



MEET THE PRESS PARTNERS WITH DOC NYC FOR SIXTH ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL ON TUESDAY, NOV. 15

ISSUE-BASED SHORT DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL SCREENS IN NYC FOR THE FIRST TIME IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 13^{TH} EDITION OF DOC NYC

FILMMAKER SUBMISSIONS OPEN NOW THROUGH JULY 1

June 22, 2022 — The *Meet the Press Film Festival*, now in its sixth year, will take place in New York City for the first time ever, screening Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at Cinépolis Chelsea with a new partnership with **DOC NYC**, the country's largest documentary film festival.

The *Meet the Press Film Festival with DOC NYC* will continue the festival's award-winning legacy as the preeminent showcase for issue-based short-documentary films.

The one-day-only showcase, presented as a standalone festival in conjunction with DOC NYC's 13th edition, will feature multiple concurrent screenings showcasing a carefully curated selection of critical stories highlighting the most consequential issues of the day. Thought-provoking, exclusive conversations with acclaimed filmmakers and industry professionals will follow each film, moderated by NBC News correspondents and anchors, including *Meet the Press* Moderator and NBC News Political Director **Chuck Todd**.

The partnership with DOC NYC furthers *Meet the Press'* investment in amplifying the best in short documentary film making. The festival will provide an expansive, one-of-a-kind platform for nonfiction filmmakers across the country to connect *Meet the Press* and NBCU News Group audiences with the film community beyond the one-day festival. This builds on NBC News Studios' existing relationship with DOC NYC, which will continue throughout 2022.

"Documentary film inspires and engages viewers in ways no other medium can. When we created this film festival, we wanted to create a space for these storytellers that did not exist at the time. Six years later, we are excited to bring the festival to the artistic capital of the world and work

with DOC NYC for the first time to shine a light on the voices and storytellers highlighting issues facing everyday Americans and communities across the globe," said **Chuck Todd**.

"DOC NYC is delighted to welcome Meet the Press Film Festival to DOC NYC and looking forward to further elevating short films through this collaboration," said DOC NYC Executive Director **Raphaela Neihausen**.

Over the last five years, the *Meet the Press Film Festival* has been the first home for nearly 100 short documentary films from nine countries. The festival has screened more than a dozen Oscar® and Emmy® nominees including "Lead Me Home," showcased at last year's film festival, and "Knife Skills," "Edith + Eddie" and "Heroin(e)" in 2018. "Learning to Skateboard in a Warzone (If You're A Girl)", featured at the film festival in 2019, won the 2020 Oscar for Best Documentary Short Subject at the 92nd-annual Academy Awards.

DOC NYC, America's largest documentary festival, takes place annually in November and was founded in 2010; the 13th edition will be held November 9-17, 2022. The 2021 festival presented more than 200 films and events, in person and online. 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.

Film submissions for the *Meet the Press Film Festival with DOC NYC* opened earlier this month and will remain open through **July 1** via FilmFreeway. All entrants to be notified via email of their status by **Sept. 30, 2022**. For terms and eligibility requirements, <u>please</u> visit <u>FilmFreeway</u> or email <u>submissions@docnyc.net</u>.

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