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## Documentaries

- 2023 **ROOTS, DIASPORA, AND WAR** (Feature Docu-drama) - Director, screenwriter, producer  
- *Radio-Canada/ TV5 Monde/Ciné-Baie*  
\*Winner of 221 awards, including:
- Best Canadian Documentary, Directors Cut International Film Festival (Vancouver, BC)
  - Best Documentary, Accolade Global Film Competition (San Diego, California)
  - Best Documentary, The Gladiator Film Festival (Istanbul, Turkey)
  - Best Director, Brandenburg International Film Festival (Berlin, Germany)
  - Inspirational Award, Cinema on the Bayou (Lafayette, Louisiana)
  - Audience Award, International Francophone Film Festival (Moncton, NB)
- 2022 **THE SECRET ORDER** (Feature Docu-drama) - Director, screenwriter, researcher, narrator  
- *NFB/Unis TV*  
\* Winner of 6 awards, including:
- Audience award, International Film Festival (Moncton, NB)
  - Special Jury Prize, Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival (Lafayette, Louisiana)
  - Remi Award, WorldFest Houston (Houston, Texas)
- 2022 **WOMEN CAPTAINS** (Documentary) - Director, screenwriter- *Connections production/Radio-Canada*  
\*21 Awards, including:
- Grand Prize, International Maritime Film Festival (Bucksport, Maine)
  - Best Documentary, Lulea International Film Festival (Lulea, Sweden)
  - Best Documentary, Corti di mare Festival di Cinema (Sicile, Italy)
- 2019 **BELLE-ILE IN ACADIE** (Short documentary) - Director, screenwriter  
\*458 awards, GUINNESS World Record: Most awards won by a short documentary:
- Nomination, production with the most international recognition, G emeaux Awards
  - Best Documentary, Top Indie Film Awards (Tokyo, Japan)
  - Best Documentary, Toronto Indie Shorts (Toronto, Ontario)
  - Best Documentary, Canada Shorts (Vancouver, BC)
  - Best Documentary, Paris International Film Festival (Paris, France)
  - Best Documentary, Southern Shorts Awards (Atlanta, Georgia)
  - Best Documentary, ReelHeART International Film Festival (Toronto, Ontario)
  - Best Short Documentary, American Golden Picture Int., Jacksonville, Florida)
  - Best Short Documentary, Cinema of the World Int. Film Festival (New Delhi, India)
  - Best Historical Documentary, Creation Int. Film Festival (Los Angeles, California)
  - Best North American Film, Wallachia International Film Festival (Bucharest, Romania)

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- Honorable Mention - Mediterranean Film Festival Cannes-Milan-Athens (Cannes, France)
- 2018 **ACADIAN MUSIC WAVE** (Feature documentary) - Director, screenwriter - *Connections Productions/Radio-Canada*
  - \* 11 Awards, including:
    - Best Documentary, International Music Video Awards (London, England)
    - Best Musical Documentary - American Tracks Music Awards (Los Angeles, California)
    - Best documentary series or program: Arts and culture, Géméaux Awards
    - Remi Award, WorldFest Houston International Film Festival (Houston, Texas)
    - Platinum Award, World Documentary Awards (Jakarta, Indonesia)
- 2016 **ZACHARY RICHARD, CAJUN HEART** (Feature film) - Director, screenwriter - *Bellefeuille Production/TV5 Monde/Radio-Canada*
  - \* 20 Awards, including:
    - Two nominations, Best direction & Best screenplay, Géméaux Awards
    - Prix de la ville de Dieppe, Canadian Film Festival of Dieppe (Dieppe, France)
    - Audience Award, International Francophone Film Festival in Acadie (Moncton, NB)
    - Best Feature Film, International Francophone Film Festival in Acadie (Moncton, NB)
    - Director's Choice, Festival Cinema on the Bayou (Lafayette, Louisiana)
    - Remi Award, WorldFest Houston International Film Festival (Houston, Texas)
    - Best Feature Film, Documentaries without Borders International Film Festival (Rehoboth, Delaware)
    - Best Feature Film, South Film and Arts Academy Festival (Rincagua, Chile)
    - Film Presentation du film at the United Nation, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2016 **BELLE-ÎLE-EN-MER, A BRETON AND ACADIAN ISLAND** (Documentary, 30 min.) - Director, screenwriter - *Productions Ciné-Baie/TV5 Monde/Radio-Canada*
  - \* 34 Awards, including:
    - Diamond award, Best foreign language documentary, 5th Directors Awards (Bali, Indonesia)
    - Best short documentary, 4th ARFF (Paris)
    - Best documentary, 2nd Short-Cut Cinefest (Bucharest, Romania)
    - Best short documentary, 7th South Cinematographic Academy Film & Arts (Rancagua, Chile)
    - Best short film, 30th festival international du cinéma francophone en Acadie
    - Platinum Remi Award, culture, 50th WorldFest (Houston, USA)
    - Merit award, Canada Short Film Fest
    - Excellence award, documentary short, script, directing, 7th Best Shorts Competition (San Diego, USA)

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- Audience award, Radio-Canada Acadie
  - Artist with the most distinguished career outside Acadia, 20th Eloize Awards
  - Honorable mention, 2nd Formosa Festival of International Filmmaker Awards (Taichung, Taiwan)
  - Honorable mention, 12th Cinema on the Bayou Festival
  - Honorable mention, 6th Headline International Film Festival
  - Best photo short, 7th South Cinematographic Academy Film & Arts (Rancagua, Chile)
  - Best photo documentary, 7th Southampton International Film Festival (England)
  - 8 excellence awards: best short documentary, directing, screenwriter, cinematography, sound, music, editing, and production, 3rd Southern Shorts Awards (Roswell, USA)
- 2015 **THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE** (Docu-drama series 2 x 1h)- Co-Director - *Handel Productions /Arrowhead UK/National Geographic/Discovery Channel/Channel 5/Canal D*
- 2014 **SECRETARIAT'S JOCKEY, RON TURCOTTE**, (Feature-length documentary, 1h15) - Director, screenwriter - *ONF/Télé-Québec/Radio-Canada/TV5 Monde/Doc Channel*
- Nomination, best biographical documentary, Géméaux Awards
  - Best film, International Sports Film Festival (Palermo, Italy)
  - Director's Choice, Cinema on the Bayou Festival (Lafayette, Louisiana)
  - Documentary Audience award, Cinéfest International Film Festival (Sudbury, Ontario)
  - Audience award, 25th festival international du film Cinéfest (Sudbury, Ontario)
- 2013 **THE NATURE OF FRÉDÉRIC BACK** (Feature-length documentary, 1h18) - Director, screenwriter - *Phare-Est Média/ARTV/Radio-Canada/RDI/TFO/TV5 Monde*
- Two nomination, Best documentary portrait & Best research, Géméaux Awards
  - Audience award, International Art Film Festival (Montreal, Quebec)
  - Audience award, International Francophone Film Festival in Acadie (Moncton, NB)
  - Grand Jury award, Director's Choice, 9th Cinema on the Bayou Festival
  - Best Film, 30th festival international du film (Palermo, Italy)
- 2011 **ACADIANS IN QUEBEC with Fred Pellerin** (Documentary series, 2 x 60 min.) - Director, screenwriter - 2 x 60 min. and website - *CinImage Productions/Radio-Canada/RDI/TV5*
- 2009 **LA NATURE AVANT TOUT (TRÉSORS VIVANTS)** (Feature-length documentary, 1h18) - Director, screenwriter - *Phare-Est Média/Radio-Canada*
- Nomination, best portrait documentary, Géméaux Awards 2009
  - Audience award, 6th festival de films de Portneuf sur l'environnement
  - Jury special mention, 6th festival de films de Portneuf sur l'environnement
- 2008 **STUNT STARS** (Director, screenwriter - 60 min. - *CMJ Productions/E!*)
- 2007 **RISK TAKERS** Director, screenwriter - 3 x 60 min. - *CMJ Productions/Planète/Global/ Canal D/Discovery HD*

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- 2003 **LES COULEURS DE MON ACCENT** Director, screenwriter - 2 x 60 min. - *Bellefeuille Production/Production Rivard/Groupe ECP/Radio-Canada/TV5*
- 2002 **TAIL SHIP CHRONICLES** Director - 2 x 60 min. - *Top Sail Entertainment/Life Network/Travel*
- 1999 **WALK ON THE WILD SIDE!** Director, screenwriter - 2 x 60 min. - *Productions Espace Vert/Canal D/Discovery Channel*
- 1995 **THE NEW DETECTIVES** (Pilot) Director, screenwriter - 60 min. - *New Dominion Pictures/Discovery Channel*
- Best series, Omni Intermedia Awards
  - Best series, Aurora
  - Best series, Telly
- 1993-1992 **ARCHEOLOGY** Director, screenwriter - 8 x 30 min. - *Production du Quai 24/New Dominion Pictures/Learning Channel*
- Best series, Cable Ace Awards
  - Best series, Aurora
  - Best series, Telly
- 1993 **PALEOWORLD** Director - 3 x 30 min. - *New Dominion Pictures/Learning Channel*
- Meilleure série, CINE Golden Eagle
- 1995 **THE NEW DETECTIVES** (Pilot) Director, screenwriter - 60 min. - *New Dominion Pictures/Discovery Channel*
- 1992 **THE ART OF THE STREET PERFORMER** Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *Citadel Films/Great Circle Pictures*
- 1991 **AU MITAN DES ÎLES** Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *Production Phare Est/ONF/Radio-Canada*
- 1990 **WEATHER AND OCEAN** Screenwriter - 8 x 10 min. - *Citadel Films/MITV*
- 1984 **LA MUSIQUE NOUS EXPLIQUE** Director, screenwriter - 60 min. - *Production L. Leblanc/ONF/Radio-Canada*
- Excellence Awards, 1st Atlantic International Film Festival
- 1983 **SOUTH-WEST NOVA** Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *NFB*
- 1982 **J'AVIONS 375 ANS** Director, screenwriter - 50 min. - *ONF/Radio-Canada*
- 1981 **NOTRE CÔTE ACADIENNE** Director, screenwriter - 4 x 30 min. - *Productions Ciné-Baie/MITV*
- 1979 **LA MER ENLIGNE NOS TERRES** Director, screenwriter - 3 min. - *ONF/Radio-Canada*

## Drama Work

- 2024 **LE TRÉSOR DES HÉRITIERS** (Feature film in development) Director, screenwriter - *Bellefeuille Production Ltée*
- 2016 **COUSINS, COUSINES DE LA LOUISIANE** (Webseries) Director, screenwriter - 6 short films
- 2015 **BERMUDA TRIANGLE - MONSTERS OF THE SEA** (Docu-drama) Director - 2 x 60 min. - *Productions Handel/Arrowhead/National Geographic/Canal D/Discovery*
- 2006 **LA SAGOINE** Director, screenwriter - 12 x 30 min. - *Connections Productions/Radio-Canada/TV5*

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- Audience favourite, 12th festival des créations télévisuelles (Luchon, France)
  - Tribute award to actress Viola Léger, 12th festival des créations télévisuelles (Luchon, France)
- 2005      **MAYDAY** (Docu-drama) Director, screenwriter - 4 x 60 min. - *Galaxie Productions/Cinéflix/France 5/National Geographic/Canal D/Discovery/Channel 5*  
\* Broadcasts in 104 countries
- 2004      **CRASH OF THE CENTURY** (TV movie, Docu-drama ) Director, screenwriter - *Galaxie Productions/Cinéflix/M6/Canal D/PBS*  
\* Broadcast in 21 countries
- 2002-2000      **TRIBU.COM I, II** Director - 13 x 60 min. - *Sovimage/TVA*
  - 2 nominations, Gémeaux Awards 2002 (season 2)
  - 2 nominations, Gémeaux Awards 2001 (season 1)
- 2001      **CHOPIN: FREDERIC & GEORGE SAND** (Docu-drama) Director - 60 min. - *Ciné Qua Non Films/Radio-Canada/ARTE/A&E/Bravo!*
  - 2 nominations, Gémeaux Awards 2001
- 2000      **BERNARD & CHARLES** (Short drama) Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *Citadel Films/MITV*
- 1999-1998      **PIT PONY** (TV series) Director - 6 x 30 min. - *Cochran Entertainment/CBC/Radio-Canada*
  - Best series, Young Artist Awards (Los Angeles) 2000
  - 2 nominations, Gemini Awards 1999
- 1998      **TEEN KNIGHT** (TV movie) Director - *Kushner-Locke/Chesler-Perlmutter/Castel Films/Disney Channel*
- 1997      **EMILY OF NEW MOON** (TV series) Director - 60 min. - *Salter Street/Cinar Productions/CBC/Radio-Canada*
  - Best series, Alliance for Children and Television Awards 1998
  - 3 Gemini Awards
- 1996      **LASSIE** (TV series) Director - 2 x 30 min. - *PolyGram Film/Cinar Productions/YTV/Radio-Canada*
  - Best series, Parents Choice Awards
  - Best series, Charleston FilmFest
- 1994      **JEROME'S SECRET** (Feature film) Director, screenwriter - *Ciné-Groupe/Citadel Films/TVA Films Distribution*  
\* 15 awards, screened at UNESCO (Paris)
  - 6 audience awards: Namur (Belgium), Sarlat (France), Charleston (USA), Halifax, Moncton, Baie-Comeau
  - 5 awards including best debut, Namur (Belgium), Philadelphia, Houston, Nouvelle-Orléans, San José (USA)
  - 2 nominations, Genie Awards 1994
  - Digitized in 2014 by Éléphant Mémoire du cinéma, a collection of the best French-Canadian films
- 1990      **A DIFFICULT PASSAGE** Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *Citadel Films/MITV*
- 1987      **TRANSIT 30-50** Director, screenwriter - 2 x 30 min. - *ONF/Productions du 7 avril/TFO*

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- 1986 **COLD** Director, screenwriter - 30 min. - *Cochran Entertainment/MITV*
- 1985 **THE HOOKED RUG OF GRAND-PRÉ (Short drama)** Director, screenwriter - 30 min.  
- *Productions Via le Monde/Radio-Québec/Télé-Québec/Antenne 2/TFO*
- Excellence Awards, Festival des films de l'Atlantique
  - Excellence Awards, Festival du cinéma des 1er jeux de la francophonie (Morocco)
- 1982 **KNOCK ON WOOD** (Docu-drama) Director - 3 x 30 min. - *SDA Productions/CHAU-TV*
- 1978 **THE GOSSIPS (Feature drama)** Director, screenwriter - 60 min. - *ONF/Radio-Canada*
- 1977 **THE CABAN (Short drama)** Director, screenwriter - 50 min. - *ONF/Radio-Canada*

## Others

- 2016 **CE MÉDAILLON** (Music video) Zachary Richard - Director - *Bellefeuille Production/Musique Plus/iTunes/Deezer/Spotify*
- 1988-1990 **\*50 COMMERCIALS** Director, co-screenwriter - *Citadel Communications*

## Distinctions & Recognition

- 2024 **LIEUTENANT-GOUVERNER'S AWARD FOR HIGH ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS** (N-B)
- 2024 **DIRECTOR'S L'OEIL DU FRIC** - Front des réalisateurs indépendants du Canada - Toronto (Ont)
- 2023 **GUINNESS WORLD RECORD** - 458 awards for Belle-Île in Acadie - London (UK)
- 2020 **MÉDAILLE LÉGER-COMEAU** La Société Nationale de l'Acadie - Highest distinction offered by the Acadians
- 2018 **ELOIZE AWARD** Acadian artist with the most distinguished international career
- 2018 **AUDIENCE AWARD** Artist of the year - Radio-Canada Acadie
- 2017 **UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA** Screening of « Zachary Richard, toujours batailleur »
- 2017 **CANADIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA** Historica Canada, inclusion of his biography
- 2016 **CULTURAL PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR** Radio-Canada/Acadie-Nouvelle
- 2015 **FRANCE-ACADIE AWARD** Association France-Acadie (Paris)
- 2014 **PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH** Radio-Canada/Acadie-Nouvelle
- 2014 **MERIT CERTIFICATE** Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse
- 2014 **ACADIE-QUÉBEC AWARD** Bureau du Québec en Atlantique/  
Société nationale de l'Acadie
- 2000 **CANADIAN WHO'S WHO** Inclusion of his biography in their publication
- 1999 **MERITAS AWARD** Fédération acadienne du Québec
- 1997 **GRAND-PRÉ AWARD** Ministre de la Culture de la Nouvelle-Écosse
- 1995 **CHAMPION AWARD** Fédération culturelle canadienne française
- 1995 **UNESCO, PARIS** Screening of JEROME'S SECRET

## Orders

- 2023 **ORDER OF NOVA SCOTIA** - Lieutenant-Gouvernor's Residence (Halifax (N.S.))
- 2022 **ORDER OF ARTS AND LETTRES** - Promoted to OFFICER (Paris, France)

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2018 **ORDER OF THE PLEIADE** - Assemblée des parlementaires de la francophonie (OIF)  
2016 **ORDER OF NEW-BRUNSWICK** - New-Brunswick government  
2010 **ORDER OF CANADA** - Rideau Hall  
2007 **ORDER OF FRANCOPHONES OF AMERICA** - Quebec National Assembly  
2006 **ORDER OF ARTS AND LETTERS** - France Cultural Minister

## Honorific Doctorates

2013 **UNIVERSITY OF MONCTON**, Canada  
2007 **UNIVERSITY SAINTE-ANNE**, Canada

## TV Broadcasters

### **75 networks in 200 countries**

**International networks:** TV5 Monde (198 countries), National Geographic Channel (170 countries), Discovery (166 countries), Netflix (132 countries), iTunes (149 countries), Fox - Latin America (33 countries), Alarabiya - Arab countries (22 countries).

**Canada:** In *ENGLISH*: CBC, CTV, YTV, TVO, Global, Bravo, E, Life, Discovery, Documentary Ch, Movie Network, National Geographic. In *FRENCH*: Radio-Canada, TVA, UNIS-TV, TV5 Québec-Canada, RDI, ARTV, Canal D, TFO, TQ, Super Écran, Séries Plus.

**France:** M6, France 5, France 2, La Première Outre-mer, Arte, Planète, TV5 Monde Europe

**USA:** PBS, A&E, National Geographic Channel, Discovery Channel, Learning Channel, History, Animal Planet, Fox, Disney Channel, This TV, Vision TV, Encore, Smithsonian Network

**Belgium:** RTBF

**England:** BBC, Five, Travel, RTE Two, BSky B

**Australia:** Seven Network, 7TWO

**New Zealand:** Prime, TVNZ, Golden West

**South Africa:** DStv

**Hong Kong:** Channel 218

**Germany:** RTL, Vox, N-TV, N24, Arte

**Russia:** Channel One

**Netherlands:** RTL 7, SBS 6, Holland Media Group

**Sweden:** TV4

**Romania:** DVB-C

**Norway:** Viasat 4

**Greece:** Makedonia TV, Nova

**Poland:** TVN, Cyfra Plus

**Czech Republic:** TV-CT1 (54)

**China:** Shanghai Media Group

**Israel:** HOT

**Turkey:** Digiturk

**Latvia:** Lattlecom

**Thailand:** ThaiPBS

**Vietnam:** VTC

**India:** Airtel Digital TV

**Indonesia:** Indovision

*Many of his films have been broadcasted on the Air Canada and Via Rail Canada entertainment circuits*

## Professional Associations - Film & TV

### **Board Member**

2017-2019 - **FRIC** (Front des réalisateurs indépendants du Canada) - National president

2012-2020 - **OBSDOC** (Observatoire du documentaire du Canada)

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2019-2021 - **AAAPNB** (Association acadienne artistes professionnel.le.s du Nouveau-Brunswick) 2014-

2012 - **DGC** (Director's Guild of Canada, francophone department)

2013-2009 - **ACCT** (Académie canadienne du cinéma et de la télévision, francophone department)

1995-1993 - **ARRQ** (Association des réalisateurs et réalisatrices du Québec)

## **Other professional memberships**

**SARTEC** (Société des auteurs de radio, télévision et cinéma - screenwriting)

**SACD** (Société des auteurs et compositeurs dramatiques - dramas)

**SCAM** (Société civile des auteurs multimédia - documentaries)

**DRCC** (Directors Rights Collective of Canada - DGC)

**DOC** (Documentaristes du Canada)

**APLP** (Les artistes pour la paix)