

Amsterdam based director Maartje Nevejan (Netherlands, 1965) is an award winning independent filmmaker with a background in theatre and multimedia. Her work researches and expresses the raw poetic quality of reality. Nevejan is a change maker, manifesting innovative and creative approaches to fulfilling her visions.

In the first two decades of her career Nevejan made (national and international) documentary films, TV series and multimedia-projects, with young adults, immigrants, physical and mentally challenged persons, portraying resilience in the broadest sense. After 9/11 she was in the heart of the turmoil around the West and the Rest.

Since 2015 Nevejan is developing a new visual film language for subjective inner experiences, in multi media and in a 10 year film trilogy. She cooperates with scientists and artists in order to journey deep into these inner worlds.

Her first film in the trilogy, called "Are you there?" (2019), dealt with young adults, hallucinations and epilepsy.

The second one "Descending the Mountain" (2021), is a narration about mystical experiences through meditation and psychedelics.

[www.descendingthemountain.org](http://www.descendingthemountain.org)

She is currently finalising her third film of the "inner-world" trilogy "Just Our heart" (2025) a documentary about grief.

#### Awards

*Winner:* Golden Calf award, Silver Zebra journalism award, Inscience Jury award, Dutch Directors Guild interactive award, Donai cinema best feature award, Vegas best International inspirational film award. Couch Film Festival, best director award.

*Nominations:* Emmy international Award, Golden Calf award, Rose D'Or European Social Awareness Film Award. Humanitarian Award, Halle Germany.

#### Other

Nevejan is frequently asked to be part of a jury of filmfestivals and artshows.

Nevejan is a teacher of documentary at the Royal Art Academy in The Netherlands, as well as a mentor for students of the Film Academy.

*All awards and projects :* [www.nevejan.nl](http://www.nevejan.nl)