



ABOUT IDA Founded in 1982, the International Documentary Association (IDA) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that supports documentary filmmaking worldwide. At IDA, we believe that the power and artistry of the documentary art form are vital to cultures and societies globally, and we exist to serve the needs of those who create this art form.

OUR MISSION is to provide community, education, specific support services, opportunities and related resources to our clients, the documentary filmmakers.

ADVOCACY

At IDA, we help advocate for, protect and advance the legal rights of documentary filmmakers. IDA also has a long history of making the case for documentary filmmaking as a vital art form, and we continue to seek ways to ensure that the artists who make documentaries receive the funding that they deserve. Most recently, IDA has been in the forefront of support on these major issues confronting our industry: Net Neutrality, Fair Use, and Lobbying for the Arts.

FILMMAKER SERVICES

IDA provides the essential services, tools and information required by documentarians to successfully engage in their art. Filmmaker services include:

- IDA Membership – provides members with valuable benefits and opportunities
- Fiscal Sponsorship – allows documentary films in production to receive donations and grants
- *Documentary* magazine – a quarterly publication that offers essential information and keeps readers on track with the industry
- Documentary.org – a vital portal into the industry that provides up-to-date information and opportunities to connect with the documentary film world

EDUCATION

Docs Rock is a two-semester program that introduces high school students to the world of documentary filmmaking. The first semester focuses on critical viewing and analyses of nonfiction films, and during the second semester the students apply their new knowledge and produce their very own documentary.

Doc U is a series of hands-on educational seminars and workshops for aspiring and experienced documentary filmmakers, taught by artists and industry experts. Participants receive vital training and insight on various topics including fundraising; distribution; marketing; business tactics; and much more.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

IDA Documentary Awards is an annual event that recognizes and honors outstanding documentary films and filmmakers. Hosted by the IDA's Board of Directors and Trustees, the awards ceremony recognizes significant achievements in documentary filmmaking in several categories, including: Career Achievement Award, Pioneer Award, and Music Documentary Award.

DocuWeeks™ presents short and feature length documentaries to appreciative audiences in theatrical runs designed to qualify the films for consideration for the Academy Awards®. Since its debut in 1997, 17 worthy documentaries have gone to be nominated for the Oscar® and 7 have won the coveted award. DocuWeeks™ screenings take place annually in New York City and Los Angeles.

DocuDays is IDA's annual screening of the year's best documentary films, Oscar® nominated shorts and features and Independent Spirit Award winners. This event increases public awareness and appreciation for non-fiction films, and takes place in both New York City and Los Angeles.