Mount Wittenberg Orca* Dirty Projectors + Björk, Domino  
Records

2010 - *World News* Local Natives, Frenchkiss Records

2009 - *Stillness is the Move* Dirty Projectors, Domino Records

2009 - *Surprise Hotel* Fool's Gold, IAMSOUND Records

2009 - *Last Dance* The Raveonettes, Vice Records

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