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Marijn Poels (Meerlo, 10 July 1975) is a Dutch independent filmmaker, documentary maker and international speaker. He produced films like *Nothing About Us*, *Millenniumwar* and *The voice of 650 million*.

Poels is making films about international issues focusing on social, economical and political topics and expose those stories to a worldwide audience.

In 2009 he wrote his first book "Between two worlds".

FILMOGRAPHY

DOCUMENTARIES / FILMS

2010 **BUILDING DREAMS IN DARKNESS** (30 min)
www.marijnpoels.com

India has become the world's second fastest growing economy. The south of India (Chennai) is being elevated; skyscrapers, business corporations and hotels are built in rapid succession. People from the north of India are being offered job opportunities in the south by building contractors. Whole families are transported to Chennai to work as cheap laborers in the construction industry. A generation of migration workers is born. These families are forced to live under awful conditions in transit communities. Their children are forgotten and have no opportunities in terms of education and health. The Indian initiative 'School on Wheels' brings some hope to these children. When their parents and the building constructors can be convinced of the advantages, children will learn some basic skills to elevate themselves from their hopeless start in life.

2010 **MY NAME IS MAX** (30 min)
www.marijnpoels.com

During the Second World War between 1943-1944, approximately 123 Jewish children smuggled from Amsterdam to families in Northern Limburg by an Amsterdam student resistance group led by Piet Meerburg. In this region, the organization in Limburg where led by a midwife in Tienray called Hanna van de Voort. She was supported by a student from Nijmegen, Nico Dohmen. A touching documentary how the "own" children in Limburg experienced the including of the Jewish children within their families.

2010 **IT'S NOT ALWAYS ABOUT SUCCES** (90 min)
PRODUCED BY MARIJN POELS
www.thelosthistory.com

Marijn Poels made his own dream come true. Making a 'Hollywood' film about the myth of King Arthur and the wizard Merlin in particular. Together with five inseparable friends he formed the organization of a mass production. Hundreds of figurants, crew, Hollywood Effects, and nine years production time were contemptuous towards the budget of ZERO. The friendship radiated enthusiasm to the volunteers who gave unprecedented passion and willpower. The organization grows to an immense project until the completion of the film. The project crashed and the red carpet turned into blue tears with a clear message: "It's not always about success".

2010

THE VOICE OF 650 MILLION TIMES ONE (37 min)

WINNER DODIE SPITTAL AWARD CANADA
www.thevoiceof650million.com



The World Health Organization estimates that there are 650 million people with a disability. This is around 10 percent of the world population. Eighty percent of them live in a developing country and are below the age of 45. "The voice of 650 million times one" is a touching documentary about people with a disability in developing countries who despite cultural and social stigma keep fighting for a dignified life.

SCREENINGS FILMFESTIVALS: TEHRAN IRAN, BRUSSELS BELGIUM, UTRECHT NETHERLANDS, DUBLIN IRELAND, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, CALGARY CANADA, VIENNA AUSTRIA, GENEVE SWITZERLAND, UNAIDS BRUSSELS

2009

L1MBURG HELPT (TV DOCUMENTARY SERIES)

SEVEN DOCUMENTARIES ABOUT DUTCH PEOPLE WITH PASSION FOR THE WORLD
BROADCASTED ON DUTCH TELEVISION (L1) AND GOED TV
www.l1.nl/l1mburghelpt

DOCU 1 - APRIL 2009 LENGTH: 26 MIN.	STREETCHILDREN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRASIL
DOCU 2 - MAY 2009 LENGTH: 26 MIN.	UDAVUM KARANGAL CHENNAI, INDIA
DOCU 3 - JUNE 2009 LENGTH: 26 MIN.	KUMI HOSPITAL KUMI, UGANDA
DOCU 4 - JULY 2009 LENGTH: 26 MIN.	BONDEKO BONDAMBA, KONGO DRC
DOC 5 - SEPTEMBER 2009 LENGTH: 26 MIN.	HDG CUGIR, ROEMENIE
DOC 5 - OCTOBER 2009 LENGTH: 26 MIN.	ROSA LIMA LIMA, PERU
DOC 7 - NOVEMBER 2009	HOPE DEHRA DUN, INDIA

2008

NOTHING ABOUT US (60 min)

www.nothingaboutus.com

'Nothing About Us' shows ten Dutch young people with a disability who travel to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, asking attention for the shocking position of their disabled counterparts in Ethiopia. The film begins with the meeting between the Dutch and twenty disabled young people from Ethiopia. Against the chaotic background of one of the largest cities of Africa the Dutch and Ethiopian youths practise martial arts and self defence in order to increase their empowerment .

SCREENINGS FILMFESTIVALS: NIJMEGEN NETHERLANDS, LELYSTAD NETHERLANDS, BERLIN GERMANY MUNCHEN GERMANY, CHENNAI INDIA, DRAMA GRIEKENLAND, WINIPEG UNITED STATES

2008

ETHIOPIA ON WHEELS (35 min)

Former tour de France cyclist Peter Winnen with Hans van Bon and Frans van Slagmaat received a call from the ministry of sport in Ethiopia to support the Ethiopian cyclists on their way to becoming international sportsmen! Because of the poverty and lag of materials the cycle sport can not be developed in Ethiopia like many other country's. The three professionals from the Netherlands where send to the Dire Dawa region with a big mission... Cycling out of the circle of poverty!

2008

MILLENNIUMWAR (48 min)

How come the world is still facing that much extreme poverty and where we can find the origin of these global issues. Development work exists 60 years by now with the thought that the help will be needless in time. But some how this idea is more difficult than the world expected.

In this 60 minutes documentary filmmaker Marijn poels is searching in a confrontational but integer way the origin of the biggest social and economic world problems...

2007

SURVIVING ON GOD'S GUIDANCE (20 min)

Filmmaker Marijn Poels travels 20 days on a adventures way trough the African Republic Zambia. The stunning landscape with all his natural wonders and fascinating colours are seen trough the lens of the filmmaker. Mighty scenes alternates with delicate moments of rest. Finally he visits the poor community Kalundi view. A collection of loam houses and slums established towards the green hills of the Kafue district.

2006 **THE SHADOWSIDE OF A WORLDCITY** (15 min)

Rio de Janeiro is facing big problems on social inequality. This Brazilian world city can measure themselves with modern western city's although defiantly the poor favela's moving from the mountain hills as lava into the city. Thousands of children are living on the streets, those who have left the hard life in the favela's. Not seldom they become victim and getting killed by corrupt policemen who are 'cleaning' the streets of Rio in order of hotel managers A touching movie about the life in the streets of Rio

2006 **THE WHITE LADY OF THE BROKEN RUINS** (20 min)

July, 1975 midsummer night - Four friends from Grubbenvorst (the Netherlands) got a mysterious accident after visiting the castle ruin. The region Limburg where more times shocked by such ghost stories like the phenomenon of a white lady on top of the ruins of the broken castle. July, 2006 midsummer night - Marijn Poels is in search after this story which has been lost in time and find the origin of the truth behind it. Finally he will be facing the myth on top of the ruin.

2005 **FULL OF SMILES AND MINES** (25 min)

Cambodia, situated on the mainland of south-east Asia in the hart of the former French Colony Indo-China. Despite the two decennia repression of the Red Khmer the land preserved her special culture and nature.

Filmmaker Marijn Poels travels five weeks on a adventures way trough that impressive Cambodia. A striking expedition which reveal the hidden beauty behind the deep scarves of an unfair war. Breathtaking sequences which let you almost forget the dark history.

2005 **THE ROAD TO ASIA IN 26 DAY'S** (20 min)

HEIDEROOSJES DOCUMENTAIRES/REPORTAGES

2006 **A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF...**

The biggest punk group of the Netherlands called Heideroosjes where filmed for one year by filmmaker Marijn Poels. One of the climaxes of this two and a half hour DVD is a report of the tour in the United States of America. Followed by backstage reports of Pinkpop, AB Brussels and Torhout Werchter.

Poels filmed also while the band is rehearsing and on the road. "All fun and painful things a band is facing are published on this DVD" says singer of the band Marco Roelofs.

2007 **CHAPTER EIGHT, GOLDEN STATE**

At the end of 2006 the Heideroosjes went for three months to California, Hollywood to work on their new album in the studio's of producer Cameron Webb. Marijn poels joined the group with his camera and produced a intimate backstage documentary of hard working punks, debilitating days and the eternal fellowship of the group in the land of the biggest!

2007 **HEIDEROOSJES IN JAPAN**
Report

2005 **AMERICAN DREAM**
Documentary about the Heideroosjes tour trough New York, New Haven en Boston.

SHORT REPORTS HEIDEROOSJES

2007 **TORHOUT WERCHTER**
2006 **PINKPOP**
2006 **LOWLANDS**
2008 **THEATERTOUR**

VIDEOCLIPS

2009 **WORLD PAVILION FLORIADE 2012**
2005 **UNITED TIBET**
2007 **COUNTES OF ST PAINS HILL**
2007 **MY FUNERAL**

BOOKS

2009

Independent filmmaker Marijn Poels is travelling for a series of seven documentaries between two worlds. Travelling between the safe Europe and world places where it's all not that familiar. With his camera he's following Dutch individuals who are working in development countries and he keep up a dairy

Trough photo's and texts he is writing his euphoria and doubts in countries as Uganda, Peru, Brazil, India, Romania and Congo DRC. With his characteristic writing style Marijn is taking you hand in hand to breathtaking nature but also to waste disposals and townships where playing kids keep on smiling.

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EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

2008

NOTHING ABOUT US

<http://www.cmo.nl/nothingaboutus/>

In the existing education about international cooperation in the Netherlands is hardly attention about the position of people with a handicap. DCDD (Dutch Coalition on Disability and development), CMO (Center for global education) and filmmaker Marijn Poels worked together and developed a eponymous education package for the Dutch education system.

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