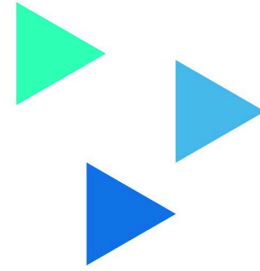




SPRING SHOWCASE



**DOC NYC ANNOUNCES THE RETURN OF SPRING SHOWCASE
FROM MAY 16 THROUGH JUNE 10**

**SHOWCASE TO FEATURE ONLINE SCREENINGS OF 12 NONFICTION FILMS AND
SERIES AND TWO IN-PERSON SCREENINGS IN NYC**

**SCREENINGS OF DOCS ABOUT “WE ARE THE WORLD,” TYLER PERRY, STEVE
MARTIN, JIM HENSON, BON JOVI, DAVID BECKHAM, AND MORE,
FEATURING EXCLUSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH CREATORS GELILA BEKELE,
VANESSA BERLOWITZ, CHRISTOPHER BURKE, GOTHAM CHOPRA, HUW
CORDEY, MATTHEW HAMACHEK, RON HOWARD, AMANDA MCBAIN, JESSE
MOSS, MORGAN NEVILLE, BAO NGUYEN, ARMANI ORTIZ, FISHER STEVENS,
AND OTHERS**

NEW YORK, May 8, 2024 – DOC NYC, America’s largest documentary festival, announced today that its popular Spring Showcase screening series will return for a fourth installment. The four-week online Showcase will offer audiences an opportunity to catch some of the year’s most talked-about nonfiction films and episodic series, paired with exclusive conversations featuring the creative teams behind them, moderated by DOC NYC programmers. The free online event runs from Thursday, May 16 through Monday, June 10 and is available throughout the US, with the addition of two in-person screenings at New York’s IFC Center of the films *Maxine’s Baby: The Tyler Perry Story* (Monday, May 20 at 7pm) and *Girls State* (Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30pm).

“DOC NYC is excited to bring back Spring Showcase for its fourth consecutive year,” said the festival’s Executive Director Raphaela Neihausen. “It’s a delight to offer audiences across the United States a free opportunity to discover a diverse array of important nonfiction work.”

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 music, nature, sports, health, and current events. A complete lineup is below.

Spring Showcase programming is co-presented by Apple TV+, Disney+ and Disney Branded Television, Hulu, National Geographic, Netflix, and Prime Video.

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-2024. 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-2024. RSVPs for each online event close one hour prior to the event start.

Girls State

What would American democracy look like in the hands of teenage girls? A political coming-of-age story and a stirring reimagination of what it means to govern, *Girls State* follows young female leaders — from wildly different backgrounds across Missouri — as they navigate an immersive experiment to build a government from the ground up.

Running time: 1 hour, 38 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Amanda McBaine (Director / Producer), Jesse Moss (Director / Producer) and Emily Worthmore (Subject), moderated by DOC NYC's Samah Ali.

Co-presented by Apple TV+

Screening available Thursday, May 16 at 12:00pm ET - Friday, May 17 at 11:59pm ET

****Girls State* will also have an in-person screening on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30pm at IFC Center (323 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY) followed by a live conversation with Jesse Moss, moderated by DOC NYC's Samah Ali.

STEVE! (martin) a documentary in 2 Pieces

Part One: "Then"

STEVE! (martin) a documentary in 2 pieces dives into his extraordinary story from two distinct points of view. Running time: 1 hour, 34 minutes.

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

Co-presented by AppleTV+

Screening available Saturday, May 18 at 12:00pm ET - Sunday, May 19 at 11:59pm ET

For Love & Life: No Ordinary Campaign

This is a documentary unfolding in real time as one couple fights against a broken system for their own future while seeking to build a brighter one for countless others.

Running time: 1 hour, 42 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Christopher Burke (Director / Producer) and Tim Rummel (Producer), moderated by DOC NYC's Ruth Somalo.

Co-presented by Prime Video

Screening available Monday, May 20 at 12:00pm ET - Tuesday, May 21 at 11:59pm ET

Our Planet II

Episode 1: “World On The Move”

Our Planet II unravels the mysteries of how and why animals migrate to reveal some of the most compelling stories in the natural world. Running time: 50 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Huw Cordey (Series Producer), moderated by DOC NYC’s Ruth Somalo.

Co-presented by Netflix

Screening available Wednesday, May 22 at 12:00pm ET - Thursday, May 23 at 11:59pm ET

Maxine’s Baby: The Tyler Perry Story

Maxine’s Baby: The Tyler Perry Story, a nod to his mother’s love, is an intimate portrait of visionary Tyler Perry and his harrowing but faithful road to the top of an industry that didn’t always include him. Running time: 1 hour, 55 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Gelila Bekele (Writer / Director / Producer) and Armani Ortiz (Director / Producer), moderated by DOC NYC’s Brandon Harrison.

Co-presented by Prime Video

Screening available Friday, May 24 at 12:00pm ET - Saturday, May 25 at 11:59pm ET

****Maxine’s Baby: The Tyler Perry Story* will also have an in-person screening taking place on Monday, May 20 at 7pm at IFC Center (323 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY) followed by a live conversation with Gelila Bekele and Armani Ortiz, moderated by DOC NYC’s Brandon Harrison.

Secrets of the Octopus

Episode 1: “Shapeshifters”

The octopus is like an alien on Earth, but they have one superpower we are only beginning to appreciate fully. Running time: 38 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Alex Schnell (Lead Storyteller / Producer / National Geographic Explorer) and Adam Gieger (Executive Producer), moderated by DOC NYC’s Ruth Somalo.

Co-presented by National Geographic

Screening available Tuesday, May 28 at 12:00pm ET - Wednesday, May 29 at 11:59pm ET

Beckham

Episode 2: “Seeing Red”

Beckham, a four-part documentary series, tells the unseen, unheard and unfiltered story of one of the most recognizable and scrutinized athletes of all time. Running time: 1 hour, 6 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Fisher Stevens (Director), moderated by DOC NYC’s Brandon Harrison.

Co-presented by Netflix

Screening available Thursday, May 30 at 12:00pm ET - Friday, May 31 at 11:59pm ET

Thank You, Goodnight: The Bon Jovi Story

Episode 2: “Nowhere to Everywhere”

Thank you, Goodnight: The Bon Jovi Story is a four-part, all access series chronicling the epic past and uncertain future of the iconic band Bon Jovi. A 40-year odyssey of rock ‘n roll idolatry on the precipice as a vocal injury threatens to bring everything to a halt. Running time: 1 hour, 33 minutes

Followed by Q&A with Gotham Chopra (Director / Executive Producer), moderated by DOC NYC’s Ruth Somalo.

Co-presented by Hulu

Screening available Saturday, June 1 at 12:00pm ET - Sunday, June 2 at 11:59pm ET

Queens

Episode 2: “Rainforest Queens”

In the Congo forest, a young bonobo must leave behind everything she knows to find her place in a world where friendship means survival. Running time: 48 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Vanessa Berlowitz (Executive Producer), Justine Evans (Director of Photography) and Tania Escobar (Cinematographer), moderated by DOC NYC’s Ruth Somalo.

Co-presented by National Geographic

Screening available Monday, June 3 at 12:00pm ET - Tuesday, June 4 at 11:59pm ET

The Greatest Night in Pop

In 1985, 46 music icons, including Lionel Richie, Michael Jackson, Bruce Springsteen, Cyndi Lauper, Diana Ross, and Stevie Wonder, came together for the most star-studded recording session in history. This is the untold story of the legendary global pop song “We Are the World” — which very nearly didn’t happen. Running time: 1 hour, 36 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Bao Nguyen (Director), moderated by DOC NYC’s Samah Ali.

Co-presented by Netflix

Screening available Wednesday, June 5 at 12:00pm ET - Thursday, June 6 at 11:59pm ET

Jim Henson Idea Man

Directed by Ron Howard, *Jim Henson Idea Man* is a fascinating look at a man whose boundless imagination inspired the world. Running time: 1 hour, 48 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Ron Howard (Director / Producer), Sara Bernstein (Producer), Margaret Bodde (Producer) and Justin Wilkes (Producer), moderated by DOC NYC’s Jaie Laplante.

Co-presented by *Disney+ and Disney Branded Television*

Screening available Friday, June 7 at 12:00pm ET - Saturday, June 8 at 11:59pm ET

The Dynasty: New England Patriots
Episode 104: “Spygate”

Go inside the franchise’s 20-year journey, from the unique chemistry that fueled six Super Bowl wins to the internal strife that sparked a turf war. Tom Brady, Bill Belichick, Robert Kraft and key players reveal the road to — and cost of — greatness. Total running time: 49 minutes.

Followed by a Q&A with Matthew Hamachek (Director / Executive Producer), moderated by DOC NYC’s Brandon Harrison.

Co-presented by AppleTV+

Screening available Sunday, June 9 at 12:00pm ET - Monday, June 10 at 11:59pm ET

About DOC NYC

DOC NYC, New York’s documentary festival, takes place annually in November; the 15th edition will be held November 13-December 1, 2024. The 2023 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 Documentary New Leaders, 40 Under 40, and Pitch Day for works-in-progress. 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-2024

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