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## DOCLANDS

#### DOCUMENTARY FILM FESIVAL

May 7 – May 16, 2021

**GENERAL INFORMATION** 

Press requests, interviews & screeners, please contact <u>press@cafilm.org</u> For press materials please click <u>here</u> or contact <u>press@cafilm.org</u>

#### **IN-THEATRE SCREENINGS – Smith Rafael Film Center**

(1118 Fourth Street (between A & B Streets, San Rafael)

FILM	In-Theatre @ the Rafael	Special Note(s)
<b>All Light, Everywhere</b> , director Theo Anthony	Fri., May 7 • 4:15pm Fri., May 7 • 7:30pm	Also available to stream throughout the Festival (May 6 – 17)
<i>Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir</i> , director James Redford <b>Note:</b> Amy Tan and Kyle Redford will participate in a <b>live on-stage Q&amp;A</b> following the <b>May 11</b> , 7:30pm screening.	Sun., May 9 • 4:30pm Sun., May 9 • 7:30pm Tues., May 11 • 4:30pm Tues., May 11 • 7:30pm	No streaming options. This film is being screened in-theater only.
<b>Bear-Like</b> , director Roman Droux	Sat., May 15 • 4:30pm Sat., May 15 • 7:30pm	Also available to stream throughout the Festival (May 6 – 17)
Big vs Small, director Minna Dufton	Fri., May 14 • 4:45pm Fri., May 14 • 7:30pm	Also available to stream throughout the Festival (May 6 – 17)
<b>The Magnitude of All Things</b> , director Jennifer Abbott	Sat., May 8 • 4:45pm Sat., May 8 • 7:30pm	Also available to stream for 48hrs. beginning: Fri., May 14 • 7:00pm
Summer Of Soul (Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised), director Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson	Thurs., May 13 • 4:00pm Thurs., May 13 • 7:30pm	Also available to stream throughout the Festival (May 6 – 17)
<i>There is a Place on Earth</i> , director Ellen van den Honert	Sun., May 16 • 4:45pm Sun., May 16 • 7:30pm	Also available to stream throughout the Festival (May 6 – 17)
<b>Youth v Gov</b> , director Christi Cooper <b>Note:</b> Christi Cooper in attendance for <b>live Q&amp;A</b> following 7:30pm screening.	Wed., May 12 • 4:00pm Wed., May 12 • 7:30pm	Also available to stream throughout the Festival (May 6 – 17)

#### **Premiere Status**

FILM	Director	Premiere Status
9 Days In Raqqa (9 Jours À Raqqa)	Xavier de Lauzanne	North American
Bear-Like (Der Bär In Mir)	Roman Droux	California
Big vs Small	Minna Dufton	California
End of The Line: The Women Of Standing Rock	Shannon Kring	California
Havana Libre	Corey McLean	California
Inhabitants: An Indigenous Perspective	Costa Boutsikaris, Anna Palmer	California
Karen Dalton: In My Own Time	Robert Yapkowitz, Richard Peete	California
The Sparks Brothers	Edgar Wright	California
There Is A Place On Earth	Ellen van den Honert	California
Youth V Gov	Christi Cooper	California
The Magnitude Of All Things	Jennifer Abbott	Bay Area
No Ordinary Man	Aisling Chin-Yee, Chase Joynt	Bay Area

#### Films that are GEO-RESTRICTED to CALIFORNIA

All Light, Everywhere, director Theo Anthony

*Can You Bring It: Bill T. Jones And D-Man In The Waters*, director Rosalynde LeBlanc, Tom Hurwitz *End Of The Line: The Women Of Standing Rock*, director Shannon Kring

The Magnitude of All Things, director Jennifer Abbott

The New Corporation: The Unfortunately Necessary Sequel, director Joel Bakan, Jennifer Abbott

On the Water (shorts Program) – The Long Today, director Niobe Thompson; Wood on Water, director

Hannah Maia; and Understory: A Journey into the Tongass, director Colin Arisman

A Once And Future Peace, director Eric Daniel Metzgar

Summer Of Soul (...Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised) director Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson Try Harder!, director Debbie Lum

**AVALABLE SCREENERS** – Screeners are for press and media coverage only. As a reminder Hold Review titles must be held, however capsule review and mentions in Festival overview articles are encouraged.

FILM	Director	Country
Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir	James Redford	US 82 Min
Big vs Small	Minna Dufton	Finland 76 Min
Code Name: Nagasaki	Fredrik S. Hana	Norway 70 Min
Crutch	Sachi Cunningham, Vayabobo (a.k.a. Chandler Evans)	US 97 Min
End of the Line: The Women of Standing Rock	Shannon Kring	US, Finland 87 Min
Havana Libre	Corey McLean	US 114 Min
Inhabitants: An Indigenous Perspective	Costa Boutsikaris, Anna Palmer	US 76 Min
Karen Dalton: In My Own Time	Robert Yapkowitz & Richard Peete	US 86 Min
Magnitude Of All Things	Jennifer Abbott	Canada 86 Min
The New Corporation: The Unfortunately Necessary Sequel	Joel Bakan, Jennifer Abbott	Canada 106 Min
Playing With Sharks	Sally Aitken	Australia 90 Min
There Is A Place On Earth	Ellen van den Honert	Netherlands 73 Min
Try Harder!	Debbie Lum	US 85 Min.
Youth V Gov	Christi Cooper	US 110 Min
The Crab Season (Short)	Martin Benoist	France 52 Min
Shaba (Short)	Ami Vitale, David Allen	UK, US 11 Min
The Urchin Diver (Short)	Tyler Schiffman	US 6 Min
The Water Walker (Short)	James Burns	Canada 13 Min
When I'm Her (Short)	Emily Schuman	US 15 Min

#### Available Screeners (continued)

FILM	Director	Country
Understory: A Journey Into The Tongass (Short)	Colin Arisman	US 39 Min
We the Power (Short)	David Garett Byars	US 35 Min

# **HOLD REVIEW** – Capsule Reviews and Mentions in Festival Coverage is Welcome & Encouraged

FILM	Director	Country
Can You Bring It: Bill T. Jones And D- Man In The Waters	Rosalynde LeBlanc, Tom Hurwitz	US
Crutch	Sachi Cunningham, Vayabobo (a.k.a. Chandler Evans)	US
End Of The Line: The Women Of Standing Rock	Shannon Kring	US, Finland
Inhabitants: An Indigenous Perspective	Costa Boutsikaris, Anna Palmer	US
The New Corporation: The Unfortunately Necessary Sequel	Joel Bakan, Jennifer Abbott	Canada
No Ordinary Man	Aisling Chin-Yee, Chase Joynt	Canada
A Once And Future Peace	Eric Daniel Metzgar	US
Rita Moreno: Just A Girl Who Decided To Go For It	Mariem Pérez Riera	US
The Sparks Brothers	Edgar Wright	UK
Summer Of Soul (Or, When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised)	Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson	US
Try Harder!	Debbie Lum	US
Youth V Gov	Christi Cooper	US

#### Films with a local connection:

Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir

Amy Tan, Novelist (Joy Luck Club), born and raised in SF Bay Area | Currently splits her time between California and New York, CA residence is in Marin | Director: James Redford lived in Marin County

#### Crutch

Director/Producer Sachi Cunningham is an Associate Professor of Journalism at SF State University and a graduate from UC Berkeley.

*Havana Libre* Producer, Tyler Dumham, is currently based in Oakland

#### Films with a local connection (continued)

#### A Once and Future Peace

Director, Eric Metzgar, is in the Bay Area (special note, this film is positioned as a "special presentation" as it's premiere is with another Festival, following our screening)

#### Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go for It

Rita Moreno lives in the Bay Area (Berkeley)

#### There is a Place on Earth

Bay Area Content/location shots – San Rafael, Carmel by the Sea, San Francisco, Berkeley, Crocket, Oakland

#### Try Harder

Doc follows three Lowell High School students as they go through their college application process. Director Debbie Lum is San Francsico based. (Special note: the film is having it's California Premiere at CAAM - Opening Night (05/13) at the Fort Mason Drive-In, we begin streaming the film May 14 for 48hr.)

#### Youth v Gov

Some of the content was shot in the Bay Area

#### Last Days at Paradise High (short)

Bay Area Filmmaker & Content – Derek Knowles (lives in Sonoma; Stanford graduate); Emily Thomas (former Oakland resident; UC Berkeley J-School graduate)The film takes place in Paradise and Chico, CA

#### Wood on Water (short)

Two of the teenagers featured in the film live in the Bay Area

#### **Special Programs**

#### DOCPITCH

DocPitch is a CFI fundraising initiative designed to aid filmmakers in completing a documentary film project currently in development. A selection committee made up of industry professionals selected five filmmaking teams from 72 submitted projects. Each team will present a pre-recorded virtual pitch that will include a 3-5 minute trailer and written materials. These filmmaker pitches will be available to view by audiences globally on the <u>website</u>. After viewing the pitches and casting their vote, the audience will decide on one project to receive an Audience Choice Award of \$30,000. Following that announcement, an industry jury will present the remaining pitching teams with an additional \$40,000 in awards. Funding for this project is made possible with support from the Nancy P. & Richard K. Robbins Family Foundation and Project No. 9 and members of the California Film Institute Board of Directors.

#### **DOCLANDS HONORS**

The DocLands Honors Award is presented to a filmmaker or filmmaking team in recognition of exceptional storytelling within the documentary genre, artists whose films resonate universally, emphasizing our common humanity – no matter the subject. The 2021 recipients of the DocLands Honors award are Academy Award®-winning filmmakers Steven Bognar and Julia Reichert (*American Factory, 9to5: The Story of a Movement*).

#### DOCTALK - WOMEN OF IMPACT

An intimate panel discussion with four filmmakers, **Sally Aitken** (*Playing with Sharks*), **Xavier de Lauzanne** (9 Days In Raqqa), **Shannon Kring** (End of the Line: The Women of Standing Rock), and **Mariem Peréz Riera** (*Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go for It*), whose films take us on a journey with fascinating women who have upended gender expectations, sparked societal change and continue to make a difference in their worlds, each in extremely personal and persuasive ways. They'll discuss their inspirations for the films and how they came to know and work with these impressive women leaders.

### Full Program Features (Listed in Alphabetical Order) 9 Days In Ragga (9 jours à Ragga), director Xavier de Lauzanne - North American Premiere 9to5: The Story Of A Movemement, directors Julia Reichert, Steven Bognar All Light, Everywhere, director Theo Anthony Amy Tan: Unintentional Memoir, director James Redford Bear-Like (Der Bär in Mir), director Roman Droux - California Premiere Big vs Small, director Minna Dufton – California Premiere Can You Bring It: Bill T. Jones And D-Man In The Waters, directors Rosalynde LeBlanc, Tom Hurwitz Code Name: Nagasaki (Kodenavn: Nagasaki), director Fredrik S. Hana Crutch, director: Sachi Cunningham, Vayabobo (a.k.a. Chandler Evans) End Of The Line: The Women Of Standing Rock, director Shannon Kring - California Premiere Havana Libre, director Corey McLean - California Premiere Inhabitants: An Indigenous Perspective, directors Costa Boutsikaris, Anna Palmer - California Premiere Karen Dalton: In My Own Time, director Robert Yapkowitz, Richard Peete - California Premiere The Magnitude Of All Things, director Jennifer Abbott - Bay Area Premiere The New Corporation: The Unfortunately Necessary Sequel, directors Joel Bakan, Jennifer Abbott No Ordinary Man, directors Aisling Chin-Yee, Chase Joynt - Bay Area Premiere A Once And Future Peace, director Eric Daniel Metzgar – Special Presentation Playing With Sharks, director Sally Altken Radiograph Of A Family, director Firouzeh Khosrovani Rita Moreno: Just A Girl Who Decided To Go For It, director Mariem Pérez The Sparks Brothers, director Edgar Wright - California Premiere Summer Of Soul (... Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised), director Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson There Is A Place On Earth, director Ellen van den Honert - California Premiere Try Harder!, director Debbie Lum Youth V Gov, director Christi Cooper – California Premiere

#### **Full Program - Shorts**

## DocLands Shorts Program – FOR THE LOVE | TRT: 106 min Whales Without Walls (dir. Charles Vinick & Dr. Lori Marino) | 6 min The Urchin Diver (dir. Tyler Schiffman) | 6 min. Shaba (dir. Ami Vitale, David Allen) | 12 min. The Linesman: Both Sides Matter (dir. Dominic Gill) | 26 min. We the Power (dir. David Garett Byars) | 35 min.

The Crab Season (dir. Martin Benoist) | 52 min.

#### DocLands Shorts Program – ON THE WATER | TRT 102 min

The Long Today (dir. Niobe Thompson) | 17 min Wood on Water (dir. Hannah Maia) | 45 min. Understory: A Journey into the Tongass (dir. Colin Arisman) | 40 min.

- Last Day at Paradise High (dir. Derek Knowles, Emily Thomas) | 24 min. Precedes Inhabitants: An Indigenous Perspective (dir. Costa Boutsikaris, Anna Palmer)
- Last Reel (dir. Steven Bognar) | 9 min. Precedes 9to5: The Story of a Movement (dir. Julia Reichert, Steven Bognar)
- *The Last Truck: Closing of a GM Plant* (dir. Julia Reichert, Steven Bognar) | 42 min This is a **FREE** screening, courtesy of HBO.
- *Making of Morning Star* (dir. Julia Reichert, Steven Bognar) | 37 min. Precedes *9to5: The Story of a Movement* (dir. Julia Reichert, Steven Bognar)

**Sparkle** (dir. Julia Reichert, Steven Bognar) | 18 min. Precedes *9to5: The Story of a Movement* (dir. Julia Reichert, Steven Bognar)

- *The Time We Have Left* (dir. Blake McWilliam, Niobe Thompson) | 22 min. Precedes *Inhabitants: An Indigenous Perspective* (dir. Costa Boutsikaris, Anna Palmer)
- *The Water Walker* (dir. James Burns) | 14 min. Precedes *End of the Line: The Women of Standing Rock* (dir. Shannon Kring)

When I'm Her (dir. Emily Schuman) | 15 min Precedes Can You Bring It: Bill T. Jones and D-Man in the Waters (dir. Rosalynde LeBlanc, Tom Hurwitz)

#### For Calendar Editors:

DocLands Documentary Film Festival May 7 – 16, 2021

Tickets: On-Sale Now

#### Streaming: \$10 general | \$8.50 CFI members

# Streaming Pass: CA Residents \$139 general | \$99 CFI member | Non-CA Residents \$129 general | \$89 CFI member

In-person at the Smith Rafael Film Center:

#### \$13 general | \$11 senior (65+) & youth (18 & under) | \$10 CFI member

(please note: in accordance with state and county regulations, in- theater seating remains extremely limited)

#### Social Media:

**#Doclands** Twitter: <u>@doc\_lands</u> Instagram: <u>@doclands</u> Facebook: <u>@doclandsfestival</u>

#### About DOCLANDS

Presented by the California Film Institute, DocLands Documentary Film Festival brings compelling stories and the provocative insights behind them to Marin County, California May 7-16, 2021. Expanding upon the exchange of ideas and inspiration through public screenings, engaged conversations and grassroots networking events, DocLands aims to build an active, involved, fully supportive community around documentary film, dedicated to initiating connections and partnerships that will illuminate and invigorate the business and art of non-fiction filmmakers.

#### **DOCLANDS Sections**

Art of Impact engages and sparks action by sharing stories that open our eyes to the global community and its disparate cultures, politics, personal narratives, and biographies.

*The Great Outdoors* transports us outside to truly appreciate, explore, and ultimately compel us to save and conserve our environment and the wilds of our precious and precarious planet.

WonderLands lifts our spirits through stories of joy, wonder, and possibility.

#### About California Film Institute

The California Film Institute (CFI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating and promoting film and media arts through the presentation of the internationally acclaimed Mill Valley Film Festival celebrating its 44<sup>th</sup> year in 2021 and the 5<sup>th</sup> annual DocLands Documentary Film Festival, the ongoing cultivation of the next generation of filmmakers and film lovers through CFI Education, which features a broad range of activities, including screenings, Q&A sessions and seminars with top international and local filmmakers and industry professionals as well as a rich program of classes and hands-on-workshops. Additionally, CFI acts as a year-round film-centric town hall with a diverse calendar of programming at the Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center, one of the leading non-profit independent theatres in the country. The art of storytelling through film enables CFI to touch 275,000 guests throughout the year with films and events that entertain as well as address a breadth of social, environmental and cultural issues. CFI relies on the generosity of its community to sustain these core programs. The invaluable support of our sponsors, foundations, and individual donors ensures our continued success. For more information visit cafilm.org

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