

Quick bio

I am a creative producer and filmmaker with a broad experience in the international film industry. I have worked with major public broadcasters, platforms, channels, producers, governments, non-profits and investors. My focus is on storytelling and business related to unscripted programs. My partnerships since 2012 include Netflix, Amazon Studios, Arte, Rai, Rtbf and others. Co-founder and exec of *Mon Amour Films*, indipendent production company based in Italy, I was educated at Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia (CSC) and Berlin Documentary Campus Masterschool. My credits include the Netflix docuseries 'Vendetta: truth, lie and the mafia', the award-winning feature doc 'The second life' and others. I pay strong attention to original narrative approaches and distribution strategies. I am a creative consultant for international organizations, teacher and coach for young talents. I am based in Palermo and in Brussels.

Personal data

Born: 19/07/1985, Busto Arsizio, (Varese), Italy Nationality: Italian

Education

2016 - 2016 European Masterschool, Documentary Campus, Berlin, Germany

2016 - 2016 Special Guest at Eso Doc European Social Documentary, Zelig School for

Documentary, Television and New Media, Bolzano/Bozen, Italy

2009 - $2012\ \textbf{MA}$ in Documentary Filmmaking and Production, Centro Sperimentale di

Cinematografia - Scuola Nazionale di Cinema, Rome/Palermo, Italy

2007 - 2008 Master in Digital Cinema, Estudio de Cine - Escuela de Cine, Barcelona, Spain

2003 - 2006 BA in Science and Technology of Media, Fine and Performing Arts, Humanities

Department, Università degli studi, State University, Palermo, Italy

1998 - 2003 **Diploma in Humanities**, Liceo Classico G. Meli, High school, Palermo, Italy

Professional Experience

2023 - present

Head of Mon Amour Films

(Film production company - Co-founder and executive producer)

2022 - 2022	Naturpark Südgelände (Ger/Ita) (Feature documentary - Writer, executive producer and director)
2015 - 2021	Vendetta: truth lies and the mafia (Uk/Ita) (Netflix, 6 parts Docuseries - Writer, executive producer and director)
2013 - 2020 (ARTE,	The seconde life (Ger/Be/Ita) RTBF, Feature documentary - Writer, executive producer and director)
2019 - 2020	Güllüdere and Kızılçukur (Tur/Ita) (Feature documentary - Writer, executive producer and director)
2018 - 2019	The Tea Gardens of Dazhangshan (Chn/Ita) (Feature documentary - Writer, executive producer and director)
2017 - 2018	Cèide Fields (Irl/Ita) (Feature documentary - Writer, executive producer and director)
2016 - 2017	Diario di viaggio in Kazakistan e Uzbeskistan (Kaz/Uzb/Ita) (Reportage - Executive producer and director)
2015 - 2016	Maredolce - La Favara (Ita) (Feature documentary - Writer, executive producer and director)
2015 - 2015	Tutte le scuole del regno (Ita) (Feature documentary - Script consultant and editor)
2015 - 2015	Lo sguardo del Principe (Ita) (Short documentary - Writer, executive producer and director)
2014 - 2015	Il bar del Cassarà (Ita) (Rai Fiction, 10 parts Docuseries - Writer and director)
2013 - 2014	Il credo (Ita) (TV2000, 10 parts Docuseries - Director)
2012 - 2013	Pietra Pesante (Ita) (Feature documentary - Writer and director)
2012 - 2012	European Saxophone Ensemble (Be/Hu) (Feature documentary - Writer, executive producer and director)
2011 - 2011	Alberto Burri - La vita nell'arte (Ita) (Feature documentary - Writer and director)
2013 - 2013	L'arte del mostrare (Ita) (Short documentary - Writer and director)
2008 - 2009	Viola di Mare (Ita) (Feature film - Assistant director and backstage director)
2008 - 2009	Tableau Vivant (Esp) (Short film - Write and director)

Teaching Experience

- 2022 2022 **Independent production for online broadcaster**, Doc/It National Documentary Association, Cagliari, Italy Expert and tutor
- 2022 2022 **Producing for Netflix**, Institute of Documentary Film, Prague, Czech Republic Seminar panelist
- 2021 2021 **Docuseries case study**, Turin Film Industry, Turin, Italy Seminar Panelist
- 2021 2021 Spotlight IDS Academy Series, Italian Doc Screenings, Cagliari, Italy Lecturer
- 2016 2016 **Documentary film training**, CRESM Center of socio-economic researches for Southern Italy, Gibellina, Italy Professor of Filmmaking
- 2010 2011 **History of film and filmmaking**, Regina Margherita Arts High School, Palermo, Italy Professor of Film History and filmmaking
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Awards

- 2015: Premio Città di Carini for Davide Gambino
- 2021: Fabrique du Cinema Best TV Nomination Series for Vendetta
- 2021: Documentaria Best Environmental Film for The second life
- 2021: Siciliambiente Best Film for The second life
- 2021: Biografilm Film Festival Best Documentary Nomination for The second life
- 2020: Warsaw Film Festival Best Documentary Nomination for The second life
- 2016: Asolo Film Festival Best Soundtrack for Maredolce La Favara
- 2015: Premio Ninni Cassarà for Davide Gambino
- 2014: Premio Pino Veneziano for Pietra Pesante
- 2014: i-Art Catania Film Festival Best film for Pietra Pesante
- 2013: New York Film Academy Best Young Italian Filmmaker for Pietra Pesante
- 2010: Ares Film Festival Special Mention for L'arte del Mostrare

Academic Publications

Il popolo della selva - Vite di tassidermisti by Sylva, IUAV University of Venice, ed. Mimesi, Sesto S. Giovanni (Milan), 2023

Corpi by Ameni Cinema, ed. Il Palindromo, Palermo, 2015

Notturni by Ameni Cinema, ed. Il Palindromo, Palermo, 2014

Macerie by Ameni Cinema, ed. Il Palindromo, Palermo, 2014

Heavy stone (Pietra pesante) by Arba Sicula, ed. Legas, University of Languages and Literatures Department, St. John's University, New York, 2013

Corpi concavi e convessi in Cremaster Cycle di Matthew Barney by The Rope, ed. Falsopiano, Alessandria 2009

Languages spoken

Italian - mother tongue

English - very fluent

French - very fluent (DELF - Diplôme d'études en langue française B2)

Spanish - very fluent

Dutch - indipendent (Threshold 1 B1)

German - indipendent (Goethe-Zertifikat A2)

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