



## DOC NYC ANNOUNCES AUDIENCE AWARD WINNER FOR TENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL

NEW YORK, Nov. 15, 2019 – **DOC NYC** announced today the winner of the festival's **Audience Award**, voted on by DOC NYC audiences from all new features in the regular lineup screening in the festival.

This year's festival ran November 6-15 at IFC Center, the SVA Theatre and Cinépolis Chelsea, and included a record 318 features, shorts and panels, including 28 world premieres and 27 U.S. or North American premieres. The festival's film lineup was chosen from more than 2,200 submissions.

### **Audience Award Winner:**

***I Am Not Alone***, directed by Garin Hovannisian, follows Armenia's Nikol Pashinyan—a former political prisoner turned Member of Parliament—who leads a peaceful protest that transforms his country in 2018.

The winner of the DOC NYC Audience Award receives an FX9 full-frame camera, courtesy of Sony, as well as a screening as part of the IFC Center's Pure Nonfiction screening series in 2020.

In addition to the Audience Award, the festival announced the winner of the **Kanopy DOC NYC U Award**, celebrating short films by student filmmakers. All DOC NYC U short films were eligible for the \$500 prize, courtesy of Kanopy.

### **Kanopy DOC NYC U Award Winner:**

***Kostya***, directed by Oxana Inipko (School of Visual Arts), which follows a man trying to redeem himself from his alcoholism.

The festival's juried awards, previously announced on November 13, are as follows:

**Viewfinders Competition:** Recognizing films demonstrating distinct directorial visions.

**Grand Jury Prize Winner:** ***City Dream***, directed by Weijun Chen

**Special Mention:** ***Love Child***, directed by Eva Mulvad

**Metropolis Competition:** Dedicated to stories set in New York City.

**Grand Jury Prize Winner:** *Maurice Hines: Bring Them Back*, directed by John Carluccio

**Shorts Competition:**

**Grand Jury Prize Winner:** *Bob of the Park*, directed by Jake Sumner

**Special Mentions:** *A Childhood on Fire*, directed by Jason Hanasik; *Yves & Variation*, directed by Lydia Cornett

**DOC NYC PRO Pitch Perfect Award:** Presented to the best pitch given during DOC NYC PRO's Pitch Perfect Day.

**Winner:** *After Sherman*, directed by Jon-Sesrie Goff

**Short List: Features:** A spotlight on 15 documentaries representing the best of the year.

**Directing Award:** *The Edge of Democracy*, directed by Petra Costa

**Producing Award:** *American Factory*, produced by Steven Bognar, Julie Parker Benello, Jeff Reichert and Julia Reichert (directed by Steven Bognar and Julia Reichert)

**Editing Award:** *Apollo 11*, edited by Todd Douglas Miller (directed by Todd Douglas Miller)

**Cinematography Award:** *The Elephant Queen*, cinematography by Mark Deeble (directed by Victoria Stone and Mark Deeble)

**Special Recognition for Courage in Filmmaking:** *For Sama* director Waad al-Kateab (directed by Waad al-Kateab and Edward Watts)

**Short List: Shorts:** 12 doc shorts that are among the year's leading awards contenders.

Directing Award: *Stay Close*, directed by Luther Clement and Shuhan Fan

The **Viewfinders, Metropolis, Shorts and Audience Award Winners** will screen at IFC Center today, November 15.

In addition to the hundreds of filmmakers presenting new works at the festival, notable guests included **Martin Scorsese, Robbie Robertson, J.K Simmons, Ron Howard, Katie Couric, Andre Leon Talley, Michael Moore, Kate Nash, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Olivia Harrison, Nicholas Kristof** and **Sheryl WuDunn**.

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DOC NYC is produced and presented by IFC Center, a division of AMC Networks.

**Complete DOC NYC program information can be found at: [www.docnyc.net](http://www.docnyc.net)**

The next edition of DOC NYC will take place November 11-20, 2020.

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