

[Maria Niro](#) is a New York City-based artist, and filmmaker. Her moving image work includes long form documentary, and experimental shorts. In 2021 she completed [The Art of Un-War](#), a feature-length documentary exploring war, trauma, and displacement through the work of internationally renowned artist Krzysztof Wodiczko. Niro completed over 41 short films with original sound she's created, including art videos for Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts website. Niro's films touch upon various social issues including voyeurism, surveillance and the camera in [Station to Station](#) (2020); political tension [In an Alien Land](#) (2019); war, technological innovation and mass destruction in [Glitch Telemetry](#) (2011); the voiceless disenfranchised in [Amerika Reflect](#) (2010); collective consumption in [Torso](#) (2011), among others. Her films have screened and exhibited in museums, art spaces and festivals throughout the world including Queens Museum, Microscope Gallery, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Anthology Film Archives, Exit Art Gallery, Millennium Film Workshop, Video DUMBO, WNDX Festival in Canada, Los Angeles Art Organization, European Media Art Festival in Germany, Whitechapel Gallery UK, The Berlin International Directors Lounge, and Festival Internacional Del Nuevo Cine Latinoamericano CUBA, among many others. Niro proudly serves on the artist advisory board of [More Art](#), a nonprofit organization that supports collaborations between professional artists and communities to create public art and educational programs that inspire social justice. She lives and works in New York City.

### **Awards / Grants**

City Artist Corps Grant. Administered through New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) funded by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA), with support from the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) as well as Queens Theatre. 2021

NYSCA (The New York State Council on the Arts Individual Artists Grant) Individual Artist grant for "Krzysztof Wodiczko: The Art of Un-War" documentary. 2021.

Puffin Foundation Grant for "Krzysztof Wodiczko: The Art of Un-War" documentary. 2016, 2019.

Polish Cultural Institute special award for "Krzysztof Wodiczko: The Art of Un-War" documentary. 2021

### **Commissions**

Commission for Art Video series. Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts' White Light Festival 2011-2012

### **Campaigns**

Crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo for "The Art of Un-War" June 2017. 130% of goal. Raised 100% of funding for The Art of Un-War.

### **Public Presentations of Work at Festivals | Museums | Galleries**

Films by Maria Niro. Glitch Telemetry, Sleeping Woman, In an Alien Land, Station to Station. Select Scenes from "The Art of Un-War." Queens Museum. 2021

Inter/Sect: Films by Maria Niro. Glitch Telemetry, Sleeping Woman, In an Alien Land, Station to Station. Select Scenes from "The Art of Un-War". Microscope Gallery. New York NY. 2021

Superunknown. Cinematography Maria Niro. Director and Editor Angela Christlieb. 2019. TRT 13:11 First Prize for Best short, BIDEODROMO in Bilbao at Art House Cinema, Fundación BilbaoArte Fundazioa.

In An Alien Land. Director and Cinematography, Maria Niro. Editor Angela Christlieb. 2018. TRT 07:14 minutes. Contemporary Art Ruhr presented by Directors Lounge. CONTEMPORARY ART RUHR, MEDIA ART FAIR, 1 – 3 JUNE 2018

Abraham Lincoln War Veteran Projection. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. The National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, S. Korea. 2017. TRT 15:00 minutes.

Glitch Telemetry. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Public Art Projection in La Fête des Lumières Lyon France. 2016. TRT 03:24 minutes.

Abraham Lincoln War Veteran Projection. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. FACT, Liverpool Biennale. 2016. TRT 15:00 minutes.

Sleeping Woman. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Altered States. Coastal Currents Arts Festival. St. Leonards-on-Sea, U.K. 2015. TRT 03:55 minutes.

Abraham Lincoln War Veteran Projection. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Video & Sound. Muzeum Sztuki, Łódź, Poland. 2015. TRT 15:00 minutes.

Sleeping Woman. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Alchemy Film and Moving Image Festival. Hawick Scottish Borders UK. 2014. TRT 03:55 minutes.

The Real Leo Bloom. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 17 Days. Gwen Frostic School of Art. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo MI. 2014. TRT 02:38 minutes.

The Real Leo Bloom. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 17 Days. The Bret Llewellyn Art Gallery at Alfred State College. Alfred NY 2013. TRT 02:38.

Select scenes from Abraham Lincoln War Veteran Projection. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. DOX Center for Contemporary Art in Prague. 2013. TRT 20:00 minutes.

Sleeping Woman. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. COLONY 13. Cardigan, West Wales UK. 2013. TRT 3:55 minutes.

The Air Turned White. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Video and Sound with live performance. Schermerhorn Theatre. Brooklyn NY. 2012. TRT 06:27 minutes.

The Air Turned White. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Video and Sound with live performance. Speed Show Festival 2012. University of Sydney. Sydney Australia. 2012. TRT 06:27 minutes.

Night Rain. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Visionica Festival of Experimental Film and New Media. Freshwater Bay, Isle of Wight UK. 2012. TRT 04:42 minutes.

Beneath Water Runs Memory. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Re-Imagine Ourselves. Yara Arts Winter Festival. Ukrainian Institute of America. New York NY. 2012. TRT 05:10 minutes.

Glitch Telemetry. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Aufstand der Dinge/Insurrection of Things.MIM and More Gallery. Berlin Germany. 2012 TRT 03:24 minutes.

Lost Signals Drifting Satellites. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. The 8th Berlin International Directors Lounge. Meinblau Gallery. Berlin Germany. TRT 04:55 minutes

TORSO. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2012 Anthology Film Archives' New Filmmakers Women's Night. New York, NY. TRT 02:39 minutes.

Lost Heads from the Counterfeit Sex Series. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2012 FESTIVAL Internacional Del Nuevo Cine Latinoamericano (Festival of the New Latin American Cinema) Havana CUBA. 2011. TRT 04:45 minutes.

Projection of Four Works. Fast Cut Chase Dream (Was it a Dream At all), (Waiting) Off My Chest, Reverie on A River, Series of Reflections. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 10th Annual River to River Festival. New York, NY. 2011. TRT 022:00 minutes

Glitch Telemetry. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro.Video and Sound Maria Niro. The 7th Berlin International Directors Lounge. Meinblau Gallery. Berlin Germany. 2011. TRT 03:24 minutes.

Paradox of the Absurd. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro.The Forgotten Film Gallery. Mojave Desert. Video and Sound. 2011.

Glitch Telemetry. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Dimensions. Artists' Television Access (ATA) San Francisco, CA. TRT 03:24 minutes.

Art Video Web Series. Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts White Light Festival Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro.2011. Executive Producer Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. TRT 025:00 minutes.

Glitch Telemetry. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. C.A.R. 2011 Media Art Fair. Zollverein Germany. 2011. TRT 03:24 minutes.

Glitch Telemetry. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. DUMBO Arts Festival. Video\_Dumbo. Brooklyn, NY 2010. TRT 03:24 minutes.

Glitch Telemetry. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. WNDX Winnipeg Film & Video Art Festival. Winnipeg, CANADA. 2010. TRT 03:24 minutes.

Glitch Telemetry. Video and Sound Maria Niro. Counter Cultures, Counter Cinema. The New Underground. Exit Art Gallery. New York, NY 2010. TRT 03:24 minutes.

Glitch Telemetry. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Alphaville Festival. Whitechapel Gallery. London UK 2010. TRT 03:24 minutes.

Findings. Director/Producer/Cinematographer/Sound. Video and Sound Maria Niro. Photography, Reframing Photography. In Their Own Words Web Artists' Gallery. 2010. TRT 05:56 minutes

Glitch Telemetry. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. DA Fest. The National Academy of Art. Sofia, BULGARIA. 2010. TRT 03:24 minutes.

Glitch Telemetry. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. TWEAK 2010. Limerick Ireland. 2010. TRT 03:24 minutes.

Terminal Beach. Director, Producer, Sound Maria Niro. Cinematography by Jesus Olmo. Millennium Film Workshop. Filmmakers' Coop Group Screening. New York, NY, 2009. TRT 09:30 minutes.

### Partial Filmography

Krzysztof Wodiczko: The Art of Un-War: Feature length documentary film. Director, Producer, Cinematographer, Editor. Maria Niro. 2021

In An Alien Land. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Editor, Sound, Producer. With Angela Christlieb. 2018.

Station to Station. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Starring Anita Frech. 2020.

Superunknown. Cinematography by Maria Niro. Directed by Angela Christlieb. 2019.

RED. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Maria Niro. 2016.

Sleeping Woman. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2014.

The Real Leo Bloom. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2014.

The Air Turned White. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Video with sound and live dance performance. Maria Niro. Dance Choreography Caitlin Trainor. 2012.

Jesus Still Walks on Water. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2012.

Watching. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2012.

Recall: The News. Video. Sound by Audioirony and Brett Grace. 2012.

WORDS: Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Collaboration with Richard Broomhall. 2012.

Beneath Water Runs Memory (III) Re-imagine. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. . 2012.

Lost Signals Drifting Satellites. Director, Producer, Maria Niro. Video Maria Niro. Sound Annie Godsfeld. 2011

Torso. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2011.

Paradox of the Absurd. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2011.

Gazers on the River. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2011.

Counterfeit Sex Series: Souvenirs. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2011.

This is The Filmmakers' Cooperative. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2011.

Open Eye. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Maria Niro. Sound by A Predic. 2011.

Fast Cut Chase Dream. Was it a dream at all? Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Maria Niro. 2011.

Counterfeit Sex Series: Talking Heads. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2011.

Counterfeit Sex Series: Lost Heads. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2011.

Glitch Telemetry. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Maria Niro. 2011.

Waiting/Off My Chest. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Maria Niro. Poem by Elisabeth Warren. 2011.

Urban Reflect. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2010.

Findings 4. From the Findings Series. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2010.

Event Horizon Series. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Sculptures by Antony Gormley. 2010.

Miniature Moon Painting. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2010.

Reverie on a River. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2010.

Projection for a Small Dark Room. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2010.

Perplexing Allegory. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2010.

Secret Story Part I Part II. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2010.

Series of Reflections. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2010-2012

Sick to Death of Death. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2010.

Thinking of George. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2010.

Beneath Water Runs Memory (I). Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Sound Maile Colbert. 2009.

Terminal Beach. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. Maria Niro. Cinematography by Jesus Olmo. 2009.

Series of Findings. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2009.

Off Union. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2009.

All you need to make a film is a girl and a gun. Sound Maria Niro. Cinematography by Luke Brown. 2008

Polaroid. Video Maria Niro. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Maria Niro. Sound by Polaroid Millenium 2008

Coney Island Boy. Director, Producer, Cinematography, Sound Maria Niro. 2008.

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"Sheltering Leaves" Photo Series published in Finnish and English Blog/Magazine HESA Inprint. 2011.

"Findings" Part 4. Series and Sequence. Reframing Photography Theory and Practice. Findings 4.

Rebekah Modrak, Bill Anthes. Published by Routledge Taylor and Frances Group. 2009

Krzysztof Wodiczko Out/Inside(rs) catalogue. Abraham Lincoln War Veteran Projection Photographs. DOX Center for Contemporary Art 2013.