

Achievements

- Winner: Best Editing Award at Kodak Student Commercial Awards 2007
- Winner: Royal Television Society Post-Graduate Drama Award 2008
- Berlinale Talent Campus Participant 2008
- Nominated: Best Editing for 'Home' at LA 168 Project Competition 2008
- Work shown in official competition at Cannes Film Festival (*For the Love of God*), Venice Film Festival (*The Nine Muses, Friends Forever*), Berlin Film Festival (*Firewood*), Sundance Film Festival (*The Nine Muses, For the Love of God*) and Edinburgh International Film Festival (*The End for Beginners, Friends Forever*)
- *For the Love of God* shortlisted for an Oscar Academy Award in 2008, *Papa's Boy* long-listed for an Oscar Academy Award in 2012

Education

- National Film & Television School - MA in Editing (2005-2007)
- Goldsmiths College, University of London - BA in Film (1999-2002)

Credits

DOCUMENTARIES (a selection)

2012 MY SAPERA HEART

- Dir: Rachel Seely / 93 min / unlimitedreamcompany

2010 THE NINE MUSES

- Dir: John Akomfrah OBE / 90 min / Smoking Dogs Films / BBC / UKFC / Screen West
- **Special Mention - Sheffield Innovation Award at Sheffield Doc/Fest 2011**
- **2nd Prize - Muhr Asia/Africa Documentary Award at Dubai Int. Film Festival 2010**
- **Nominated: Orizzonti Prize at Venice Film Festival 2010**
- **Sundance Film Festival 2011, Karlovy Vary Film Festival 2011, London Film Festival 2010**
- **US theatrical release in October 2011, UK theatrical release in January 2012**

"The mix of spoken word and music (selected from a daunting range of sources) is as rich as editor Miikka Leskinen's visual blend, which often dazzles with its audacity." FOUR STARS

David Parkinson, Empire Magazine, 30 December 2011

"Miikka Leskinen's editing is simply perfect."

Linda Cooke, Rhythm Circus, 8 October 2011

"The Nine Muses is superbly edited by Miikka Leskinen."

Nana Yaa Mensah, New Statesman, 15 October 2010

"Miikka Leskinen's film editing is an outstanding achievement in the assembly and timing of an immensely complicated visual narrative."

John Park, Fringe Report, 8 October 2010

2010 MNEMOSYNE

- Dir: John Akomfrah OBE / 45 min / Smoking Dogs Films / BBC / Screen West
- **The BFI Gallery – London 2010, The Public Gallery – Birmingham 2010**
- **"Mnemosyne: a mind-blowing film that merges documentary and artistic essay in a way that astonishes, confounds and moves."**

Ken Russell, The Times 15 Jan 2010

- 2009 CULTURAL REVOLUTION II
- Dir: Tian Ai Zhang / 27 min / NFTS
 - **Sheffield DocFest 2009, Skena Up Film Festival 2009**
- 2009 3 MINUTE WONDERS: VOICES
- Dir: Hope Dickson Leach / 4 x 3 min / Quark Films / Channel 4
- 2006 THE END FOR BEGINNERS
- Dir: David Lale / 22 min / NFTS
 - **Edinburgh International Film Festival 2007, Split Film Festival 2007, Dinard Film Festival 2007, Bilbao International Documentary Festival 2007**
- FICTION** (a selection)
- 2011 SEE ME
- Dir: Catherine Shepherd / 18 min / Quark Films / Film4 / UKFC
 - **Broadcast by Film4 as part of The British Connection – Best of British**
- 2010 PAPA'S BOY (3D)
- Dir: Leevi Lemmetty / 3 min / Breakthru Films / Ink & Light / YLE2
 - 3D CGI Animation
 - **To be released theatrically with the feature animation The Flying Machine**
 - **Long-listed for the Short Animation Oscar 2012**
 - **Broadcast by Finnish Broadcasting Corporation (YLE), theatrical release in Finland 2011**
- 2010 SMALL-TIME REVOLUTIONARY
- Dir: Miikka Leskinen / 18 min / 65 Wilding Films / Finnish Film Foundation
 - Featuring voice cameos by Sir Ian McKellen and Michael Cashman
 - **London Short Film Festival 2011, Britspotting Film Festival 2011, Sydney Mardi Gras Film Festival 2011, Rushes Soho Shorts 2010, London LGBT Film Festival 2010, Helsinki Short Film Festival 2010, Los Angeles Ouffest 2010, San Francisco Frameline Film Festival 2010, Chicago Reeling Film Festival 2010, image+nation Montreal Film Festival 2010**
 - **Broadcast by Finnish Broadcasting Corporation (YLE), theatrical & DVD release in Germany 2011**
- 2009 MORNING ECHO
- Dir: Hope Dickson Leach / Dur: 15 min / Keel Films & UKFC
 - **Winner: Best Female Character / Kerry Fox at London Short Film Festival 2010**
 - **Winner: LA BAFTA Award of Excellence at Mill Valley Film Festival 2009**
- 2008 SUPRAMAN AND THE SCHOOL OF NECESSITY
- Dir: Debs Gardner-Paterson / Dur: 15 min / Footprint Films
 - **Finalist: Doorpost \$100,000 Short Film Competition**
- 2008 HOME
- Dir: Debs Gardner-Paterson / Dur: 11 min / Footprint Films
 - **Winner: Best Director & Best Actress at LA 168 Project Competition**
 - **Nominated: Best Editing at LA 168 Project Competition**
- 2008 THE CLAP DUDES
- Dir: Tibor Banoczki / Dur: 21 min / Quark Films
 - **Nominated: Best TV Special – Annecy International Animation Festival 2008**
- 2008 THE PORTRAIT
- Dir: Rouzie Hassanova / Dur: 13 min / Masquerade Films
 - **Winner: Award of Excellence at Accolade Competition California 2008**
 - **Nominated: Best Visuals at Limelight Film & Arts Awards 2010**
 - **Nominated: Best Short Film at Galway International Film Festival 2008**

2007 FOR THE LOVE OF GOD

- Dir: Joe Tucker / Dur: 11 min / NFTS
- Featuring the voices of Ian McKellen, Steve Coogan and Julia Davis
- **Shortlisted for an Oscar Academy Award 2008**
- **Winner: Best Animation at Santa Barbara International Film Festival 2008**
- **Winner: Silver Hugo Award at Chicago International Film Festival 2007**
- **Winner: Grand Prize – Best Animation at Rhode Island Int Film Festival 2007**
- **Winner: Best Animation – Tenerife International Film Festival 2008**
- **2nd Prize Student Animation – Palm Springs International Short Film Festival 2008**
- **Jury Mention – Festival of European Film Schools 2007**
- **Nominated: Best Post-Graduate Animation at Royal Television Society Awards 2008**
- **Nominated: Cinefondation Prize at Cannes Film Festival 2007**
- **Nominated: Iris Prize – Best Short Film 2007**
- **Nominated: Golden Reel Awards 2008**
- **Sundance Film Festival 2008, Telluride Film Festival 2007, AFI Film Festival 2007, Encounters Film Festival 2007**
- **Broadcast by Channel 4 in 2008**

2007 FRIENDS FOREVER

- Dir: Marcal Fores / Dur: 23 min / NFTS
- **Winner: Best Post-Graduate Drama at Royal Television Society Awards 2008**
- **Winner: Future Filmmaker, Best Cinematography and 2nd Best Student Fiction at Palm Springs International Short Film Festival 2008**
- **Winner: Canal+ Award at Premiers Plans Film Festival 2008**
- **Winner: Best Director at Ourense International Film Festival 2008**
- **Winner: Best Short Film at Dinard Film Festival 2007**
- **Nominated: Silver Lion at Venice Film Festival 2007**
- **Edinburgh International Film Festival 2007, London Film Festival 2007**
- **Broadcast by Canal+ in 2008**

2007 WE ARE ALL RWANDANS

- Dir: Debs Gardner-Paterson / Dur: 23 min / Catsiye Films
- **Winner: Best World Short – Phoenix International Film Festival 2008**
- **Winner: Honorary Mention at LA Pan African Film Festival 2008**

2007 FIREWOOD

- Dir: Miikka Leskinen / Dur: 13 min / NFTS
- **Nominated: Crystal Bear at Berlin Film Festival 2008**
- **Drama International Short Film Festival 2008**