

# *Oscar-Winning Filmmaker Jonathan Demme Dies at 73*

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New York, April 28 (RHC)-- Academy Award-winning director Jonathan Demme has died. Demme was best known for "The Silence of the Lambs" and the 1993 Oscar-winner "Philadelphia" -- the first major Hollywood film to take on the AIDS epidemic.

Jonathan Demme also directed two documentaries on Haiti: "The Agronomist" and "Haiti Dreams of Democracy." His 2011 film, "I'm Carolyn Parker," documented efforts to rebuild New Orleans's Lower Ninth Ward in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Jonathan Demme died at his home in New York City at the age of 73.

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