

- **John Appel, VOF Appel & Honigmann, Founding Partner and Mentor, the Netherlands**

Acclaimed filmmaker John Appel from VOF Appel & Honigmann, a production company in the Netherlands, has directed and produced many films over the years and was also a tutor at the Binger International Documentary Workshops, Aristoteles Workshop and at Master-classes at IDFA. Since 2006 he was a mentor and partner with the Greenhouse Documentary program and is now, along with the founding members of Greenhouse team, a leading partner and tutor for Close-Up, an international co-production initiative for emerging Middle East and North African filmmakers.

As a director he made award winning films like *She believes in me* (1999), *The last victory* (2003), *The Player* (2009), *Wrong time, wrong place* (2012) and as a producer he worked with acclaimed filmmaker Heddy Honigmann, a.o. *Buddy* (2018).

John has been advisor at Dutch Filmfund and Media Fund, was commissioning editor for Human Broadcaster (a.o. the award-winning series *Guilty* (2017) and is professor Film Studies at UBB-University of Cluj (Romania).