

Stephen van Vuuren



Stephen van Vuuren is an award-winning filmmaker, musician, photographer and *ubergeek*. Raised in Johannesburg, South Africa and Knoxville, Tennessee, his father purchased a manual 35mm camera for him when Stephen was 12 years old, and his love of image-making thus began.

He has directed, produced and/or shot over twenty feature and short narrative, documentary, experimental and animation films that have screened at numerous festivals and in cyberspace. Stephen founded SV2 Studios in 2000, which focuses on indie filmmaking and post-production, including digital cinema mastering.

He first read about Saturn and its moon Titan in Carl Sagan's *Cosmos* as a child. In 2004, the Cassini spacecraft arrived at Saturn and was barely noticed by the world. Both exulted by the mission's stunning images and disappointed by the lack of interest, he committed to finding a way to make a film that showcased the incredible beauty of Saturn and our entire universe, while exploring the reasons why most people know so little about it.

He lives in Greensboro, NC with his musician/artist partner Marie, and their three cats – Kato, Gypsy and MeToo.