

# Paula Onet

- film director – multimedia artist

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Paula Onet affirms herself through film projects that are linear, nonlinear, and transdisciplinary (multimedia installations). Her film AS YOU LIKE IT, premiered at Karlovy Vary and was screened in more than 40 festivals around the world. Her multimedia projects were shown at the 2014 Venice Biennale exhibition, the National Art Gallery in Prague, and other galleries in Turkey, Romania and Spain.

## Educational Background

Polytechnic University of Valencia/ Master's Degree - Multimedia and Visual Arts / 2014-2015/Spain

National University of Arts / Master of Photography and Dynamic Image / 2013-2015 / Romania

Anadolu University / Department of Cinema and Television / 2011-2012 / Eskişehir, Turkey (scholarship)

Dongguk University / Faculty of Film and Digital Media / 2009-2010 / Seoul, South Korea (scholarship)

Babes Bolyai University / Faculty of Theatre and Television / 2008-2012 / Cluj-Napoca, Romania

## Work Experience

### Film Director

[Still Nia](#) / feature length documentary / in post-production / France, Romania

[Unbalanced](#) / feature length documentary / in development / France, Romania

[Drop a line to the wind](#) / short documentary / in post-production / France, Italy

[Breath and Ember](#) / court métrage documentaire / co-directed with Nora Schnitzler / 2023 / France

[Sarmale](#) / short documentary / part of the web-series [Grandmas Project](#) / 2022 / France, Romania

[4Gen Women](#) / transmedia project / 2012 - 2016 / Romania, Turkey, Spain

[As you like it](#) / short documentary / 2013 / Romania

[Connection Lost](#) / short hybrid documentary / 2012 / Romania, Turkey

[How old are you Korea\(n\)](#) / short documentary / 2010 / South Korea

[Student short films](#) / fiction & documentary / 2008 - 2012 / Romania, Turkey

### Cinematographer

[Stars and the witches' whispers](#) / short film by [Stefania Crisan](#) / 2024 / France

[Humus](#) / a multimedia-dance project by [Pilar Buiră Ferre](#) / 2022 / Germany

[Vibrato](#) / feature length documentary / by Jérémy Leroux / Day for Night / 2021 / France

[Le Vaisseau](#) / feature length documentary / by Nora Schnitzler / Seppia Film / 2021 / France  
[The Assembly - making of](#) / XR installation / Bidibul, Pitchblack collective / 2019-2022 / Luxembourg  
[Papesse](#) / short fiction film / by [Stéphane Ghislain Roussel](#) / 2021 / Luxembourg  
[Terre Ferme](#) / short fiction film / by [Guillaume Barborini](#) / 2020 / Luxembourg  
[Baba Vanga](#) / short fiction film / by Stéphane Ghislain Roussel / 2020 / Luxembourg  
[Rethink Your Clothes](#) / short docu-fiction / by Charlotte Bruneau / Caritas Lux / 2018 / Luxembourg  
[Fan Club - making of](#) / VR film / by Vincent Ravalec / a\_BAHN / 2018 / Luxembourg  
[The Manakia Brothers](#) / feature length documentary / director Eliza Zdru / 2015-2016 / Balkan countries  
[Resolutions 2014](#) / feature length documentary / director Mihai Tranca / 2014 / Roumania

+ I filmed all the films that I directed (the image of "Still Nia" is shared with Carmen Tofeni)

### **Video-Artist / installations**

[Humus](#) / performance, video dance / Company Vis à Vie / 2023 / Germany, France  
[Grain](#) / video-dance installation / [Dream Factory Video-Art](#) and Opera-Theater Metz / 2019 / France  
[4GenWomen SP](#) / interactive video / La Posta Foundation / 2016 / Valencia, Spain  
[4GenWomen RO](#) / interactive video / Start Point Prize / National Gallery / 2016 / Prague, Czech Rep.  
4GenWomen RO / interactive video / Victoria Art Center / 2016 / Romania  
[Skype Virtual Installation](#) / 2 channels live-video-performance / 2014 / Valencia, Spain  
[Mirador](#) / 2 channels live video-performance / 2015 / Valencia, Spain  
[Site Under Construction](#) / 11 video-channels / Biennale of Architecture / 2014 / Venice, Italy  
[As You Like It](#) / Switch Over Exhibition / Art.Consumption.Finitude / Victoria Art Center / 2013 / Romania  
[4 Gen Women](#) Photography Exhibition / Anadolu University / January 2012 / Eskisehir, Turkey

### **Resident artist**

Romanian Pavilion at the Architecture Biennale / 2014 / Venice, Italy  
4Culture residency / 2013 / Ricklundgården and Vilhelmina, Sweden  
Romanian Cultural Institute in Paris / 2012 / Paris, France

### **Workshops/Trainings**

[STRUCTURAL CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP](#) / organized by Focal Foundation / 2018 - 2019 / Retz (AT), Divonne (FR)  
[SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT WITH MIGUEL MACHALSKI](#) / Organized by CNA / 2018 / Luxembourg (LUX)  
[SARAJEVO TALENT LAB](#) / Organized by Sarajevo Film Festival / 2016 / Sarajevo (BA)  
[IF LAB](#) - Interactive Factual Lab / Organized by iDrops / 2016 / Leuven (BE), Malmö (SE), Leipzig (GB)  
[ESODOC](#) - European Social Docu / Organized by Zelig Film School / 2016 / Tromsø (NO), Goldrain, Palermo (IT)  
[OCF](#) - Our Common Future / Organized by Kino5 and NisiMasa / 2015 / Brussels, Belgium  
[BODYPARTS](#) - Dance and Video Workshop / Organized by 4Culture and WASP / 2013 / Bucharest - Romania  
[LONGOCAMPO DOX](#) - Film&Visual Anthropology Summer School / 2013 / Organized by Socio - Visual Academy  
[INTERACTION](#) International Film Camp / Organized by Independent Film Centre Filmart / 2013 / Pozega, Serbia  
[TRANSYLVANIA TALENT LAB](#) / Organized by Transylvania Int Film Festival / 2013 / Cluj-Napoca, Romania  
[DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER'S DEVELOPER TOOLKIT](#) / 2013 / Organized by One World Romania Film Festival  
[NISIMASA](#) Experimental Film Workshop / Organized by European Network of Young Cinema / 2012 / Romania  
[DOCUMENTARY CAMPUS](#) and [DOCU MENTOR](#) / Industry Sessions, Trainings and Workshops / 2012 / Romania  
[VFE](#) (Visegrad Film Forum) / Networking and Educational Platform / 2012 / Bratislava, Slovakia

STORYDOC/Organized by The Educational Institute for Docu. / 2013 / Athens (GR), Leipzig (GB)

PINHOLE Photography Workshop / 2012 / Cluj-Napoca (RO), Eskişehir (TK)

ARISTOTELES Workshop / Documentary Training Program For European Filmmakers / 2011 / Vama, Romania

## Festivals & Awards

**GRAND EST JEUNE TALENTS 2019** / Offered by Grand Est Region / France / 2019

**Bourse PROJET JEUNE 2019** / Offered by Metz city / France / 2019

**START POINT PRIZE** / international selection for the master diploma work / Romania / 2016

**SPECIAL MENTION for ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** / Erasmus Student of the year / Offered by The League of Romanian Students Abroad / 2013 / Romania

**Film [As You Like It \(după fel și chip\)](#)** / short documentary / 2013 / Romania

KARLOVY VARY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL / Official selection / July 1, 2013 / Karlovy-Vary, Czech Rep.

DOK LEIPZIG / Official Selection - International Programme / Oct 28 –Nov 03, 2013 / Leipzig, Germany

TIFF - Transylvania International Film Festival / Official selection in Romanian Film Days / 2013 / Romania

CANNES FILM FESTIVAL / Part of Short Film Corner / May 14-25, 2013 / Cannes, France

ZAGREB DOX / International Documentary Film Festival / Official Selection / Feb-March, 2014 / Zagreb, Croatia

MUESTRA DE ANTROPOLOGÍA AUDIOVISUAL de MADRID / 2nd prize - short documentary / October 2015 / Spain

VIVA FILM FESTIVAL / **Golden Wood , 1st place - Religious Movie** /May 2015 /Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

ASTERFEST INTERNATIONAL FILM FEST / **winner of the Golden Horseshoe** / May 2015 / Strumica, Macedonia

PROKUPLJE SHORT FILM FEST / Official Selection - Documentary film /April 2015/ Prokuplje,Serbia

THE MONTHLY FILM FEST / **The Documentary of the Month** / March 2015 / online

EL CORTO DEL AÑO (SHORT OF THE YEAR) / **Shortlisted** in Int Documentary Competition / January 2015 / Spain

EURO 2014 FILM FESTIVAL / **Winner in Drama, Ethnography, Social category** / January 2015 / Spain

3RD MUMBAI SHORTS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL / **Best Documentary Film** / 2014 / Mumbai, India

AEGEANDOCS INT DOCU FILM FEST / **Best Social Documentary Award** / 2014 / Aegean Islands, Greece

FEST – New Directors | New Films Festival / Short Film Competition – Docu / June 24-30, 2014 / Espinho, Portugal

THE MANUEL RIVERA-ORTIZ FOUNDATION / **finalist for the film grant "documentary "Short-Short"/2013**

IPSOS SHORT FILM BREAKS / **special screening and guest** / November 2013 / Bucharest, Romania

documentART – European Film Festival for documentaries / Eastern Bloc / 2013 / Neubrandenburg , Germany

ASTRA FILM FESTIVAL / Official Selection – Documentary Film in Student / Oct 15-17, 2013 / Sibiu, Romania

DOCUART - Bucharest Documentary Film Festival / **Best Image Award** / Sept 26, 2013 / Bucharest, Romania

KINEMASTIK INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL / **Special Mention of the Jury** / July 27, 2013 / Malta

SHOTSUP / The Long Night of The Short Films / Special screening / June 8, 2013 / Bucharest, Romania

TIMISHORT FILM FESTIVAL / National Competition / **Best Romanian Film** and **Audience Award**/2013 /RO

UCIN -The Romanian Filmmakers Union / **Best Short Film for Television Award** / March 2013 / Romania

**Film [Connection Lost](#)** / short hybrid documentary / 2012 / Romania, Turkey

EUROPE MOVING IMAGE FILM Fest / **First Prize** / 2013 / France

BIEFF Bucharest International Film Festival / **Special Mention of the Jury** / 2012 / Bucharest, Romania

BALKAN SPIRIT Online Video Competition / **Balkan Creativity - Jury Selection** / July 2012 / Arte France

FFEST International Student Film Festival / **2nd Prize at Documentary Section** / 2012 / Cluj-Napoca, Ro

TIFF - Transylvania International Film Festival / **Special Jury Mention - The Golden Paintbrush Award** / 2012 / Ro

## Cultural Activities and Volunteering

Volunteer at Solidary people of Metz / Communal Center for Social Action / 2020 / Metz, France

Volunteer at ADMR (Help for Old People in Moselle) / 2019 / Metz, France

Volunteer at the Public College Juan Manuel Montoya / Project DAR GRACIAS / 2015-2016 / Valencia, Spain

Volunteer at heARTS Europe/ Photographer for Art Therapy Classes / 2015 / Valencia, Spain

Volunteer at Alianza por Solidaridad / 2015 / Valencia, Spain

Korea Foundation Cultural Center & Training Center for Traditional Culture / 2010 / Seoul, South Korea

## See some previous films (as director)

### **Still Nia / 70 min / 2024**

Due to a misdiagnosis, Stefania spends her childhood in hospitals. 15 years later, through imagination and dance, she reinvents her forgotten memories and, thus, confronts her present.

Rough-cut april 2024 : <https://vimeo.com/paulaonet/still-nia-rough-cut1>

### **Drop a line to the wind / 30 min / 2024**

The film is an anthropological and mystical journey to the origins of the tarantella, an Italian healing dance that also speaks to the condition of women.

Rough-cut summer 2023 : <https://vimeo.com/835025385/b73d528389>

### **Sarmale / 9 min / 2022**

A package with goodies and sarmale arrives in the middle of the night after traveling 1,500 km and 4 countries. This traditional Romanian dish is the guarantee of a long and happy marriage.

See the film [www.grandmasproject.org/films/sarmale](http://www.grandmasproject.org/films/sarmale)

### **4GenWomen / 2011-2017 / multimedia installation**

“4GenWomen” explores the visible and invisible family heritage and transmission, through families with 4 generations of women, from different countries around the world.

More about the project: [www.paulaonet.com/4-generations-women.html](http://www.paulaonet.com/4-generations-women.html)

More about the interactive project <https://www.paulaonet.com/4genwomen-interactive.html>

### **As you like it / 22 min / 2013**

“As You Like It” brings together stories from people facing their gravestone picture while still being alive, while the audience discovers the graveyard as a public photo album and living social document.

More about this film: [www.paulaonet.com/as-you-like-it.html](http://www.paulaonet.com/as-you-like-it.html)

See the film (subs EN) : <https://vimeo.com/45850501>

### **Connection Lost / 11 min / co-director with Manuela Borza / 2012**

“Connection Lost” reveals the existing stereotypes about Turks among two Romanian families with opposed attitudes and reactions regarding their daughter's intention to extend their living in Turkey.

More about this film: [www.paulaonet.com/connection-lost.html](http://www.paulaonet.com/connection-lost.html)

See the film (subs EN): <https://vimeo.com/paulaonet/connectionlost>