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SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Émile V. Schlessler is an award-winning writer, director and visual artist from Luxembourg. He graduated as master student at the historic *Kunstakademie Düsseldorf*, Germany. His diverse body of work stretches from narrative films to installations and immersive live shows. Since his graduation, his focus has been lying on his passion for audiovisual storytelling.

In 2020, his short film “*Superhero*” won the prestigious [Shocking Short](#) award, given by **NBC Universal**. The jury was presided by German director [Caroline Link](#).

In 2022, he created and performed a live large-scale immersive multimedia show entitled “[Synaesthesia](#)” for the *European Capital of Culture* (Esch2022).

In 2022, Émile co-founded the production company [35M Films](#), through which he and his producing partner Fabien Colas are currently developing the mini series “*Plus One*” and their debut feature film “*Mortal Beings*”. *35M Films* also produces a **podcast** about filmmaking, [35M Elevator Pitch](#), supported by the Ministry of Culture Luxembourg.

Émile is an alumni of the [ZFF Academy](#) at the **Zurich Film Festival** 2023.

ASSOCIATIONS

Member of [SACD](#) (Société des Auteurs et Compositeurs Dramatiques)
Member of [SACEM](#) (Société des Auteurs, Compositeurs et Éditeurs de Musique)
Member of [LARS](#) (Luxembourgish Association of Filmmakers and Scriptwriters)

EDUCATION

2005 Bacalaureate Lycée de Garçon (LGL) Limpertsberg, Luxembourg

2007-2009 [Kunstakademie Düsseldorf](#), painting under Prof. [Markus Lüpertz](#)

2010-2018 [Kunstakademie Düsseldorf](#), film & video under Prof. [Marcel Odenbach](#)

018 graduation (*Akademiebrief*) & **master student** (*Meisterschüler*) of Marcel Odenbach

WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS

- 2014+2015 “Anatomy of Story” screenwriting seminar with [John Truby](#) – London
2018+2019 *directing* workshop with [Paul Haggis](#) – Berlin
2018 *directing* masterclass with [Wim Wenders](#) – Düsseldorf
2021 *screenwriting* workshop “The Nutshell Technique” with [Jill Chamberlain](#)
2022 *directing actors* workshop with [Pete Travis](#) – Fest Film Lab
2022 *working with actors* workshop with [Melissa Leo](#) – Fest Film Lab
2022 *scriptwriting* workshop with [Miguel Machalski](#) – Fest Film Lab
2023 *editing* workshop with [Mick Audsley](#) – Fest Film Lab
2023 *directing* workshop with [Peter Webber](#) – Fest Film Lab
2023+2024 *pitching* workshop with [Stefano Tealdi](#) – CNA Luxembourg
2024 “Directing Actors – The Tools” workshop with [Adrienne Weiss](#) – Los Angeles
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LABS / ACADEMIES

- 2022 CNA Script Lab with Miguel Machalski, CNA Luxembourg (project: “Mortal Beings”)
2023 Participant of the [ZFF Academy](#) program at the **Zurich Film Festival**
2024 Participant at [Script Savages Lab](#) (project: “Mortal Beings”)
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FILMOGRAPHY

FEATURE FILM | in development

- 2023– [Mortal Beings](#) – Production: 35M Films
funded by **Film Fund Luxembourg**

TV SERIES | in development

- 2023– [Plus One](#) – Production: 35M Films
funded by **Film Fund Luxembourg** and **RTL Luxembourg Television**

SHORT FILM

- 2022 [Kowalsky](#)
2021 [Vis-a-Vis](#)
2019 [Superhero](#)
2016 [Roxy](#)
2014 *Butsch*
2012 *Der Penner*
2011 *A Coffee a Day*
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AWARDS

- 2020 [13th Street Shocking Short Award](#) NBC Universal (*Superhero*)
2021 [Prädikat wertvoll](#) Deutsche Film- und Medienbewertung FBW (*Superhero*)
2022 nominated for *Lëtzebuurger Filmpräis* (*Vis-a-Vis*)

- 2016 nominated for **Lëtzebuurger Filmpräis (Roxy)**
2016 Cannes Film Festival grant by Filmfund Luxembourg
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TELEVISION

- 2013 **Wat Elo?** (Prod.: Moast, RTL)
2012 **Comeback** (Prod.: Lucil Film, RTL)
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OTHER PROJECTS

- 2022 ***"Synaesthesia" immersive audiovisual jazz experience***
European Capital of Culture 2022
2014 D'Filmakademie Luxembourg - Promo Video
2013 **Comeback** - Making Of (Prod: Lucil Film)
2011 **Doudege Wénkel (Angle Mort)** - Making Of (Prod: Samsa Film)
2011-2022 Music Videos for *Reis-Demuth-Wiltgen Trio*
2012-2014 Theatre National du Luxembourg
2012-2021 Cinémathèque du Luxembourg
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ACTING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 **Roxy** by Fabien Colas & Émile V. Schlessler
2014 **Secrets of War** by Dennis Bots (Prod: Tarantula)
2013 **D. A Reproduction** by Anne Simon (Prod: Red Lion)
2013 **Wat Elo?** by Émile V. Schlessler (Prod: Moast, RTL)
2012 **Comeback** (Prod: Lucil Film)
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FILM FESTIVALS (SELECTION)

- Cleveland International Film Festival**, USA (OSCAR-qualifying)
Tirana International Film Festival, Albania (OSCAR-qualifying)
HollyShorts Film Festival, USA (OSCAR-qualifying)

Aesthetica Short Film Festival
DC Shorts Film Festival
Newport Beach Film Festival
Crystal Palace Int. Film Festival
Drama Int. Short Film Festival
Braunschweig Int. Film Festival
Carmarthen Bay Film Festival
New Filmmakers Los Angeles
FEST – New Directors, New Films
Hamilton Film Festival

FilmQuest
Dances With Films
Albuquerque Film + Music Experience
San Jose Int. Short Film Festival
European Independent Film Festival
Festival Int. du Film de Nancy
Evolution Mallorca Int. Film Festival
Berlin Lift-Off Film Festival
SFC, Cannes Film Festival
Luxembourg City Film Festival