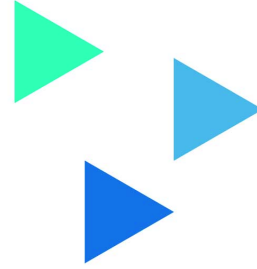




# SPRING SHOWCASE



## **DOC NYC ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL SPRING SHOWCASE, MAY 24-JUNE 20**

**14 NONFICTION FILMS AND SERIES SCREENING ONLINE ACROSS THE US,  
FEATURING EXCLUSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH CREATORS PADMA LAKSHMI,  
STEVE JAMES, FRAN LEBOWITZ, ASIF KAPADIA,  
DR. ORNA GURALNIK, LOUIS THEROUX AND MORE**

NEW YORK, May 13, 2021 – DOC NYC, America’s largest documentary festival, announced today the inaugural edition of its Spring Showcase. The four-week online Showcase will offer audiences an opportunity to catch some of the year’s most talked about nonfiction episodic series and films, paired with exclusive conversations featuring the creative teams behind them. The free online event runs from May 24 to June 20, and is available throughout the US. Among the special guests featured during the event are Padma Lakshmi, Steve James, Fran Lebowitz, Dr. Orna Guralnik, Asif Kapadia and Louis Theroux.

“DOC NYC is excited to create a spring focal point to build upon our annual fall festival, now in its 12th year,” said the festival’s Executive Director Raphaela Neihausen. “We’re living through a period of rapid expansion of the documentary field, and we’re thrilled to offer a new opportunity to discover a diverse array of important nonfiction work. Over the last year, DOC NYC has expanded our professional and educational programming for filmmakers beyond the fall season, with great results. With Spring Showcase, we’re aiming to do the same for documentary-loving audiences as well.”

The first Spring Showcase lineup spans a wide variety of nonfiction formats and subjects, from hosted series to biographies, vérité films and multi-part cultural explorations, covering everything from culinary history to city politics, pop music, and the inner workings of intimate relationships. A complete lineup is below.

Spring Showcase programming is co-presented by 30 for 30, Apple TV+, BBC SELECT, FX Networks, Hulu, MTV Documentary Films, National Geographic, Netflix, and SHOWTIME® Documentary Films.

All screenings are available throughout the US, with select programs also available to watch in Canada.

Viewers can subscribe to individual events or the entire program free of charge. Advance RSVP required - full info at [www.docnyc.net/spring-showcase-2021](http://www.docnyc.net/spring-showcase-2021). RSVPs for each event close one hour prior to the event start.

**Spring Showcase - chronological lineup:**

*Watch any of the individual events in Spring Showcase or access the entire slate with an advance RSVP at [www.docnyc.net/spring-showcase-2021](http://www.docnyc.net/spring-showcase-2021). RSVPs for each event close one hour prior to the event start.*

***Louis Theroux: Life on the Edge***

**Episode 1: “Beyond Belief” & Episode 2: “The Dark Side of Pleasure”**

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with writer and presenter Louis Theroux.*

*Louis Theroux: Life on the Edge* features Louis looking back and reconnecting with his most notable American contributors. Catch all episodes on BBC SELECT from May 24. Running time: 1 hour, 40 minutes.

Co-presented by BBC SELECT

*Screening available Monday, May 24 at 12:00pm ET-Tuesday, May 25 at 11:59pm ET*

***The Infinite Race***

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with filmmaker Bernardo Ruiz and film editor Flavia de Souza.*

The Tarahumara people inspired a barefoot, ultrarunning craze all across the world. But back in Mexico, they’ve been forgotten as their homes and communities were ravaged by drug cartels and violence. Running time: 70 minutes.

Co-presented by 30 for 30

*Screening available Wednesday, May 26 at 12:00pm ET-Thursday, May 27 at 11:59pm ET*

***High on the Hog: How African American Cuisine Transformed America***

**Episode 1: “Our Roots”**

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with executive producers Fabienne Toback and Karis Jagger; and series producer Shoshana Guy.*

Food writer Stephen Satterfield embarks on a vibrant and powerful culinary journey that celebrates the courage, artistry, and resourcefulness of the African American people.

Running time: 60 minutes.

Co-presented by Netflix

*Screening available Friday, May 28 at 12:00pm ET-Saturday, May 29 at 11:59pm ET*

***The Year Earth Changed***

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with executive producer Alice Keens-Soper.*

David Attenborough narrates an astonishing look at how lockdown set nature free.

Running time: 48 minutes.

Co-presented by Apple TV+

*Screening available Sunday, May 30 at 12:00pm ET-Monday, May 31 at 11:59pm ET*

## **76 Days**

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with director/producer Hao Wu.*

Set in the early days of the COVID-19 outbreak, *76 Days* - a raw and intimate film recently nominated for the 2021 Peabody Awards - captures the struggles and human resilience in the battle to survive the pandemic in Wuhan, China. Running time: 93 minutes.

Co-presented by MTV Documentary Films

*Screening available Tuesday, June 1 at 12:00pm ET-Wednesday, June 2 at 11:59pm ET*

## **City So Real**

### **Episode 1: "Welcome to Chicago"**

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with director/producer/cinematographer/editor Steve James and producer/sound recordist Zak Piper.*

Steve James' fascinating portrait of Chicago, set against the backdrop of its historic 2019 mayoral election, and the tumultuous 2020 summer of COVID-19 and social upheaval. Running time: 60 minutes.

Co-presented by National Geographic

*Screening available Thursday, June 3 at 12:00pm ET-Friday, June 4 at 11:59pm ET*

## **Couples Therapy**

### **Episode 201**

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with director/executive producer Josh Kriegman, director Kim Roberts, executive producer Elyse Steinberg and psychoanalyst and psychologist Dr. Orna Guralnik.*

*Couples Therapy* follows eight months of therapy sessions with Dr. Orna Guralnik, deftly guiding couples through honest confrontation with each other, revealing real-life struggles and extraordinary breakthroughs. Running time: 27 minutes.

Co-presented by SHOWTIME® Documentary Films

*Screening available Saturday, June 5 at 12:00pm ET-Sunday, June 6 at 11:59pm ET*

## **Secrets of the Whales**

### **Episode 1: "Orca Dynasty"**

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with National Geographic explorer & photographer/producer Brian Skerry and composer Raphaëlle Thibaut.*

*Secrets of the Whales* is an epic journey within the world's oceans and seas, offering cinematic storytelling and breathtaking images of the planet's whales. Running time: 49 minutes.

Co-presented by National Geographic

*Screening available Monday, June 7 at 12:00pm ET-Tuesday, June 8 at 11:59pm ET*

## **Taste the Nation with Padma Lakshmi**

### **Episodes: "Burritos at the Border" & "The Gullah Way"**

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with host/executive producer Padma Lakshmi.*

A journey across America, exploring the rich, diverse food culture of various immigrant groups, seeking out people who have shaped what American food is today. Running time: 30 minutes (*"Burritos at the Border"*) & 34 minutes (*"The Gullah Way"*).

Co-presented by Hulu

*Screening available Wednesday, June 9 at 12:00pm ET-Thursday, June 10 at 11:59pm ET*

### ***The Social Dilemma***

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with director Jeff Orlowski and producer Larissa Rhodes.*

In *The Social Dilemma*, key tech insiders reveal how social media is reprogramming civilization by exposing what's hiding on the other side of your screen. Running time: 94 minutes.

Co-presented by Netflix

*Screening available Friday, June 11 at 12:00pm ET-Saturday, June 12 at 11:59pm ET*

### ***Framing Britney Spears***

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with producer/director Samantha Stark, showrunner/executive producer Mary Robertson and story editor Liz Day.*

Her rise was a global phenomenon. Her downfall was a cruel national sport. Britney Spears and lawyers tied to her conservatorship battle over who should control her life. Part of FX's *The New York Times Presents* series of standalone documentaries.

Running time: 75 minutes.

Co-presented by FX Networks

*Screening available Sunday, June 13 at 12:00pm ET-Monday, June 14 at 11:59pm ET*

### ***Pretend It's a City***

#### **Episode 1: "Pretend It's a City"**

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with series subject/executive producer Fran Lebowitz.*

Directed by Lebowitz's longtime friend Martin Scorsese, *Pretend It's a City* is a dose of NYC attitude that sparks pangs of delight, fury and recognition. Running time: 29 minutes.

Co-presented by Netflix

*Screening available Tuesday, June 15 at 12:00pm ET-Wednesday, June 16 at 11:59pm ET*

### ***1971: The Year That Music Changed Everything***

#### **Episodes 101: "What's Happening" and 103: "Changes"**

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with executive producer/series director Asif Kapadia, executive producer James Gay-Rees, executive producer/editor Chris King, series producer/director Danielle Peck and director James Rogan.*

A tumultuous era sparked a year of unprecedented musical innovation. Running time: Episode 101: 50 minutes, and 103: 47 minutes.

Co-presented by Apple TV+

*Screening available Thursday, June 17 at 12:00pm ET-Friday, June 18 at 11:59pm ET*

***Billie Eilish: The World's A Little Blurry***

*Featuring an exclusive conversation with director/writer/producer R.J. Cutler, cinematographer Jenna Rosher, editor Greg Finton and editor Lindsay Utz.*

Follow this extraordinary teen as she tours and records the album that changes her life.

Running time: 141 minutes.

Co-presented by Apple Original Films

*Screening available Saturday, June 19 at 12:00pm ET-Sunday, June 20 at 11:59pm ET*

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**About DOC NYC**

DOC NYC, America's largest documentary festival, takes place annually in November; the 12th edition will be held November 10-18, 2021. In addition to premiering feature-length and short documentaries, the festival's highlights also include DOC NYC PRO—a year-round series of in-depth panels and professional development sessions for filmmakers—and the Visionaries Tribute awards ceremony that honors major figures in the field of nonfiction film. DOC NYC is produced and presented by IFC Center, a division of AMC Networks.

Complete Spring Showcase program information can be found at:

[www.docnyc.net/spring-showcase-2021](http://www.docnyc.net/spring-showcase-2021)

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