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Director John Hanson is available for interviews upon request.

## NORTHERN LIGHTS - Director John Hanson



John Hanson is an award-winning director, producer and screenwriter who has made a variety of feature films, documentaries and television specials over his long and distinguished career. His classic film, Northern Lights, won the Camera d'Or award at the Cannes International Film Festival and his film and video productions have been shown in theatres, at film festivals and on television around the world. A veteran of American Independent cinema, he was a founding member of the Independent Feature Project and was selected as a director fellow at Robert Redford's Sundance Institute. His lifelong interest in photography led to the publication of a recent book, Below the Sky, a retrospective of his photographs of the High Plains. He lives on the shores of Lake Superior in Bayfield, Wisconsin, where he heads Northern Pictures.

John Hanson on Internet Movie Database (IMDB) http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0361301/ John Hanson Films: http://www.johnhansonpictures.com/film.html

## NORTHERN LIGHTS - Director Rob Nilsson



**Rob Nilsson** is a filmmaker, poet, and painter, best known for his feature film *Northern Lights*, co-directed with John Hanson and winner of the Camera d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival (1979). He also is known for directing and playing the lead role in *Heat and Sunlight*, produced by Steve and Hildy Burns, also featuring Consuelo Faust, Don Bajema and Ernie Fosseliius. *Heat and Sunlight* won the Grand Jury Prize Dramatic at the Sundance Film Festival in 1988, and his 9 @ Night Film Cycle won the 2008 San Francisco Film Critics Circle Marlon Riggs Award for Courage and Vision in Cinema. Nilsson has also received Lifetime Achievement awards from the Fargo International Film Festival, the St. Louis International Film Festival, the Kansas City Filmmaker's Jubilee, the Master's Award from the Golden Apricot Film Festival, a Filmmaker of the Year

Award from the Silver Lake Film Festival, and the Milley Award from the city of Mill Valley for accomplishment in the Arts. Nilsson is also a painter and a poet whose book of poetry *From a Refugee of Tristan Da Cunha* is a collection of his life's work. In 2013, he published *Wild Surmise: A Dissident View*, featuring his ideas and experiences in the world of art and cinema. A currently inprogress documentary directed by Michael Edo Keane follows Nilsson's career and will document the making of his new film, *Love Twice*, a love story set in the Caribbean.

Rob Nilsson on Internet Movie Database (IMDB) http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0632300/Rob Nilsson at Citizen Cinema http://citizencinema.net/rob-nilssons-50th-anniversary/