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Belangrijkste vaardigheden

Filmresearch

Directing

Editing

Meike Schaapveld

Documentary Director | MSc student Evolution of Behaviour and Mind
Nederland

Samenvatting

Since my first year at the Academy of Arts Utrecht, my films have explored the relationship between humans and other animals. This fascination culminated in my graduation film *Ape to Ape* (2025), a short documentary in which I draw on chimpanzee behaviour and evolutionary science to show how emotions shape our social relationships.

To further deepen my understanding and continue creating documentaries from an evolutionary perspective, I am currently pursuing a master's degree in Evolution of Behaviour and Mind.

Ervaring

Aap tot Aap

Regisseur

september 2023 - Present (2 jaar 6 maanden)

Utrecht, Nederland

'Ape to Ape' (2025) is a short graduation documentary and has won the Grand Jury Prize of New York City's Raw Science Film Festival '25 (for the first time by a student film) and has been nominated for the KNF-Award at the Netherlands Film Festival (NFF, Student Competition).

Logline:

"When filmmaker Meike (22) attempts, in a cinematic experiment, to control her visible emotions - such as blushing and crying - in order to appear as a strong leader, she discovers with the help of chimpanzees and science that vulnerability may in fact be her greatest strength for creating connection."

The crew consists of 28 students and alumni from HKU University of the Arts Utrecht, the Netherlands Film Academy, the University of Amsterdam, Leiden University, and Utrecht University.

The film was made in collaboration with, among others, cognitive psychologist Mariska Kret and Amersfoort Zoo. It is screened at multiple places across the Netherlands and in NYC, USA.

Meike Schaapveld Foto- en Videografie

Videograaf en Fotograaf

juli 2021 - oktober 2023 (2 jaar 4 maanden)

Utrecht, Nederland

Independent productions of aftermovies, promotional videos, and photos.

Among others, collaborated with:

Andaz Hotel

Feminer Aan Tafel Utrecht en Eindhoven

InteRNA

U.S.R. Triton en Varsity

Vrienden van Amelisweerd

Domstad Fitness

SALO Saxophone

EMS FILMS Holland

5 maanden

Narrator Onder Het Maaiveld Junior (NL) & Planet Soil Junior (ENG)

mei 2023 - juni 2023 (2 maanden)

Hilversum, Noord-Holland, Nederland

As narrator, my voice tells the story and highlights the importance of soil organisms in the youth-oriented nature documentaries Onder Het Maaiveld (NL) and Planet Soil (ENG), produced by EMS Films and M&N Media Group. The film was screened in cinemas and film theatres across the Netherlands and is part of the educational curriculum for all primary school students.

Researcher and concept developer

februari 2023 - juni 2023 (5 maanden)

Hilversum, Noord-Holland, Nederland

During my internship, I was given many responsibilities as a film researcher and concept developer. I contributed to the concept development of the nature documentaries De Wilde Noordzee (winner of the 2025 Gouden Kalf Audience Award) and WOW! the Nature Film.

Opleiding

Universiteit van Amsterdam

Master, Biological Sciences | Evolution of Behaviour and Mind · (augustus 2025 - augustus 2027)

HKU

Bachelor of Arts - BA, Film | Directing Documentaries · (2020 - 2025)

Universiteit Utrecht

Optional course, Biological Models and Statistics · (februari 2025 - april 2025)

Universiteit van Amsterdam

Minor, Evolutionary Psychobiology · (september 2022 - januari 2023)

Vituscollege

VWO, Natuur&Techniek / Natuur&Gezondheid · (2012 - 2019)