



DOC NYC Announces Next Edition of Hugely Successful Screening Series, DOC NYC SELECTS, at IFC Center, Beginning June 27

Summer 2024 Season Features Sneak Previews of Four Noted New Documentaries, Including Sundance and TIFF Hits, with Filmmakers in Person, through July 16

NEW YORK, June 4, 2024 - **DOC NYC**, America's largest documentary film festival, today announced the next edition of its ongoing in-person screening series, **DOC NYC Selects**, an extension of its annual fall event. mo

"The Summer edition of DOC NYC Selects offers New York City audiences adventure, emotion and engagement with key issues of our time in four extraordinary new features," said DOC NYC Artistic Director Jaie Laplante.

The series kicks off on Thursday, June 27 with the New York City premiere of *Admissions Granted* from filmmakers Hao Wu and Miao Wang. This specially-selected date has a timely resonance: it is exactly one year to the day that a landmark US Supreme Court ruling dismantled key aspects of affirmative action in higher education. Wu and Wang's film dives deep into the complexity of the affirmative action debate and the widening divisions in America on matters of race, equity, and inclusion.

Other highlights of the series include the New York City premieres of Oscar-nominated director Lucy Walker's *Mountain Queen: The Summits of Lhakpa Sherpa*, the fascinating story of the first Nepali women to summit and descend Mount Everest, and Oscar-winning director Ross Kauffman's *Wild Wild Space*, which takes us not to a galaxy far away but much closer to the next terrain of valuable and currently unregulated real estate: Low Earth Orbit.

DOC NYC's 2024 Selects program will close with the first New York City screening of one of the year's documentary epics, *Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story*, directed by Ian Bonhôte and Peter Ettedgui. A major hit at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival, the film looks at the legacy of the late *Superman* actor Christopher Reeve and the ongoing work of his three children, Matthew, Alexandra and Will.

Ticket Information

DOC NYC Selects: Summer 2024 events are on sale now at www.docnyc.net and www.ifccenter.com. Single screening tickets are \$18 (\$15 for seniors and \$12 for IFC Center members) each. A Series Season Pass, good for all four Summer 2024 screenings in the DOC NYC Selects series, is available for \$55 (\$35 for IFC Center members). For questions about accessibility at the screening, please email accessibility@docnyc.net.

DOC NYC Selects: Summer 2024 - Program Details and Schedule

Thursday, June 27, 7pm

Summer Edition Opening Night

ADMISSIONS GRANTED

Directors: Hao Wu, Miao Wang

Producers: Hao Wu, Miao Wang

NYC PREMIERE Screening exactly a year to the day that a landmark US Supreme Court ruling dismantled key aspects of affirmative action in higher education, filmmakers Hao Wu and Miao Wang examine the factors that led to the high-stakes lawsuit filed by Asian American plaintiffs against Harvard University, and the wide-ranging fallout from the decision. (MSNBC Films) *The screening*

will be followed by an on-stage conversation with filmmakers Hao Wu and Miao Wang and executive producer Amanda Spain.

Tuesday, July 2, 7pm

MOUNTAIN QUEEN: THE SUMMITS OF LHAKPA SHERPA

Director: Lucy Walker

Producers: Charlie Corwin, Michael D. Ratner, Miranda Sherman, Dalia Burde, Christopher Newman

NYC PREMIERE Lhakpa Sherpa is the first Nepali woman to summit and descend Mount Everest – but how she navigated her life as a single mother and immigrant is an even more heroic tale. Oscar-nominated filmmaker Lucy Walker illuminates the inspiring world of a remarkable woman who continues to venture forth from her new life in Connecticut (where she works as a dishwasher at Whole Foods) to actively scale the Earth’s greatest peaks. (Netflix) *The screening will be followed by an on-stage conversation with filmmaker Lucy Walker.*

Tuesday, July 9, 7pm

WILD WILD SPACE

Director: Ross Kauffman

Producers: Jaye Callahan, Ashlee Vance, Adam McKay, Todd Schulman, Justin Falvey, Darryl Frank, Christopher Collins, Lydia Tenaglia, Craig H. Shepherd, Nancy Abraham, Lisa Heller, Tina Nguyen, John Khoury, Maiken Baird, Rachel Crane

NYC PREMIERE Humanity's next great frontier lies just above our heads in the further reaches of our planet’s atmosphere. It’s a fast-paced and high-stakes race in which rockets and satellites are taking over Low Earth orbit to gain control over our planet. Oscar-winning filmmaker Ross Kauffman follows the rollercoaster journey – exhilarating triumphs to gut-wrenching setbacks – of tech startups vying for a piece of this uncharted territory. Beneath the shiny veneer of progress is the dark side of capitalism’s insatiable appetite for profit. (HBO Documentary Films) *The screening will be followed by an on-stage conversation with filmmaker Ross Kauffman.*

Tuesday, July 16, 7pm

SUPER/MAN: THE CHRISTOPHER REEVE STORY

Directors: Ian Bonhôte, Peter Ettedgui

Producers: Lizzie Gillett, Robert Ford, Ian Bonhôte

Filmmakers Ian Bonhôte and Peter Ettedgui (*McQueen*) soar to new heights with their emotional and deeply moving account of the story of the late Christopher Reeve, who became an iconic movie star as the Man of Steel in the blockbuster Superman films of the late 1970s and 80s – until a near-fatal polo accident left him paralyzed from the neck down. This epic documentary details Reeve’s pivot to determined activism for spinal cord injury cures and disability rights and care, a journey that his three children, Matthew, Alexandra and Will, would eventually continue after his untimely death. (Warner Bros. Discovery) ***The screening will be followed by an on-stage conversation with Will Reeve and executive producers Connor Schell and Libby Geist.***

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 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.