

## "Woman in the Sky" Made World Premiere at Academy Award-Qualifying Festival



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**PROVIDENCE, RI** – The documentary *Woman in the Sky*, executive produced and shot by David Corenswet, star of *SUPERMAN*, will have its world premiere at the 2025 Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival, on Thursday, August 7th. The film tells the extraordinary story of Magda Salvesen, who met Abstract Expressionist Jon Schueler in Scotland when she was 26 and he was 54. A few months later, he wrote a will leaving her the entire body of his work. Since Schueler's death in 1992, Salvesen has donned the mantle and secured his legacy, ensuring its preservation.

Reflecting on three decades as Schueler's partner, and even more as the unlikely guardian of his artistic output – longer than Schueler himself ever spent with his paintings – Salvesen offers an intimate portrait of both a widow and art historian fiercely committed to her late husband's creative memory. What emerges is an epic love story writ small across hundreds of canvases and thousands of pieces of archival paper.

"I was fascinated by Magda's undying commitment and love for Jon's paintings," says director Max Woertendyke. "What started as a film about art became something much more – a story about legacy, and what it means to carry the memory of someone you loved forward through time."

## About the Filmmaker

Max Woertendyke, founder of Noble Gas Media and Juilliard-trained storyteller, makes his directorial debut in the documentary space with *Woman in the Sky*. He was previously familiar with Jon Schueler as a subject with his editing work on two short-form archival films. His first feature as a producer, *BRIGHTWOOD*, earned a 94% Fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes and was called "a masterclass" by The Guardian.

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## Film Details:

Runtime: 16 minutes | Format: DCP | Production:  
Noble Gas Media | Film by: Max Woertendyke |  
Producer: Julia Best Warner | Executive Producer:  
David Corenswet

## Additional Information:

**IMDB** | Website: [www.noblegasmedia.com](http://www.noblegasmedia.com)

**Festival Information:** Flickers' Rhode Island  
International Film Festival runs August 5-10, 2025.  
*Woman in the Sky* will be screening on  
**Thursday, August 7th at 12:30 pm**  
**10 Providence Place, Providence, RI 02903**

## Additional films on Jon Schueler by Max Woertendyke

*Flora Biddle on Jon Schueler, 2022*

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