

Robin Hessman

Robin Hessman is a documentary filmmaker and producer with a focus on telling international stories. She directed and produced the Peabody-award winning film, *My Perestroika*, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, was a *New York Times* Critics' Pick, and was broadcast in over thirty countries across the globe. Previously, Hessman produced several award-winning PBS films and was filmmaker in residence at PBS affiliate WGBH in Boston. Throughout the 1990s, Hessman lived in Russia making documentaries and working for Sesame Workshop as the onsite producer of *Ulitsa Sezam*, the original Russian language *Sesame Street*. She is Vice President and a founding board member of the Karen Schmeer Film Editing Fellowship and a member of the Documentary Branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Hessman graduated from Brown University with a joint degree in Russian and film and received her graduate degree in film directing from the All-Russian State Institute of Cinematography (VGIK) in Moscow.