



**DOC NYC FESTIVAL, NOV 10-17  
EXPANDS INDUSTRY-FOCUSED DOC NYC PRO SECTION  
WITH “SHORT LIST DAY,” “ONLY IN NEW YORK MEETINGS”  
& “PITCH PERFECT”**

**VISIONARIES TRIBUTE DATE SET FOR NOVEMBER 10  
HBO DOCUMENTARY FILMS RETURNS AS LEADERSHIP SPONSOR**

June 9, 2016 – DOC NYC, America’s largest documentary festival, made initial announcements for its seventh edition running November 10-17, 2016. HBO Documentary Films returns for its third year as the festival’s Leadership Sponsor.

The **DOC NYC PRO** industry conference that runs concurrently with the festival announced a slate of new initiatives. “For six years, we’ve carefully nurtured our industry offerings to establish a must-attend gathering,” said DOC NYC artistic director Thom Powers. “Last year saw major growth under the new banner of DOC NYC PRO, the new conference location at Bow Tie Chelsea Cinemas and its new lounge. This is a vital networking hub for doc makers to get their future films made.” Deborah Rudolph returns in her role as DOC NYC PRO producer.

DOC NYC PRO will build upon the festival’s previous offerings of thoughtfully curated panels, master classes and keynote speeches. New highlights in 2016 include:

- **Short List Day (Nov 11)** – The DOC NYC Short List picks 15 of the year’s hottest documentaries, with directors in attendance, as the lead-in to awards season. Last year, the list included all five films that went on to be Oscar nominees. In 2016, a full day will be devoted to conversations with the Short List filmmakers, broadening the popular single panel last year.
- **Only in New York Meetings (Nov 14-17)** – New to the festival, four days of networking sessions will allow filmmakers to get face time with key decision makers in the worlds of financing, post-production, distribution, festival programming and more.
- **Pitch Perfect (Nov 16)** – Expanding on previous DOC NYC pitch panels, this daylong event will select 6 work-in-progress documentaries for the filmmakers to pitch in a roomful of leading industry players. The structure is designed to connect filmmakers not only to financiers, but also to producers, post-production supervisors, sales agents, publicists, outreach coordinators and other mentors key to finishing a film and reaching an audience.



On Nov 10, the high-profile **Visionaries Tribute** luncheon will take place, moving to a larger location after the previous two years sold out in advance. The event features the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Awards and other honors. The recipients will be announced in September. *Indiewire* called the Visionaries Tribute “one of the most significant gatherings of documentary filmmakers in history.” This event is co-presented by HBO Documentary Films.

### **PITCH PERFECT SUBMISSIONS**

Filmmakers can submit works-in-progress to Pitch Perfect via Withoutabox. Submissions have a \$35 fee. Any applicant can later deduct that fee as a discount to a DOC NYC PRO or All Access badge. The deadline for submissions to Pitch Perfect is August 15.

### **FESTIVAL PASSES NOW ON SALE, WITH EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30**

#### **DOC NYC PRO PASS**

(Early bird \$350; normally \$399). A limited quantity of DOC NYC PRO passes are on sale at Early Bird rates until September 30. Grants access to the eight day lineup of DOC NYC PRO panels and events Nov 10-17 at IFC Center and Bow Tie Chelsea Cinemas, including breakfasts and happy hours, access to the PRO Lounge, and rush access to matinee film screenings. Does not include Visionaries Tribute. Requires upgrade to attend “Only in New York Meetings.”

**ONLY IN NEW YORK** upgrade (\$75) addition to DOC NYC PRO badge that grants access to four days of roundtable meetings with industry guests.

**ALL ACCESS PASS** (Early bird \$675; normally \$750). Only a limited number available. Binge on everything at DOC NYC and skip the box office lines! The All Access Pass has all the perks of the PRO badge, plus gets you access to all festival films and Only in New York Meetings. A dedicated concierge at each festival venue will speed All Access badge holders into screenings and events so that their DOC NYC experience is wait-free. Does not include Visionaries Tribute.

### **VISIONARIES TRIBUTE TABLES**

Purchase a table for the November 10 luncheon for \$5000. Each table gains admission for 8 guests who will be seated along with 2 members of Visionaries Host Committee of established documentary filmmakers. Past table hosts include HBO, Netflix, A24, IFC, and Magnolia. Supply is limited and consistently sells out in advance. [Contact tribute@docnyc.net](mailto:tribute@docnyc.net)