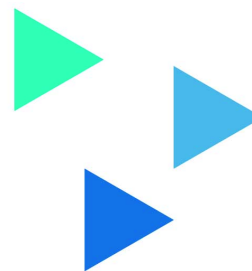




SPRING SHOWCASE



DOC NYC ANNOUNCES THE RETURN OF SPRING SHOWCASE, MAY 18-JUNE 16

**15 NONFICTION FILMS AND SERIES SCREENING ONLINE ACROSS THE US,
ALONG WITH TWO IN-PERSON SCREENINGS IN NYC**

**SCREENINGS FEATURE EXCLUSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH SUBJECTS AND
CREATORS BROOKE SHIELDS, LANA WILSON, MICHAEL J. FOX,
DAVIS GUGGENHEIM, RORY KENNEDY, CHRIS SMITH,
ELIZABETH CHAI VASARHELYI, JIMMY CHIN, PETER BERG, ONDI TIMONER,
YORUBA RICHEN, KYLE WESTPHAL, AND MANY MORE**

NEW YORK, May 10, 2023 – DOC NYC, America’s largest documentary festival, announced today that its popular Spring Showcase screening series will return for a third installment. 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 Thursday May 18 through Friday June 16 and is available throughout the US, with the addition of two in-person screenings at New York’s IFC Center of the films *Judy Blume Forever* (Wed. May 31 at 7pm) and *Wild Life* (Mon. June 12 at 7pm). Among the special guests featured in the 2023 edition of Spring Showcase are Brooke Shields, Lana Wilson, Michael J. Fox, Davis Guggenheim, Rory Kennedy, Chris Smith, Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi, Jimmy Chin, Peter Berg, Ondi Timoner, Yoruba Richen, Kyle Westphal, and more.

“DOC NYC is excited to bring back Spring Showcase for its third consecutive year,” said the festival’s Executive Director Raphaela Neihausen. “We’re always delighted to offer year-round opportunities for audiences to discover a diverse array of important nonfiction work - and in this case, free of charge.”

This year’s Spring Showcase lineup spans a wide variety of nonfiction formats and subjects, from multi-part series to vérité films, covering everything from biographies, to sports, nature, fashion, crime, and current events. A complete lineup is below.

Spring Showcase programming is co-presented by ABC News Studios, Apple TV+, Disney Original Documentary, Frontline, Hulu, MTV Documentary Films, National Geographic Documentary Films, Netflix, Prime Video, SHOWTIME® and Wavelength.

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-2023. RSVPs for online screenings 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 online slate with an advance RSVP at www.docnyc.net/spring-showcase-2023. RSVPs for each online event close one hour prior to the event start.

Boys in Blue

Episode 1: “Day by Day”

A searing four-part documentary series spotlighting North Community High School and its football team as the players come of age in the aftermath of the police killing of George Floyd. Running time: 45 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Peter Berg (Executive Producer / Director), Mandon Lovett (Producer), Charles Adams “Coach OA” (Head Football Coach, Minneapolis North), Ricky Plunkett “Coach Rick” (Assistant Football Coach, Minneapolis North) moderated by DOC NYC’s Brandon Harrison.

Co-presented by SHOWTIME®

Screening available Thursday, May 18 at 12:00pm ET - Friday, May 19 at 11:59pm ET

STILL: A Michael J. Fox Movie

A short kid from a Canadian army base becomes the international pop culture darling of the 1980s—only to find the course of his life altered by a stunning diagnosis. What happens when an incurable optimist confronts an incurable disease?

Followed by a Q&A with Michael J. Fox and Davis Guggenheim (Director / Producer) , moderated by DOC NYC’s Jaie Laplante.

Co-presented by Apple TV+

Screening available Saturday, May 20 at 12:00pm ET - Sunday, May 21 at 11:59pm ET

Wild Life

A sweeping portrait of conservationists Kris and Doug Tompkins chronicling their fight to preserve one of the last truly wild places on earth. Running time: 1 hour, 33 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi (Director / Producer) and Jimmy Chin (Director / Producer), moderated by DOC NYC’s Jaie Laplante.

Co-presented by National Geographic Documentary Films

Screening available Monday, May 22 at 12:00pm ET - Tuesday, May 23 at 11:59pm ET

****Wild Life* will also have an in-person screening taking place on Monday, June 12 at 7pm at IFC Center (323 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY) followed by a live conversation with Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi (Director / Producer) and Jimmy Chin (Director / Producer), moderated by DOC NYC's Ruth Somalo.

The Volcano: Rescue from Whakaari

A minute-by-minute account of tourists caught in a tragic volcanic eruption while sightseeing on an island off New Zealand in 2019. Running time: 1 hour, 38 minutes. Followed by a Q&A with Rory Kennedy (Director / Producer), Mark Bailey (Co-Writer / Producer) and Dallas Brennan Rexer (Co-Writer / Producer), moderated by DOC NYC's Jaie Laplante.

Co-presented by Netflix

Screening available Wednesday, May 24 at 12:00pm ET - Thursday, May 25 at 11:59pm ET

American Reckoning

American Reckoning investigates the unsolved 1967 murder of a NAACP leader in Mississippi, and reveals a little-known history of Black armed resistance during the civil rights movement. A Peabody Awards nominee. Running time 1 hour, 23 minutes. Followed by a Q&A with Yoruba Richen (Director), Brad Lichtenstein (Director), Denise Jackson Ford (Film Participant, Daughter of Wharlest Jackson, Sr.) and Cynthia Deitle (Former Chief, FBI Civil Rights Unit), moderated by DOC NYC's Ruth Somalo.

Co-presented by Frontline

Screening available Friday, May 26 at 12:00pm ET - Saturday, May 27 at 11:59pm ET

Let Me Be Me

A boy on the Autism spectrum who used fabric to hide himself grows up to become a fashion designer, forging connections with friends and family along the way. Running time: 1 hour, 15 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Dan Crane (Co-Director / Writer), Katie Taber (Co-Director), Kyle Westphal (Film Subject) and Jenifer Westphal (Film Subject / Producer), moderated by DOC NYC's Brandon Harrison.

Co-presented by Wavelength

Screening available Sunday, May 28 at 12:00pm ET - Monday, May 29 at 11:59pm ET

Murdaugh Murders: A Southern Scandal

Episode 2: "Murders at Moselle"

Shocking tragedies shatter a tight-knit South Carolina community and expose the horrifying secrets of its most powerful family. Running time: 49 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Julia Willoughby Nason (Director / Executive Producer) and Michael Gasparro (Showrunner / Executive Producer), moderated by DOC NYC's Ruth Somalo.

Co-presented by Netflix

Screening available Tuesday, May 30 at 12:00pm ET - Wednesday, May 31 at 11:59pm ET

Keep Sweet: Pray and Obey

Episode 1: "Part One"

An in-depth look into the secretive polygamous sect of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) and its unraveling into an oppressive criminal cult under Warren Jeffs' rule. Running time: 45 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Rachel Dretzin (Director) and Elissa Wall (Subject), moderated by DOC NYC's Brandon Harrison.

Co-presented by Netflix

Screening available Thursday, June 1 at 12:00pm ET - Friday, June 2 at 11:59pm ET

Stolen Youth: Inside The Cult At Sarah Lawrence

Episode 1: "The Arbiter of Truth"

Using first-hand interviews with victims, this series follows the story of the origins of Larry Ray's cult in 2010 on the Sarah Lawrence campus. Running time: 1 hour.

Followed by Q&A with Zach Heinzerling (Director / Executive Producer), moderated by DOC NYC's Ruth Somalo.

Co-presented by Hulu

Screening available Saturday, June 3 at 12:00pm ET - Sunday, June 4 at 11:59pm ET

"Sr."

Robert Downey Jr. pays tribute to his late father in this documentary chronicling the life and eclectic career of maverick filmmaker Robert Downey Sr. Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes. Followed by a Q&A with Chris Smith (Director / Cinematographer), moderated by DOC NYC's Jaie Laplante.

Co-presented by Netflix

Screening available Monday, June 5 at 12:00pm ET - Tuesday, June 6 at 11:59pm ET

Judy Blume Forever

Judy Blume Forever traces the journey of the beloved author from imaginative child to storytelling pioneer, to one of the country's most banned writers. Running time: 1 hour, 37 minutes. Followed by a Q&A with Davina Pardo (Co-Director / Producer), Leah Wolchok (Co-Director / Producer) and Sara Bernstein (Producer), moderated by DOC NYC's Bedatri Choudhury.

Co-presented by Prime Video

Screening available Wednesday, June 7 at 12:00pm ET - Thursday, June 8 at 11:59pm ET

****Judy Blume Forever* will also have an in-person screening taking place on Wednesday, May 31 at 7pm at IFC Center (323 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY) followed by the same Q&A that plays with the online screening.

Pamela, a love story

An intimate and humanizing portrait of one of the world's most famous blonde bombshells, Pamela Anderson, as she shares the story of her rise to fame, rocky romances and infamous sex tape scandal. Running time: 1 hour, 52 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Ryan White (Director / Producer), moderated by DOC NYC's Jaie Laplante.

Co-presented by Netflix

Screening available Friday, June 9 at 12:00pm ET - Saturday, June 10 at 11:59pm ET

Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields

Episode 1 and Episode 2

A look at actor, model and icon Brooke Shields as she transforms from a sexualized young girl to a woman discovering her power. Total running time: 2 hours, 18 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Brooke Shields (Actress / Documentary Subject) and Lana Wilson (Director), moderated by DOC NYC's Jaie Laplante.

Co-presented by ABC News Studios and Hulu

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

If These Walls Could Sing

If These Walls Could Sing, from Disney Original Documentary, gives exclusive access to the most famous and longest-running studio in the world, Abbey Road Studios.

Running time: 1 hour, 28 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Mary McCartney (Director), moderated by DOC NYC's Bedatri Choudhury.

Co-presented by Disney Original Documentary

Screening available Tuesday, June 13 at 12:00pm ET - Wednesday, June 14 at 11:59pm ET

Last Flight Home

On an ordinary street, we find Eli Timoner in his final days and discover an extraordinary life filled with wild achievements, tragic loss and enduring love. His daughter Ondi shares an account of a family courageously, and joyously, preparing for his departure.

Running time: 1 hour, 46 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Ondi Timoner (Director / Producer), moderated by DOC NYC's Samah Ali.

Co-presented by Paramount Plus and MTV Documentary Films

Screening available Thursday, June 15 at 12:00pm ET - Friday, June 16 at 11:59pm ET

About DOC NYC

DOC NYC, America's largest documentary festival, takes place annually in November; the 14th edition will be held November 8-26, 2023. 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-2023

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