

## TEN HAIKU ON FILMMAKING

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Don't follow the crowd  
Your voice is unique, clear, true  
Practice it daily  
Throw away the script  
Shoot first - ask questions later  
Embrace accident  
All films are fiction  
All films documentary  
And animation  
Take the time it takes  
Filmmaking is a calling  
Funders come and go  
Believe in yourself  
Stand by your integrity  
Do not live in fear  
Beware the dollar  
Do not wait for permission  
Shoot it anyway  
If you can say it  
Don't bother filming it  
Write a book instead  
Stop - count your blessings  
Filmmaking is privilege  
It is not a right  
Film is like music  
Rhythm, structure, melody  
Let the image sing  
It's not what you do  
It's the way that you do it  
That's what gets results

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