

## Biographie de Christian VUISSA

A native of Austria, Christian graduated magna cum laude from Brigham Young University with a BA in Media Arts Studies. He also received an MPA from the George W. Romney Institute of Public Management of BYU's Marriott School of Business.

Christian is considered one of the most promising directors coming out of Utah and is best known for his visual storytelling and strong sense for cinematic detail. He founded the film production company Mirror Films in June 2003, which has become a major producer of high-quality motion pictures for the LDS market. Christian has produced four feature-length films, three of which he also wrote and directed, including the theatrical releases of "Baptists at Our Barbecue" (2004) and "The Errand of Angels" (2008). His newest film "Father in Israel" is scheduled to be released in theaters in the fall of 2009.

Besides being an award-winning writer/director/producer, Christian also founded the annual LDS Film Festival in 2001, which has grown to become a major event in Utah Valley with an attendance of 7,000 in 2009. He acts as the president of the festival and has a keen interest in helping young filmmakers succeed.

Due to his experience as a filmmaker and festival organizer, Christian is highly familiar with the film community in Utah and has established strong ties and friendships with filmmakers and distributors alike. He has also studied the LDS film market from its beginnings, analyzing trends and strategies. Carolyn Hart Bennett from [ldsfilm.com](http://ldsfilm.com) recently stated that Christian "has done more to promote the LDS film community than just about anyone else."

Christian is married to Kirsten Kallman (from Germany) and they have three children. He served two years as an LDS missionary in Leipzig, Germany, under President Terry W. Johnson.