



DOC NYC WRAPS FIRST-EVER HYBRID EDITION

2021 FESTIVAL DREW MORE THAN 31,000 VIEWERS IN PERSON AND ONLINE FROM ALL 50 STATES, D.C., PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS FOR 19-DAY PROGRAM OF MORE THAN 300 FILMS AND EVENTS

***THE REVEREND* NAMED AUDIENCE AWARD WINNER, JOINING JURY AWARD WINNERS *ONCE UPON A TIME IN UGANDA, ON THE OTHER SIDE, NUDE AT HEART, HOLD YOUR FIRE* AND MORE**

2022 FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 9-17, 2022

NEW YORK, November 29, 2021 – DOC NYC, America’s largest documentary festival, wrapped its 12th annual edition on Sunday, November 28, 2021. Following an entirely online version last year, the 2021 festival returned to theaters in New York City, while continuing to screen films online for audiences across the U.S. The program, running 19 days, offered **more than 250 documentary features and shorts, including 32 world premieres and 34 U.S. premieres**, and **drew more than 25,000 viewers** for in-theater and virtual screenings. The in-person portion of the festival included **hundreds of in-person filmmaker Q&As and eight days of panels** for documentary creators and industry presented in the DOC NYC PRO conference. Additionally, **festivalgoers watched more than one million minutes of films online**.

“It was enormously gratifying to offer incredible documentaries to our audiences both in person and online this year,” said DOC NYC Executive Director Raphaela Neihausen. “We were thrilled to bring filmmakers and moviegoers together in theaters again, and also to be able to present our lineup to documentary lovers across the country.”

Special guests who appeared in person at this year’s DOC NYC festival included musician **Kenny G**, NBA hall-of-famer **Kevin Garnett**, pop icon **Dionne Warwick**, actress **Selma Blair**, Nobel prize-winner **Dmitry Muratov**, musician and filmmaker **Ahmir “Questlove” Thompson**, actress and activist **Ricki Lake**, composer and musician **Jon Batiste**, actor **Fred Armisen**, actress and filmmaker **Sonja Sohn**, photographer **Steve McCurry**, record-setting mountain climber **Nirmal “Nims” Purja**, and record executive **Clive Davis**, along with dozens of other festival filmmakers.

The festival also announced that the 13th edition of DOC NYC will take place November 9-17, 2021.

Festival Awards

Audience Award: *The Reverend*, directed/produced by Nick Canfield. The winner of the 2021 Audience Award will receive a camera loan package provided by the cinema team at Sony, a leading manufacturer of digital cinema cameras to fit all levels of documentary production.

Audience Award runners up: *Grandpa Was an Emperor*, directed by Constance Marks and produced by Constance Marks and Corinne LaPook; ***A Tree of Life***, directed by Trish Adlesic and produced by Susan Margolin and Geeta Gandbhir

U.S. Competition Grand Jury Prize: *Once Upon a Time in Uganda*, directed by Cathryne Czubek, co-directed by Hugo Perez, and produced by Gig Dement, Cathryne Czubek, Matt Porwoll, Hugo Perez and Kyaligamba Ark Martin

U.S. Competition Special Jury Mention: *Refuge*, directed/produced by Erin Bernhardt and Din Blankenship

International Competition Grand Jury Prize: *On The Other Side*, directed by Iván Guarnizo and produced by Jorge Caballero

International Competition Special Jury Mention: *After The Rain*, directed by Jian Fan and produced by Richard Liang and S. Leo Chiang

Kaleidoscope Grand Jury Prize: *Nude At Heart*, directed by Yoichiro Okutani and produced by Asako Fujioka and Eric Nyari

Kaleidoscope Special Jury Mention: *Nothing But The Sun*, directed by Arami Ullón and produced by Pascal Trächslin

Metropolis Grand Jury Prize: *Hold Your Fire*, directed by Stefan Forbes and produced by Tia Wou, Fab Five Freddy and Amir Soltani

Metropolis Special Jury Mention: *Charm Circle*, directed by Nina Burstein and produced by Nina Burstein and Betsy Laikin

Shorts Grand Jury Prize: *NASIR*, directed by Nasir Bailey and Jackson Kroopf, produced by Jackson Kroopf. The 2021 winning short film qualifies for consideration in the Documentary Short Subject category of the Annual Academy Awards® without the standard theatrical run (provided the film otherwise complies with the Academy rules).

Shorts Special Jury Mention: *American Scar*, directed by Daniel Lombroso and produced by Melissa Fajardo, Stephania Taladrid and Daniel Lombroso

Short List: Features - Directing Award: *In The Same Breath*, directed by Nanfu Wang

Short List: Features - Producing Award: *Flee*, produced by Monica Hellström, Signe Byrge Sørensen, Charlotte De La Gournerie

Short List: Features - Editing Award: *Ascension*, edited by Jessica Kingdon

Short List: Features - Cinematography Award: *Faya Dayi*, cinematography by Jessica Beshir

Short List: Features - Special Jury Prize for Cultural Treasures: *Summer of Soul (... Or When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised)*, directed by Ahmir “Questlove” Thompson, produced by Joseph Patel, Robert Fyvolent, David Dinerstein

Short List: Shorts - Directing Award: *Don’t Go Tellin’ Your Momma*, directed Topaz Jones and rubberband

Short List: Shorts - Special Jury Mention: *The Queen of Basketball*, directed by Ben Proudfoot and produced by produced by Elizabeth Brooke, Abby Lynn Kang Davis, Gabriel Berk Godoi, Brandon Somerhalder, Sarah Stewart

Winners of the 2021 Grand Jury Prize in the U.S. Competition, International Competition, Kaleidoscope and Metropolis sections will receive a deliverables package provided by PostWorks.

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