Fritz Spiess

Cinematographer

1935-1943	Attendance at St. Thomas School, Leipzig, Germany and a member of St. Thomas Choir. Matriculation with two scholarships. First 45 minute film in 1941 at the age of 16.
1943-1946	Apprenticeship in photography with his father. Photographic tradition in the family since 1896. Apprenticeship interrupted by war service.
1946-1948	Completion of apprenticeship with renowned portrait photographer Tita Binz in Heidelberg.
1948-1949	Attendance in exclusive 10 student masterclass at the Photoschool in Munich, resulting in degree of Master of Photography.
1949-1951	Own photostudio in Heidelberg, specializing in portrait and industrial photography.
1951-1954	After emigrating to Canada, commercial photography with Panda Photography in Toronto. 16mm documentary film for Cerebral Palsied Children.
1954-1958	Cameraman for TV commercials with S.W. Caldwell Ltd.
1958-1967	Director of Photography at Robert Lawrence Productions (Canada) Ltd.
1967-1976	Director of Photography at TDF Film Productions Ltd.
1976-1987	Director of Photography at Schulz Productions.
1987-1991	Director of Photography at Rawi-Sherman Films Inc.