

**NICHOLAS de PENCIER csc**  
**Director of Photography**  
**SELECTED FILM & VIDEO CREDITS to October, 2023**

**FEATURE DOCUMENTARIES**

- 2020-21 INTO THE WEEDS Opening night, Hot Docs, 2022. Jennifer Baichwal, Director. Amira, UAVs.
- 2020-21 THE COLOUR OF INK TIFF 2022. Brian Johnson, Director. Amira, KOMODO. Nominated for CSC award for best documentary cinematography, Winner CSA Best Cinematography in a Feature Length Documentary.
- 2015-19 ANTHROPOCENE: THE HUMAN EPOCH Feature documentary and VR shorts on the “Human Epoch”. Special Presentation TIFF 2018, Sundance and Berlin 2019. Winner TFCA Best Canadian Film, CSA Ted Rogers Award for Best Documentary and also Best Cinematography Award, CSC Best Documentary Cinematography, nomination ASC and IMAGO Best Documentary Cinematography. (co-director with Jennifer Baichwal, Edward Burtynsky). Amira, EPIC, Cineflex, Google JUMP, Kolor Abyss.
- 2016-17 LONG TIME RUNNING Feature documentary on the Tragically Hip’s 2016 summer tour. TIFF gala 2017, theatrical release in Canada, Netflix internationally 2017. (co-director with Jennifer Baichwal). Amira, EPIC.
- 2014-15 BLACK CODE Feature documentary on internet surveillance, security and censorship. TIFF 2016, theatrical release April 2017. (Was also director). Amira, EPIC, C300, GH4.
- 2014-15 AL PURDY WAS HERE Feature documentary on the Canadian poet. TIFF 2015. Brian Johnson, Director. EPIC, C300.
- 2014 GHOSTS IN THE MACHINE (CO-DOP) Feature documentary on animal sentience. Nominated in 2015 for four CSAs including Best Photography. Liz Marshall, Director. EPIC.
- 2011-13 WATERMARK Feature documentary on different aspects of water and how we use it. Special Presentation TIFF, 2013 and Berlin, 2014. Wide theatrical release in many territories. Winner CSA Best Documentary and Toronto Film Critics Association Best Canadian Film. Jennifer Baichwal, Edward Burtynsky, Co-Directors. EPIC, C-300, Cineflex.
- 2010-11 PAYBACK Adaptation of Margaret Atwood's Massey Lecture on debt for NFB. Selected for Sundance Festival, 2012. Theatrical release by Mongrel Media in Canada and Zeitgeist Films in the U.S.A. 2012. Jennifer Baichwal, Director. HD CAM.
- 2007-8 ACT OF GOD Feature documentary on the metaphysics of being struck by lightning for The Documentary Channel, ARTE and Channel 4. Opening Night Gala Film, Hot Docs, 2009. Theatrical release by Mongrel Media in Canada and Zeitgeist Films in the U.S.A. Jennifer Baichwal, Director. HD CAM.
- 2002 THE TRUE MEANING OF PICTURES Filmed on location in South-Eastern Kentucky on the work and world of controversial photographer Shelby Lee Adams. TIFF 2002, Sundance 2003. Best Arts Gemini, 2003. Jennifer Baichwal, Director. Super-16mm, DV CAM

1997 LET IT COME DOWN: THE LIFE OF PAUL BOWLES. Filmed on location in Morocco, France and North America. With Paul Bowles, William Burroughs, Allen Ginsberg. Released theatrically in Canada, the U.S. and Japan. Selected festivals: TIFF 1998, FIPA 1999, Jerusalem, 1999, Rio, 1999. Best biography, Hot Docs 1999; International Emmy Best Arts Documentary 1999. Jennifer Baichwal, Director. 16mm, Beta SP.

### **TELEVISION DOCUMENTARIES/SERIES (selected)**

- 2021-22 SUMMIT 72 (Multiple Segments) 4 X 1 Hour blue chip nature series for CBC for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1972 Soviet – Canada Summit Series of hockey. Amira, Komodo, Mavic 2 Pro. (Was also Series Producer/Showrunner).
- 2020-21 GREAT LAKES UNTAMED (Multiple Segments) 3 X 1 Hour blue chip nature series for Smithsonian, Terra Matta, and TVO. Ted Oakes, Producer. Amira, Komodo, Mavic 2 Pro. (Was also Winter ep. Director).
- 2013 PANIC BUTTON (Camera Operator) 12 X 30min reality series for TruTV; Jonathan Dueck, Producer. C300.
- 2012 PAWNATHON CANADA (Camera Operator) 6 X 1 Hour reality series for History Canada; Jonathan Dueck, Producer. XDCAM HD.
- 2011 WIPEOUT CANADA 5 X 1 Hour Studio Episodes. Stuart Cox, Producer. HD CAM.
- 2011 MEET THE COYWOLF Hour Documentary on coyotes for CBC The Nature of Things and PBS Nature, Susan Fleming, Director. HD CAM, DSLRs, Infa-red DSLRs, POV CAMs, GoPros.
- 2010 HOW TO BUILD A VOLCANO Hour documentary for Discovery Canada and Nat Geo. Julian James, Director; Jonathan Dueck, Producer. HD CAM.
- 2010 RACCOONS! Hour Documentary on raccoons for CBC The Nature of Things and PBS Nature. Nominated for Best Photography Gemini, 2011. Susan Fleming, Director. HD CAM, DSLRs, Infer-red DSLRs.
- 2009 DEUX DE LA VAGUE Hour documentary on François Truffaut and Jean-Luc Godard for Les Films a Trois, Paris. Premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in 2009. Emmanuel Laurent, Director. HD CAM
- 2009 HOW MACHINES WORK 6 X hour episodes of Series for Discovery Canada, Discovery U.S. and D.C.I. Jonathan Dueck Producer/Director. HD CAM, RED CAM.
- 2008-9 A MURDER OF CROWS Hour Documentary on crows and intelligence for CBC The Nature of Things and ARTE. Susan Fleming, Director. HD CAM, RED CAM.
- 2008 THE MAN WHO SAVED GEOMETRY Hour Documentary on Donald Coxeter for TVO and Knowledge. David New, Director. HD CAM.
- 2005 DUMPED Hour documentary on relationship break-up for CTV. Shot in New York, Nashville, and Ontario. Mike Downie, Director. Super-16mm, DV CAM

- 2003 HOCKEY NOMAD Hour documentary for CBC based on the book *Tropic of Hockey* by Dave Bidini. Shot on location in Transylvania, Dubai and China. Nominated for a Banff Rockie Award, 2003. Nominated for Best Direction and Editing Geminis, won Best Sports Gemini, 2003. Mike Downie, Director. Super-16mm, DV CAM
- 2000 THE HOLIER IT GETS. Hour documentary shot on location in India and Canada. Commissioned by TV Ontario and Vision TV. Winner Best Cultural and Best Canadian Independent Film, Hot Docs, 2000. Nominated for 4 Gemini Awards, 2000: Best Social/Political Documentary, Best Writing, Best Editing, Best Direction in a Documentary Series – won Writing, Editing and Direction. Jennifer Baichwal, Director. 16mm, Mini DV.

### **PERFORMANCE/SHORTS/INSTALLATIONS (selected)**

- 2018 ANTHROPOCENE Twelve video installations as part of major museum exhibition at The National Gallery of Canada, The Art Gallery of Ontario, MAST Bologna, Malmo Museer.
- 2016 TRAGICALLY HIP MAN MACHINE POEM TOUR Filmed and Co-Directed all onstage video for playback during live concerts.
- 2016 ICE FORMS, AMERICAN FALLS Commissioned video installation as part of the Lawren Harris Idea of North Exhibition, Art Gallery of Ontario, Hamilton Art Gallery.
- 2015 RHEOSTATICS MUSIC INSPIRED BY THE GROUP OF SEVEN Commissioned video installation at the Art Gallery of Ontario.
- 2015 TRAGICALLY HIP FULLY COMPLETELY TOUR Filmed and Co-Directed all onstage video for playback during live concerts
- 2010-15 Bravo Fact performance shorts including HARDCORE, FOUND, AH MES SYCHRONETTES, PULSATION II, RUN THE ROM, YES/NO.
- 2007 DOUBLE BILL Short drama commissioned by the Cannes Film Festival. Atom Egoyan, Director. HDCAM
- 2004 ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROFILES Series of 40 profiles on artists for TV Ontario. Super-16mm (was also director)
- 2001 CHANCELLOR. Rock video for the first single from the album *Coke Machine Glow* by Gord Downie. Mike Downie, Director. Super-16mm
- 1996 FLUX Dance performance half hour. Screenings: Moving Pictures Festival, Toronto and Canada touring exhibit, 1996; IMZ Dance Screen, Lyon, 1996; VI Mostra de Video Dansa, Barcelona, 1997. Broadcast Licence to BRAVO!, 1997. 16mm (also director)
- 1993 RISIBLE CHICK Dance performance short. Screenings: Moving Pictures Festival, Toronto, 1992; Artspace, Peterborough, 1993; IMZ Dance Screen, Lyon, 1993; Argos Showcase, Brussels, 1994; Video Film Dance Festival, Ljubljna (Slovenia), 1994; 7eme Grand Prix Video Dance, Stockholm, 1994 (Winner: Ville de Caen Video Dance Creation Prize, Special Jury Prize). Broadcast Licence to BRAVO!, 1995. 16mm (was also director)

1992 FEEL YOU CLOSER Rock video for the Skydiggers/WEA Music. 16mm

## **EDUCATION**

1997 Resident in the Canadian Film Centre's Producers' Lab

1985-88 B.A. McGill University, Montreal. Major in English Literature, Film, and Communications, Minor in Art History.

## **AFFILIATIONS**

Canadian Society of Cinematographers – Full Member since 2012

Documentary Organisation of Canada, Board of Directors Ontario Chapter

Hot Docs International Film Festival, Board of Directors

Academy of Canadian Film and Television, Member and Rules Committee

Liaison of Independent Filmmakers

## **OTHER SKILLS**

Basic UAV License

VR and underwater VR

Cineflex aerial cinematography

Audio recording: 80% of the time I mix my own documentary audio

Licensed Scuba diver – experience with underwater cinematography

Canadian Power and Sail Squadron licensed pleasure craft operator

Fluent in English and French, working knowledge of Spanish and Italian

Expert skater, cross-country and downhill skier, canoeer and wilderness camper

## **OWNED EQUIPMENT**

Pls see equipment list at: <http://mercuryfilms.ca/nick-de-pencier.html>

## **CANADIAN CITIZEN**

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