



NEW YORK'S DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL



NOV 12-30, 2025
SIXTEENTH EDITION

“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.

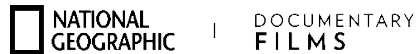


Director of Industry & Education,
Malikkah Rollins

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

DOC NYC Partners and Sponsors

DOC NYC is proud to have worked with more than 75 partners over its 16 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
AJH Films
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
DCTV
Discovery+

Docurama
EJF Philanthropies
ESPN
Essentia Water
Focus Features
Fox Rothschild LLP
Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz
Gigantic Studios
Goose Island
Heineken
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IndieWire
International Documentary Assoc.
JustFilms/Ford Foundation
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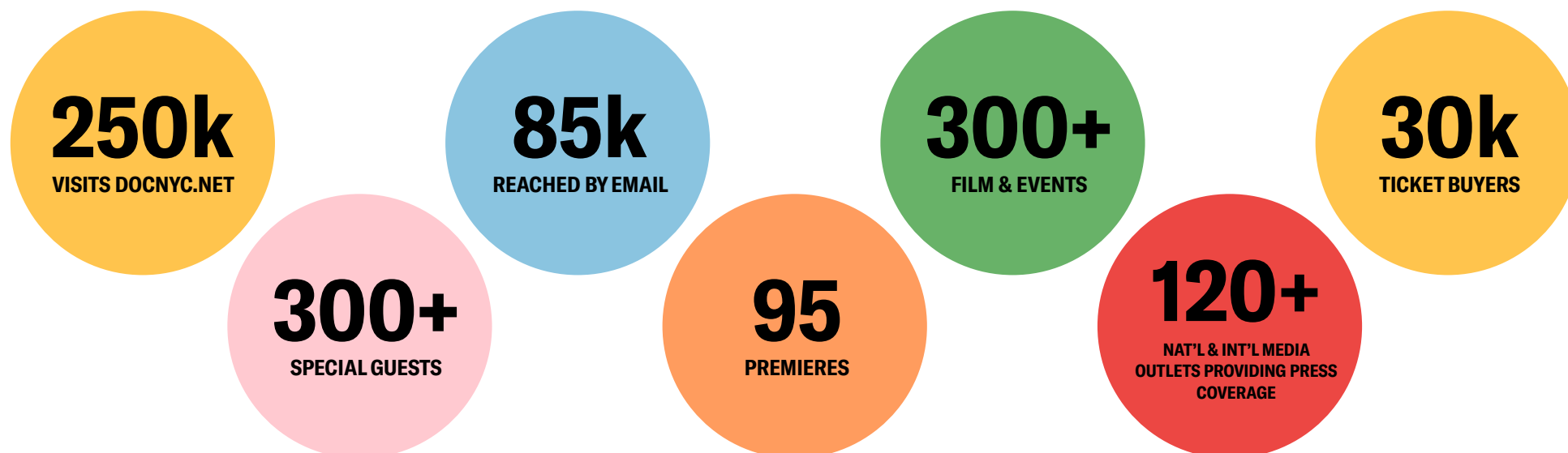
MTV Documentary Films
National Geographic Doc. Films
NBCUniversal Archives
NBC News Studios
NEON
The New Republic
New Yorker Documentary
Owl's Brew
Participant Media
Peru Ministry of Tourism & Culture
Pond5
Portrait Creative Network
Posteritati
Prestige Awards
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PTEX Group
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Red Bull Film
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The Screening Room
Sony
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Subject Matter
SundanceNow
SVA
Technicolor-Postworks NY
Telefilm Canada
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

Voted as one of the top 5 coolest documentary film festivals in the world!

MovieMaker

DOC NYC'S AUDIENCE REACH



SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT

@IFCCENTER
🐦 72K 📷 64K 📺 43k
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS:
47K

@DOCNYCFEST
🐦 54K 📷 30K 📺 21K
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS:
38K

For the first time in DOC NYC history, ALL nominations in 2025's Best Documentary Feature AND Best Documentary Short Oscar categories have gone to DOC NYC Official Selections!

Additionally, in the Academy's initial "Short Lists," 14 of the 15 feature films and 11 of the 15 short films were DOC NYC selections.

Nominated Features:



"Black Box Diaries"



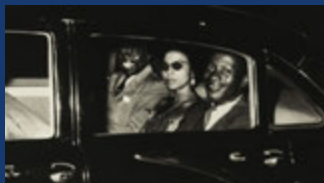
"No Other Land"



"Porcelain War"



"Sugarcane"



"Soundtrack to a
Coup d'Etat"

Nominated Shorts:



"Death by Numbers"



"I Am Ready, Warden"



"Incident"



"Instruments of a
Beating Heart"



"The Only Girl
in the Orchestra"
(2023 world premiere, 2024 shortlist)

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

2023 Documentary Short Oscar® Winner
The Elephant Whisperers had its World Premiere at DOC NYC!



20 Days in Mariupol
2024 OSCAR® WINNER, Documentary Features



The Last Repair Shop
2024 OSCAR® WINNER, Documentary Short Subject

OSCAR® WINNERS AND NOMINEES FROM DOC NYC SHORT LIST & OFFICIAL SELECTION

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
20 Days in Mariupol	All That Breathes	Collective	The Cave	Hale County	Abacus:	13th	Cartel Land	Finding Vivian Maier	The Act of Killing	5 Broken Cameras
Bobi Wine: The People's President	All the Beauty and the Bloodshed	Crip Camp	The Edge of Democracy	This Morning, This Evening	Small Enough To Jail	Fire at Sea	The Look of Silence	Last Days in Vietnam	Dirty Wars	How to Survive a Plague
The Eternal Memory	Fire of Love	The Mole Agent	For Sama	Minding the Gap	Faces Places	I Am Not Your Negro	What Happened, Miss Simone?	The Salt of the Earth	The Square	
Four Daughters	A House Made of Splinters	Time	Honeyland	Of Fathers & Sons	Strong Island	Life, Animated	Winter on Fire: Ukraine's Fight for Freedom			
										
20 Days in Mariupol 2024 OSCAR WINNER	Navalny 2023 OSCAR WINNER	CRIP CAMP	American Factory 2021 OSCAR WINNER	Free Solo 2020 OSCAR WINNER	Icarus 2019 OSCAR WINNER	O.J.: Made in America 2018 OSCAR WINNER	Amy 2017 OSCAR WINNER	CITIZENFOUR 2016 OSCAR WINNER	20 FEET FROM STARDOM 2015 OSCAR WINNER	SEARCHING FOR SUGAR MAN 2014 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



Neil deGrasse Tyson



Idina Menzel



Harry Belafonte and Rosario Dawson



Liev Schreiber



Werner Herzog



Hillary Clinton and Katie Couric



Dr. Ruth Westheimer



Mai Khoi and Julie Taymor



Natasha Lyonne and Ronan Farrow

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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.



Julia Reichert and Steven Bognar



Gotham Hall



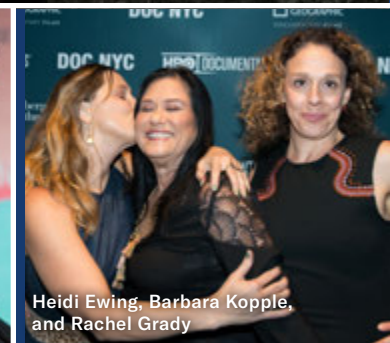
Selma Blair and Questlove



Nanfu Wang and Waad al-Kateab



Wim Wenders



Heidi Ewing, Barbara Kopple,
and Rachel Grady

“One of the most significant gatherings of documentary filmmakers in history”

IndieWire



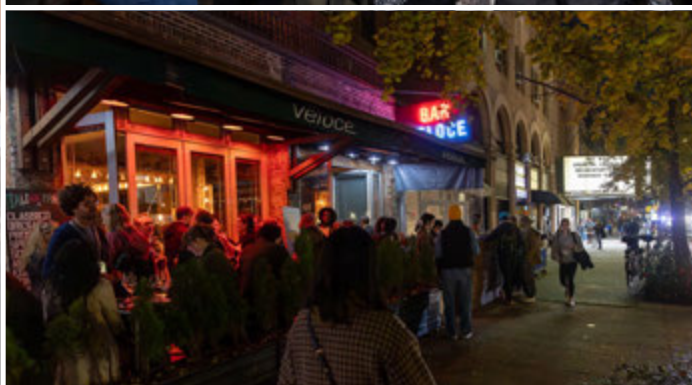
DOC NYC PRO Industry Conference

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



Festival Lounge

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



Free screenings for NYC Public School students

Pictured below is 2024 screening of *MOSES - 13 STEPS* with Olympic champion Edwin Moses and astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson



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.”

**Time Out
New York**

“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.”

flavorpill



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
- 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, James Franco, 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)



Marsha Cook, ESPN Films



Molly Thompson (Apple), Filmmaker Chris Hegedus



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



Alex Gibney and Sheila Nevins



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



Dan Cogan, Story Syndicate

DOC NYC Parties

Opening Night • Filmmaker Party • Awards Ceremony





40 UNDER 40

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





DOCUMENTARY NEW LEADERS

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 (2024 class below).



Keri Brown
Director, Content & Initiatives
ITVS



Hansen Bursic
Filmmaker, Journalist & Programmer
Festival Director, Backyard Docs Film Festival



Amber Morning Star Byars
Producer
Good Trade Productions



Cindy Choung
Co-Director
Asian American Documentary Network (A-Doc)



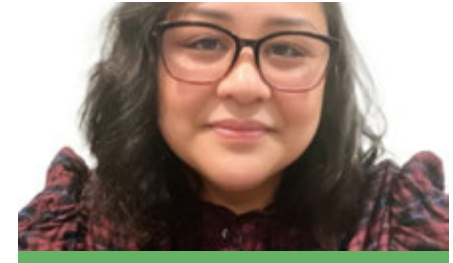
Nivedita Das
Co-Executive Director
Brown Girls Doc Mafia



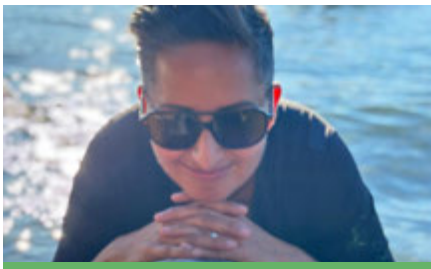
Elena Fortes
Producer



Stephanie Jenkins
Co-Director
Archival Producers Alliance



Cecilia Mejia
Vice President of External Affairs
American Documentary



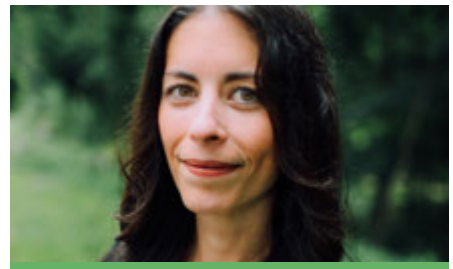
Lucy Mukerjee
Documentary Lab Director
Firelight Media



Juliette Richey
Chief Operating Officer
Picture Motion Campaigns, LLC



Elaisha Stokes
Senior Program Manager
Chicken and Egg Films



Florencia Varela
Program Lead, Learning & Filmmaker Outreach
Peace is Loud

One-of-a-Kind Moments

Each 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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INQUIRIES:**

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