



**DOC NYC, NOV. 10-17, ANNOUNCES
ROBERT AND ANNE DREW AWARD RECIPIENT
DAWN PORTER**

**PLUS 15-TITLE "SHORT LIST"
SPOTLIGHTING AWARDS SEASON DOC CONTENDERS**

NEW YORK, Sept. 28, 2016 – **DOC NYC**, America’s largest documentary festival, running November 10-17, announced the final award being given at the November 10 Visionaries Tribute event: filmmaker **Dawn Porter** will receive the **Robert and Anne Drew Award** for observational filmmaking. The festival also announced the line-up of its **Short List** section of 15 of the year’s leading nonfiction films released theatrically that are being highlighted for special attention. In addition to screening the 15 films, DOC NYC will also hold a **Short List Day** on November 11 featuring discussions with members of all the film teams.

“Picking the DOC NYC Short List gets harder every year when there are so many worthy documentaries,” said Artistic Director Thom Powers. “We tried to arrive at an eclectic list representing proven favorites among festivals, critics, and audiences. We offer this list as a starting point for the year’s highlights and hope it fosters a lively conversation about standout films.”

VISIONARIES TRIBUTE AWARD

The **Robert and Anne Drew Award for Documentary Excellence** goes to a mid-career filmmaker distinguished for observational cinema. This year’s recipient is **Dawn Porter**, who will receive a \$5,000 cash prize sponsored by Drew Associates. Porter’s latest film *Trapped*, about abortion providers struggling to stay open in the South, screens at DOC NYC as part of this year’s Short List and previously won a Sundance Special Jury prize for Social Impact Filmmaking. Her previous films include *Gideon’s Army* and *Spies of Mississippi*. The award’s name celebrates Robert Drew, who pioneered the documentary style that came to be known as American cinema vérité, and his wife Anne, who was his filmmaking partner for more than four decades. The two previous recipients were Kim Longinotto and Laura Poitras.

Jill Drew, the general manager of Drew Associates, who helped select the recipient, said "My father-in-law Robert Drew felt the best documentary stories were told up-close with people under pressure making difficult choices of real consequence. Dawn's work does just that. It doesn't matter which side of an issue you're on, her subjects are true-to-life riveting."

The third annual **Visionaries Tribute** will take place at City Winery in Manhattan on Thursday, November 10. Previously announced were two **Lifetime Achievement Awards** that will be given to **Stanley Nelson** and **Jonathan Demme**; and the **Leading Light Award**, for a mid-career professional who has served documentary in a role outside of filmmaking, that will be given to **Molly Thompson** of A&E IndieFilms.

The Visionaries Tribute is co-presented by HBO Documentary Films.

Tables and individual tickets are available for the Visionaries Tribute event. Please contact Eric Johnson at eric@docnyc.net for more information.

DOC NYC SHORT LIST

The DOC NYC Short List has a history of being a predictor of other awards, from critics' prizes and top ten lists to the Oscars. Last year, the DOC NYC Short List had ten titles overlapping the subsequent Oscar Documentary Short List, and all five titles that were Oscar nominated. For the last five years, DOC NYC screened the documentary that went on to win the Oscar: *Amy* (2015), *Citizenfour* (2014), *20 Feet From Stardom* (2013), *Searching for Sugar Man* (2012), and *Undeclared* (2011).

All of the DOC NYC Short List titles will show during the festival with the director or other special guests present for their first screening. Additionally, all the directors or other collaborators will participate on Friday, November 11 in the DOC NYC Short List Day of panel conversations.

Admission to the Short List Day is available with a DOC NYC PRO Pass, All Access Pass or Short List Day pass.

Screening tickets for Short List titles go on sale in mid-October.

DOC NYC 2016 Short List

- **AMANDA KNOX** (Netflix)
Dirs: Rod Blackhurst, Brian McGinn
- **CAMERAPERSON** (Janus Films)
Dir: Kirsten Johnson
- **FIRE AT SEA** (Kino Lorber)
Dir: Gianfranco Rosi
- **GLEASON** (Open Road & Amazon Studios)
Dir: Clay Tweel
- **I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO** (Magnolia Pictures)
Dir: Raoul Peck

- **INTO THE INFERNO** (Netflix)
Dir: Werner Herzog
- **JIM: THE JAMES FOLEY STORY** (HBO Documentary Films)
Dir: Brian Oakes
- **LIFE, ANIMATED** (The Orchard & A&E IndieFilms)
Dir: Roger Ross Williams
- **MAPPLETHORPE: LOOK AT THE PICTURES** (HBO Documentary Films)
Dir: Fenton Bailey, Randy Barbato
- **MISS SHARON JONES!** (Starz)
Dir: Barbara Kopple
- **OJ: MADE IN AMERICA** (ESPN)
Dir: Ezra Edelman
- **13TH** (Netflix)
Dir: Ava DuVernay
- **THE IVORY GAME** (Netflix)
Dir: Kief Davidson, Richard Ladkani
- **TRAPPED** (PBS-Independent Lens)
Dir: Dawn Porter
- **WEINER** (IFC Films & Showtime)
Dir: Josh Kriegman, Elyse Steinberg

Complete DOC NYC lineup and screening schedule announced on October 12. For festival passes, tickets or more information on DOC NYC go to:

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DOC NYC, America's largest documentary festival, takes place over 8 days in November; the seventh edition will be held November 10-17, 2016 at New York's IFC Center, Cinepolis Chelsea and the SVA Theatre. The 2015 festival showcased over 150 films and events with more than 200 filmmakers and special guests appearing in person. In addition to premiering feature-length and short documentaries, the festival's highlights also include DOC NYC Pro—a

weeklong series of in-depth panels and master classes—and the Visionaries Tribute awards ceremony that honors major figures in the field of nonfiction film. DOC NYC is produced by the IFC Center. <http://www.docnyc.net/>

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