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Ferry Tales
Produced & Directed by Katja Esson

Home Box Office hosts NYWIFT's Open Meeting this month with a special presentation of *Ferry Tales*, Katja Esson's Academy Award-nominated documentary short, which turns the unlikely setting of the Staten Island Ferry Powder Room into a celebration of sisterhood. Producer/director Esson observes a group of women commuters as they put on their make-up and are transformed from housewives to businesswomen, from mothers to lawyers, from sisters to socialites. What starts as a funny account becomes deeply moving as, one by one, these women draw each other out, solve one another's problems, and just dish up the latest ferry gossip. NYWIFT member Sabine Schenk and Corinna Sager also produced the film.

Ferry Tales was acquired by HBO immediately after the 2002 IFP Market. It has screened at a number of film festivals including Woodstock, where it received an honorable mention, Seattle, Florida, New Orleans, and Austin. Its showing at the International Documentary Association's Theatrical Screening Series qualified the film for the 2004 Academy Awards.



