



NEW YORK'S DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL



NOV 11-29, 2026

SEVENTEENTH 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,
Raphaela Neihausen**

Raphaela 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 100 partners over its 17 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
Andscape
Apple
Art21
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
DCTV
Discovery+

EJF Philanthropies
Everyday Dose
ESPN
Essentia Water
Focus Features
Fox Rothschild LLP
Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz
FujiFilm
Gigantic Studios
Goose Island
Heineken
History Films
Illy
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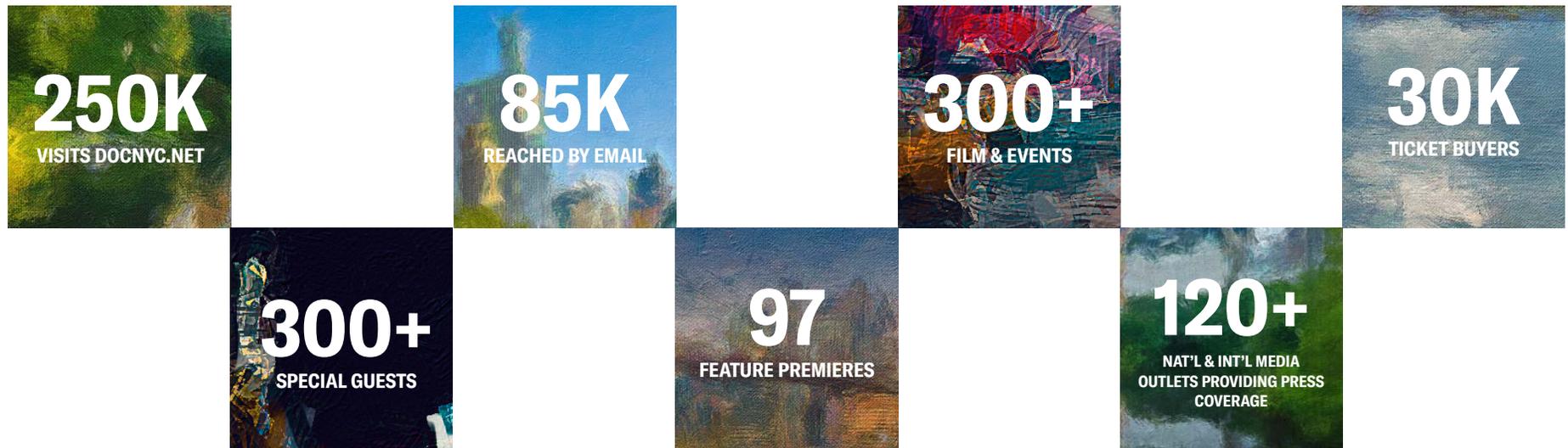
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NBC News Studios
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Tribeca Grand Hotel
VH1 & Logo Documentary Films
Warner Media
Wheelhouse Creative
WNYC
World Channel
Writers Guild of America, East
The Yard
ZICO

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



DOC NYC'S AUDIENCE REACH



SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT

@IFCCENTER
🐦 71K 📷 80K 📘 50k
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS:
47K

@DOCNYCFEST
🐦 53K 📷 37K 📘 21K
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS:
38K

In 2026, four of the five Best Documentary Feature and Best Documentary Short nominees were DOC NYC Official Selections!

Nominated Features:



Come See Me in the Good Light



Cutting Through Rocks



Mr. Nobody Against Putin



The Perfect Neighbor

Nominated Shorts:



All the Empty Rooms



Armed Only with a Camera: The Life and Death of Brent Renaud



Children No More:
Were and Are Gone
(World Premiere, DOC NYC 2025)



The Devil Is Busy

Additionally, in the Academy's initial "Short Lists," 11 of the 15 feature films and 10 of the 15 short films were DOC NYC selections.

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



No Other Land

2025 OSCAR® WINNER, Documentary Feature



The Only Girl in the Orchestra

2025 OSCAR® WINNER, Documentary Short Subject
2024 DOC NYC world premiere, 2024 DOC NYC Short List

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



2013

Searching for Sugar Man (Winner)
5 Broken Cameras, How to Survive a Plague



2014

20 Feet from Stardom (2015 Oscar Winner)
The Act of Killing, Dirty Wars, The Square



2015

Citizenfour (2016 Oscar Winner)
Finding Vivian Maier, Last Days in Vietnam,
The Salt of the Earth



2016

Amy (2017 Oscar Winner)
Cartel Land, The Look of Silence,
What Happened, Miss Simone?,
Winter on Fire: Ukraine's Fight for Freedom



2017

O.J.: Made in America (2018 Oscar Winner)
13th, Fire at Sea, I Am Not Your Negro,
Life, Animated



2018

Icarus (2018 Oscar Winner)
Abacus: Small Enough To Jail, Faces Places,
Strong Island



2019

Free Solo (2020 Oscar Winner)
Hale County, This Morning, This Evening,
Minding the Gap, Of Fathers & Sons, RBG



2020

American Factory (2021 Winner)
The Cave. The Edge of Democracy, For Sama,
Honeyland



2021

Crip Camp (2022 Oscar Winner)
Collective, The Mole Agent, Time



2022

Navalny (2023 Oscar Winner)
All That Breathes, All the Beauty and the
Bloodshed, Fire of Love, A House Made
of Splinters



2023

Searching for Sugar Man (2024 Oscar Winner)
5 Broken Cameras, How to Survive a Plague



2024

No Other Land (2025 Oscar Winner)
Black Box Diaries, Porcelain War, Sugarcane,
Soundtrack to a Coup d'Etat

Get your brand in front of NY & international tastemakers

BRANDING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

Lounges • Parties • Happy Hours • Breakfasts • Special Events • Product Demos • Panels



Dionne Warwick



John Turturro



Idina Menzel



Harry Belafonte and Rosario Dawson



Maria Lozano



Werner Herzog



Hillary Clinton and Katie Couric



Dr. Ruth Westheimer



Mai Khoi and Julie Taymor



Olivia Wilde

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Anjelica Huston



Jim Carrey



Al Sharpton



Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn



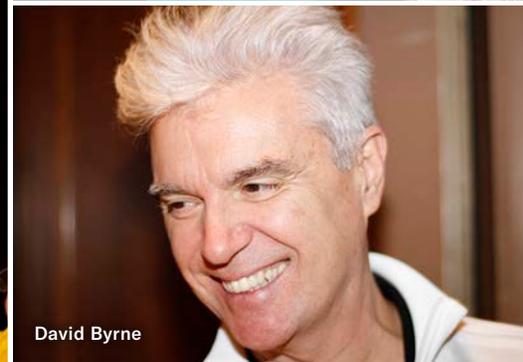
Emma Watson and Thandiwe Newton



Eric Clapton



Big Bird



David Byrne



Sarah Polley



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





Product Demos

Get your product in front of DOC NYC industry, filmmakers, and audiences

(pictured below: 2025 FujiFilm demo)



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 and 2025 screening of Street Smart: Lessons from a TV Icon with Maria Lozano



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.”**

IHUFFPOSTI

**“An essential event
on the cinephile’s
calendar.”**

**TimeOut
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.”**

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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: [71k](#); Instagram: [80k](#); Facebook: [50k](#)

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.



Raphaela 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 Raphaela Neihausen



Dan Cogan, Story Syndicate

DOC NYC Parties

Opening Night · Filmmaker Party · Awards Ceremony





40 UNDER 40

DOC NYC's 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 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.



Year-Round Screenings: DOC NYC Selects

DOC NYC Selects is a year-round in-person screening series at IFC Center, featuring both World and NYC premieres, early Award season contenders, and retrospective screenings. All screenings are followed by on-stage conversations with filmmakers.



Democracy Under Siege director Laura Nix with protagonist Ann Telnaes and DOC NYC Artistic Director Jaie Laplante



Predators director David Osit with DOC NYC Artistic Director Jaie Laplante



Apocalypse in the Tropics director Petra Costa with DOC NYC Artistic Director Jaie Laplante

Films making NYC debuts include Oscar-nominated and short-listed titles such as *The Eternal Memory*, *Co-Existence My Ass!*, *Frida*, *Still: A Michael J. Fox Movie*, and *Desperate Souls*, *Dark City* and *the Legend of Midnight Cowboy*.

Many films make NYC debuts after premiering at Sundance, Berlin and SXSW, including *Deaf President Now!*, *Little Richard: I Am Everything*, *Predators*, *Judy Blume Forever*, *As We Speak: Rap Music on Trial*, *Being Mary Tyler Moore*, *It's Never Over* *Jeff Buckley*, *Igualada*, *Monk in Pieces*, *One to One: John and Yoko*, *Steph Curry: Underrated* and *Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story*.

DOC NYC Selects branding opportunities include on-site activations, logo presence, trailer inclusion, and social media reach.

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.



The logo for DOC NYC is a white square with a thick border. Inside the square, the words "DOC" and "NYC" are stacked vertically in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The background of the entire poster is a dark, abstract painting with visible brushstrokes in shades of blue, teal, and yellow.

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