



# AMERICA'S LARGEST DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL

FOURTEENTH EDITION  
NOV. 8 - 26, 2023



**“IN JUST 13 YEARS DOC NYC HAS BECOME AMERICA’S  
MOST INFLUENTIAL DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL.”**

*VARIETY*

**SPANS DOWNTOWN  
MANHATTAN FROM  
IFC CENTER TO  
SVA THEATRE  
AND BEYOND.**

**300+**  
**FILMS & EVENTS**

**“HAILED AS  
AMBITIOUS”**

*The New York Times*

**“ONE OF THE CITY’S  
GRANDEST FILM  
EVENTS”**

*WALL STREET JOURNAL*



Artistic Director, **Jaie Laplante**

Before joining DOC NYC in early 2022, Jaie oversaw the Miami Film Festival for 12 years, including year-round programming for the historic Tower Theater.



Executive Director, **Raphaella Neihausen**

Raphaella is the founding ED of DOC NYC and hosts WNYC’s “Documentary of the Week.” She also launched the Montclair Film Festival, Split Screens TV festival and 51Fest.



Director of Industry & Education,  
**Malikkah Rollins**

Malikkah oversees DOC NYC PRO, bringing 15 years of experience in education and building collaborative film communities.



DOC NYC Shorts Programmer, **Samah Ali**

Samah programs for DOC NYC, Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival and Hot Docs and is also founder of Sisterhood Media.

## DOC NYC PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

DOC NYC is proud to have worked with more than 75 partners over its 14 years, including many of the most prominent companies in the documentary and media spaces. The majority of our partners have returned for multiple editions of the festival, with most coming back for more than five years running.



Adorama  
Agile Ticketing  
Apple  
Audible  
Bloomberg Philanthropies  
Blue Point Brewing  
BMG Films  
Brooklyn Roasting Co.  
Chicago Media Project  
Chicken & Egg Pictures  
CineSend  
Citibank  
City of New York Mayor's Office  
for Media & Entertainment  
CNN Films  
Consulate General of Canada in NY  
Cowan DeBaets Abrahams & Sheppard  
Cquence  
Discovery+

Docurama  
EJF Philanthropies  
ESPN  
Essentia Water  
Focus Features  
Fox Rothschild LLP  
Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz  
Goose Island  
Heineken  
History Films  
Illy  
Image Nation Abu Dhabi  
Impact Partners  
IndieWire  
International Documentary Assoc.  
JustFilms/Ford Foundation  
Kanopy  
Kickstarter  
Lexus

Mahou Beer  
MTV Documentary Films  
National Geographic Doc. Films  
NBCUniversal Archives  
NBC News Studios  
NEON  
The New Republic  
New Yorker Documentary  
Owl's Brew  
Participant Media  
Peru Ministry of Tourism & Culture  
Pond5  
Posteritati  
ProChile  
PTEX  
RADiUS  
Reavis Page Jump LLP  
Red Bull Film  
RYOT

The Screening Room  
Sony  
Stoli  
SundanceNow  
SVA  
Technicolor-Postworks NY  
Times Studios  
Topic Studios  
Topo Designs  
Tribeca Grand Hotel  
VH1 & Logo Documentary Films  
Vulcan Productions  
Warner Media  
Wheelhouse Creative  
WNYC  
World Channel  
Writers Guild of America, East  
The Yard  
ZICO

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VOTED AS ONE OF THE TOP 5 COOLEST DOCUMENTARY  
FILM FESTIVALS IN THE WORLD!

MovieMaker

## DOC NYC'S AUDIENCE REACH

**297K**  
VISITS DOCNYC.NET

**78K**  
REACHED BY EMAIL

**300+**  
FILM & EVENTS

**2M**  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
IMPRESSIONS

**300+**  
SPECIAL GUESTS

**112**  
PREMIERES

**120+**  
NAT'L & INT'L MEDIA  
OUTLETS PROVIDING  
PRESS COVERAGE

## SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT

**@IFCCENTER**

**70K** **36K** **41k**

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS:  
**43K**

**@DOCNYCFEST**

**49K** **18K** **20K**

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS:  
**35K**

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# DOC NYC's Short List has a strong track record of predicting Oscar® winners and nominees!

Navalny

2023 OSCAR® WINNER

The Elephant Whisperers

2023 OSCAR® WINNER

World Premiere, DOC NYC 2022



All five Oscar-nominated features and three  
of the five nominated short documentaries  
played at DOC NYC in 2022:

## DOCUMENTARY FEATURES:

All That Breathes    All the Beauty and the Bloodshed  
Fire of Love    A House Made of Splinters  
Navalny

## DOCUMENTARY SHORT SUBJECTS:

The Elephant Whisperers  
How Do You Measure a Year?  
The Martha Mitchell Effect

## OSCAR WINNERS AND NOMINEES FROM DOC NYC SHORT LIST

2021

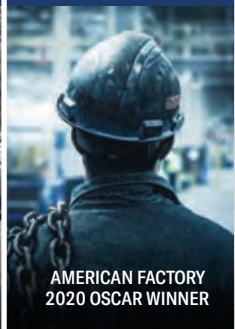
Collective  
Crip Camp  
The Mole Agent  
Time



CRIP CAMP

2020

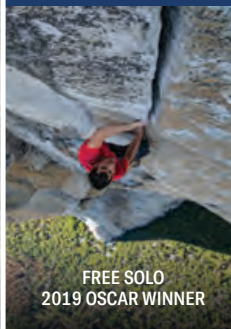
The Cave  
The Edge of Democracy  
For Sama  
Honeyland



AMERICAN FACTORY  
2020 OSCAR WINNER

2019

Hale County This  
Morning, This Evening  
Minding the Gap  
Of Fathers & Sons  
RBG



FREE SOLO  
2019 OSCAR WINNER

2018

Abacus:  
Small Enough To Jail  
Faces Places  
Strong Island



ICARUS  
2018 OSCAR WINNER

2017

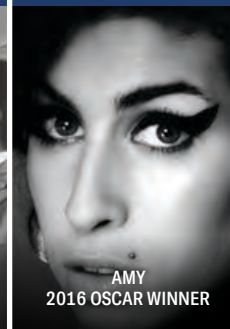
13th  
Fire at Sea  
I Am Not Your Negro  
Life, Animated



O.J.: MADE IN AMERICA  
2017 OSCAR WINNER

2016

Cartel Land  
The Look of Silence  
What Happened,  
Miss Simone?  
Winter on Fire: Ukraine's  
Fight for Freedom



AMY  
2016 OSCAR WINNER

2015

Finding Vivian Maier  
Last Days in Vietnam  
The Salt of the Earth



CITIZENFOUR  
2015 OSCAR WINNER

2014

The Act of Killing  
Dirty Wars  
The Square



20 FEET FROM STARDOM  
2014 OSCAR WINNER

2013

5 Broken Cameras  
How to Survive  
a Plague



SEARCHING FOR SUGAR MAN  
2013 OSCAR WINNER

# Get your brand in front of NY & international tastemakers

## BRANDING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

LOUNGES • PARTIES • HAPPY HOURS • BREAKFASTS • SPECIAL EVENTS • PRODUCT DEMOS • PANELS



Dionne Warwick



Andrea Mitchell



Idina Menzel



Harry Belafonte and Rosario Dawson



Dr. Ruth Westheimer



Werner Herzog



Hillary Clinton and Katie Couric



Christo



Mai Khoi and Julie Taymor



Jared Leto



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Anjelica Huston



Jim Carrey



Al Sharpton



Emma Watson and Thandiwe Newton



Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn



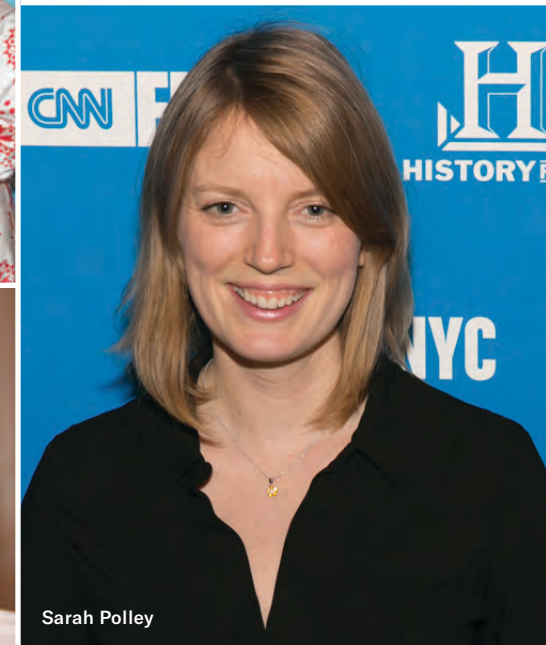
Eric Clapton



Big Bird



David Byrne



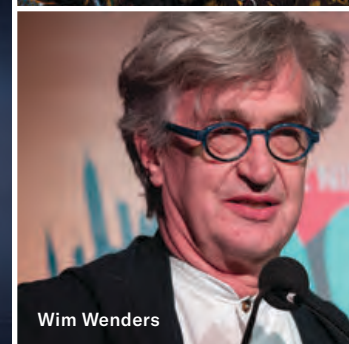
Sarah Polley





## VISIONARIES TRIBUTE

The annual Visionaries Tribute Luncheon honors the legends of documentary filmmaking. Each year's Tribute has been sold out, bringing together industry leaders, filmmakers, distributors, producers, and Academy members.



**“ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT GATHERINGS  
OF DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKERS IN HISTORY”**

**IndieWire**





# DOC NYC PRO Industry Conference

200+ industry leaders • 8 days of in-person events • Plus year-round online programming







## DOC NYC PRO Lounge

Host-sponsored breakfasts, happy hours,  
custom receptions & VIP gatherings







# INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLES

Industry Roundtables feature two days of networking sessions with filmmakers and industry professionals from 40+ companies including:  
Amazon Studios, Cinetic, Discovery, HBO Documentary Films, Netflix, RadicalMedia, Showtime Documentary Films, Submarine, and many others.





# DOC NYC HAS RECEIVED CRITICAL ACCLAIM FROM OVER 120 MEDIA OUTLETS

“DOC NYC  
is a highlight of  
the NYC culture  
calendar every year.”

**Forbes**

“The city’s  
premiere festival of  
nonfiction film.”

WALL STREET JOURNAL

“A kingmaker  
for documentaries.”

*The New York Times*

“This cinematic  
bonanza covers  
everything new and  
noteworthy in the  
world of documentary  
filmmaking.”

**THE HUFFPOST**

“An essential event  
on the cinephile’s  
calendar.”



“The most comprehensive  
celebration of the nonfiction  
form in the five boroughs or  
anywhere else for that matter.”

**amNEWYORK**

“DOC NYC has  
cemented itself as one  
of our favorite festivals  
of the cultural calendar.”



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DOC NYC is produced by IFC Center, a five screen state of the art cinema located in the heart of NYC's Greenwich Village. Top tier sponsors have access to extended year-round opportunities at IFC.

## AUDIENCES

- One of the country's perennial top-grossing theaters on a per-seat basis
- Diverse, educated, influential
- Weekly e-mail: **43k subscribers**
- Printed programs distributed throughout NYC: **40K / year**
- Passersby: **30k people / day**
- Attendance: **313k moviegoers / year**
- IFCCenter.com annual traffic: **4.2M unique visitors, 7M sessions, 24.9M page views**
- Twitter: **70k**; Instagram: **36k**; Facebook: **41k**

## EVENTS

- US theatrical premieres of major independent hits
- Festivals: Oscar®-Nominated Shorts, NY International Children's Film Festival, DOC NYC, Human Rights Watch Film Festival
- Midnight movies, classics and shorts
- Partnerships with The New York Times, Unifrance, SundanceNow, New York International Children's Film Festival, Field of Vision, Sundance Film Festival and others
- In-person appearances by filmmakers and stars like David Lynch, Spike Lee, Catherine Deneuve, Jane Fonda, Martin Scorsese, Kristen Stewart, Ethan Hawke, Michael Moore, Jeremy Irons, John Waters, Norman Lear, Michael Shannon, Christian Slater, Bernadette Peters, David Byrne and more.





# DOC NYC PARTNERS & FRIENDS

A wide range of industry and cultural leaders consistently attend the festival.



Raphaella Neihausen and the HBO Documentary Films team (Anna Klein, Sarah Eshaghian, Sara Rodriguez)



Adam Del Deo, Lisa Nishimura, Ted Sarandos (Netflix)



Chuck Todd (NBC's Meet the Press)



Molly Thompson (Apple), Filmmaker Chris Hegedus



Libby Geist (Words & Pictures) and Mira Chang (Show of Force)



Alex Gibney and Sheila Nevins (MTV Documentary Films)



Catherine Scheinman (Consulate General of Canada, Cultural Affairs) and Raphaella Neihausen



Tom Quinn (Neon), Arianna Bocco (IFC Films), Dan Cogan (Story Syndicate)



# DOC NYC PARTIES

OPENING NIGHT • FILMMAKER PARTY • AWARDS CEREMONY



# 40 UNDER 40

Now in its fifth year, DOC NYC's annual 40 Under 40 list honors forty documentary talents under the age of forty, spanning the disciplines of directing, producing, editing, and cinematography.



2019 class is pictured



# DOCUMENTARY NEW LEADERS

Now in its third year, DOC NYC's annual New Leaders program honors professionals in the American documentary industry whose work to date and potential for leadership brings greater inclusion and equity to the field.

Pictured below is the 2022 class of New Leaders.



**EMILY ABI-KHEIRS**

Manager of Filmmaker Services,  
Women Make Movies

Creating a more inclusive and equitable documentary field through intentional community building, offering filmmaker support and creative collaboration.



**ANN BENNETT**

Filmmaker, Multimedia Producer, Teaching Artist, Prana Productions

Supporting production teams to create thoroughly researched and designed projects that are accurate and affirming.



**KATE BUSTAMANTE**

Senior Manager, Original Documentaries, Hulu

Championing innovative, empathetic storytelling from new and needed voices in documentary.



**DESSANE LOPEZ CASSELL**

Editor, Writer and Curator, Seen Journal, Blackstar

Amplifying nuanced approaches to race, gender and decoloniality in non-fiction, experimental film and beyond.



**JENNIFER CRYSTAL CHIEN**

Director, Re-Present Media

Creating sustainable industry change towards greater equity by centering the voices and perspectives of underrepresented communities in advocacy, education and community empowerment strategies.



**AMIR GEORGE**

Director, Re-Present Media

Supporting filmmakers and building community through programming initiatives and creative collaboration.



**DARA MESSINGER**

Director of Programming and Engagement, DCTV

Cultivating greater access to a myriad of makers, stories and styles in documentary exhibition.



**MOLLY RAMEY MURPHY**

Executive Director, Partnerships and Innovation, Working Films

Leveraging the power of non-fiction film for social and environmental justice.



**JANNET NUÑEZ**

Senior Manager, Content & Development, ITVS

Empowering storytellers and their creative process to build critical pathways into the documentary industry.



**AMANDA UPSON**

Interim Director, FWD-Doc

Advocating for disabled filmmakers and creating new systems to increase opportunities, accessibility and improve representation of disability in the industry.



**BRIAN WALKER**

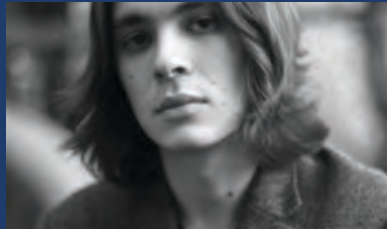
CEO, Picture Motion

Bridging content producers and decision makers with community stakeholders and tastemakers to drive everyday social change around real issues and for real people.



# DOC NYC X VC STORYTELLING INCUBATOR

Now in its second year, this mentorship program provides first-time feature documentary filmmakers from underrepresented perspectives with hands-on creative consultation and professional guidance from established industry voices.



MARTIN AWANO

*Life of the Mind*



MARTA EFFINGER-CRICHLOW

*Little Sallie Walker*



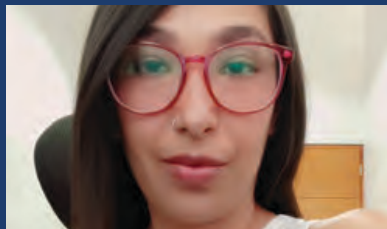
MOHAMMAD REZA

*Cutting Through Rocks*



SARA KHAKI

*Cutting Through Rocks*



KRYHZAL OLALDE DÁVILA

*Mined Land*



BERENICE FERNÁNDEZ MATEOS

*Mined Land*



AZZA HOURANI

*Swinging Fields (working title)*



SAREEN HAIRABEDIAN

*Swinging Fields (working title)*



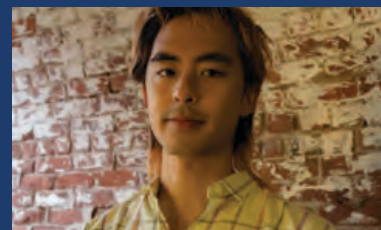
JENNIFER MAE HUANG

*The Long Rescue*



JETHRO PATALINGHUG

*The Long Rescue*



PATRICK LEE

*Untitled KQT Project*



ALEXANDRA ROCA

*Urge (working title)*

# ONE-OF-A-KIND MOMENTS

Every year the festival features memorable guests and inspired audiences.





# DOC NYC'S FESTIVAL STAFF

Pictured are some of the 200 people who make the festival run each year, many of whom have participated since year one.







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