



DOC NYC Announces Summer Edition of Screening Series, DOC NYC SELECTS, at IFC Center, Beginning July 11

Summer 2023 Season Features Sneak Previews of Six Noted New Documentaries, with Filmmakers in Person

NEW YORK, June 20, 2023 - **DOC NYC**, America's largest documentary film festival, today announced a new season of its in-person, ongoing screening series, **DOC NYC Selects**, as an extension of its annual fall event. The Summer 2023 edition of the series will feature six films over five consecutive weeks, July 11 - August 8, 2023, at New York's **IFC Center**, with filmmakers in person for all shows.

"After a very successful inaugural spring edition, DOC NYC Selects is back with a summer full of compelling new films both urgent and revelatory," said DOC NYC Artistic Director Jaie Laplante.

DOC NYC Selects offers audiences a variety of advance premieres of highly anticipated documentary features and series, many of them screening in New York City for the first time, and include on-stage post-screening conversations with creators and subjects. The Summer 2023 edition of DOC NYC Selects is co-presented by *Pure Nonfiction*, the documentary podcast hosted by DOC NYC's Director of Special Projects (and founding Artistic Director) Thom Powers. Each

screening will extend beyond the theater for discounted drinks at the West Village favorite [Oppa Bistro](#).

The summer series opens off on July 11 with ***Plan C*** from DOC NYC alumna filmmaker Tracy Droz Tragos. Following the overturning of Roe v. Wade on June 24, 2022, Tragos follows the already-crucial work of the grassroots organization Plan C, which provides knowledge of and access to abortion pills and has become that much more essential in the year since.

Closing the summer edition of Selects on August 8 will be the 2023 Sundance Grand Jury (World Documentary) Award-winning ***The Eternal Memory*** from Oscar-nominated Chilean filmmaker Maite Alberdi. The moving love story follows a Chilean couple in their autumn years as they face an Alzheimer's diagnosis, and the profound effect it has on their sense of individual and collective remembrance.

Other highlights of the series include Pete Nicks' ***Stephen Curry: Underrated***, the New York City premieres of Law Chen's Slamdance-premiering ***Starring Jerry As Himself***, Lina Lyte Piloplyte's SXSW-premiering ***Periodical***, and an encore screening of the DOC NYC 2022 US premiere, ***While We Watched***.

Ticket Information

DOC NYC Selects: Summer 2023 events are on sale now at www.docnyc.net and www.ifccenter.com. Single screening tickets are \$17- (\$14 for seniors and \$12 for IFC Center members) each. A **[Series Season Pass](#)**, good for all six Summer 2023 screenings in the DOC NYC Selects series, is available at \$80 (\$55 for IFC Center members). For questions about accessibility at the screening, please email accessibility@docnyc.net.

DOC NYC Selects: Summer 2023 - Program Details and Schedule

Tuesday, July 11, 7pm

Series Opening Night

PLAN C

Director and Producer: Tracy Droz Tragos

Following the overturning of Roe v. Wade on June 24, 2022, red state legislatures across the U.S. have rushed to severely restrict access for women and their right to choose. The already-crucial work of the grassroots organization Plan C, which provides knowledge of and access to abortion pills, has become that much more essential in the year since. Award-winning filmmaker Tracy Droz Tragos (*Rich Hill*, DOC NYC 2014) takes us deep inside this determined network, revealing the inner workings of the network's pipeline, the criticisms they face, and the hope they provide for American women.

The screening will be followed by an on-stage conversation with filmmaker Tracy Droz Tragos.

Wednesday, July 19, 7pm

STEPHEN CURRY: UNDERRATED (NYC Premiere)

Director: Peter Nicks

Producers: Peter Nicks, Ryan Coogler, Sean Havey, Erick Peyton, Marissa Torres Ericson, Ben Cotner

DOC NYC's Visionaries Drew Award for Documentary Excellence winner for 2021, Peter Nicks expands his perceptive view on the Bay area to one of its most famous residents: the basketball superstar Stephen Curry. Nicks discovers that Curry's story is a remarkable and wholly unexpected trajectory from a kid with the "wrong" dimensions to a surprising flowering at a Division I college to four-time NBA champion with the Golden State Warriors – and with much unfinished business, even as Curry works to anchor a modern sports dynasty. (Apple Original Films)

The screening will be followed by an on-stage conversation with filmmaker Peter Nicks.

Thursday, July 20, 7pm

WHILE WE WATCHED

Director: Vinay Shukla

Producers: Vinay Shukla, Khusboo Ranka, Luke Moody

Ravish Kumar is an award-winning journalist hosting one of India's leading prime-time news shows. His courage and objectivity have remained unswayed by government changes. As we witness the financial, organizational and emotional risks journalists navigate, the challenges Kumar faces resonate far beyond India.

The screening will be followed by an on-stage conversation with director Vinay Shukla and the protagonist Ravish Kumar.

Tuesday, July 25, 7pm

STARRING JERRY AS HIMSELF (NYC Premiere)

Director: Law Chen

Producers: Law Chen, Jon Hsu

Jerry Hsu, a retired, divorced Taiwanese immigrant living an unassuming life in central Florida, shocks his family when he tells them that he is working as a spy for the Chinese police in an international money laundering scheme and is in danger of being arrested. Jerry's three, far-flung adult sons jump into action and begin documenting his ordeal – only to discover that not everything is as it seems (it's even weirder). Filmmaker Law Chen delivers a genre-busting suspense story that “could just as easily drive conversations about elderly abuse and the immigrant experience, with its escapist framework as a necessary Trojan Horse” (*Indiewire*).

The screening will be followed by an on-stage conversation with filmmaker Law Chen and producer Jon Hsu.

Tuesday, August 1, 7pm

PERIODICAL (NYC Premiere)

Director: Lina Lyte Plioplyte

Producer: Pegah Farrahmand

Periodical tells the unexpected story of the human body by exploring the marvel and mystery of the menstrual cycle, from first period to last. But this is not your middle school sex-ed class. Bringing you stories from soccer champions to scientists, from celebrities like Gloria Steinem and Naomi Watts to young activists, Lina Lyte Plioplyte's innovative mixed media storytelling uncovers shocking truths, challenges taboos, and celebrates the end of centuries of societal-enforced stigma. (MSNBC Films)

The screening will be followed by an on-stage conversation with filmmaker Lina Lyte Plioplyte.

Tuesday, August 8, 7pm

THE ETERNAL MEMORY (NYC Premiere)

Director: Maite Alberdi

Producers: Maite Alberdi, Juan de Dios Larraín, Pablo Larraín, Rocío Jadue
In their youth, Augusto and Paulina had vibrant cultural vocations – he as a television social commentator and reporter who called for his nation to never forget its traumatic political legacy, she as an acclaimed actress and later Minister of Culture for Chile. Now in their autumn years, they contend with Augusto’s Alzheimer’s diagnosis and Paulina’s fears of impending loss. Oscar-nominated filmmaker Maite Alberdi (*The Mole Agent*, 2021) brings her wise and compassionate eye to the couple’s challenges, revealing their profoundly moving love and their commitment to individual and collective remembrance in the face of life’s tempests. (MTV Documentary Films)

The screening will be followed by an on-stage conversation with filmmaker Maite Alberdi.

Note: Guest participation subject to change.

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About DOC NYC:

DOC NYC, New York’s documentary festival, takes place annually in November; the 14th edition will be held November 8-26, 2023. The 2022 festival showcased over 250 films and events with more than 1,000 filmmakers and special guests in person. In addition to premiering feature-length and short documentaries, the festival’s highlights also include DOC NYC PRO—a series of in-depth panels and case studies that also take place throughout the year—and the Visionaries Tribute awards ceremony that honors major figures in the field of nonfiction film. DOC NYC’s filmmaker and industry programs include the Storytelling Incubator, Documentary New Leaders, 40 Under 40, and Industry Roundtables for works-in-progress. DOC NYC is produced and presented by IFC Center, a division of AMC Networks.