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Exclusively Documentary

[Academia Film Olomouc](#) - Annual festival of documentary and popular scientific films & multimedia.

[Amnesty International Film Festival](#)

[Australian International Documentary Conference](#) - Held in early November.

[Denver Jazz on Film Festival](#) - Won't be a venue for most documentary filmmakers, because this festival only shows films about jazz, but if your film meets that criteria you should get in contact with them. They show historical jazz footage and documentaries. A must for any jazz fan with the time and the money to get to Denver in mid-February when this festival occurs.

[docfest](#) - New York International Documentary Festival. An annual international non-competitive event spanning 5 days of screenings in New York City. docfest is held in late April, early May. All screenings are held at The Directors Guild of America Theater 110 West 57th St., New York City.

[Doclands](#) - Ireland's documentary film festival and market.

[DocSide Film Festival](#) - Put on by the Documentary Film Project this documentary-only festival will be held in San Antonio, Texas in August. No web site. Contact: docfilmproject@excite.com

[DoubleTake Documentary Film Festival](#) This competitive festival is held in May at

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Ken Burns

the Carolina Theatre in Durham, NC, with a submission deadline in late December.

Doxa: Documentary Film and Video Festival - Canada based festival held in May.

Encounters: South African International Documentary Film Festival - This Cape Town festival is held each year in late June through early July. The purpose of Encounters is to provide South Africans an opportunity to see some of the world's best documentary films and a forum wherein the filmmakers and public meet and discuss the films. Contact information: Encounters, PO Box 2228, Cape Town 8000. Tel: (021) 448-0608 or Fax: (021) 448- 1065.

Fairfax Documentary Film Festival - No entry fee. The festival is regional and only features filmmakers working in northern California. No web site. Contact Weinsoff@ix.netcom.com.

Festival dei Popoli - International documentary film festival in Florence.

Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival - A competitive festival, held in early May in Toronto, featuring Canadian as well as International documentaries.

The Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival- Held in October, Submission Deadline April 30.

International Documentary Film Festival, Amsterdam - Held in late November

International Documentary Film Festival (DOOctober)

Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival

Margaret Mead Film & Video Festival - Held in early November in New York, submission deadline early May. No entry fee. No restriction on subject matter, length, or year of production. Each year a selection of titles from that year's Mead Festival travels to independent film and community centers, museums, and universities throughout the nation. Since 1997, the Traveling Festival has been featured at international sites as well. Held by the American Museum of Natural History.

The Museum of Television & Radio's Television Documentary Festival - A non-competitive festival showcasing the most interesting and notable television documentaries of the previous year -- and of the year to come.

One World International Human Rights Film Festival - People in Need Foundation, a relief and humanitarian organization, puts on the first and largest Central European human rights international documentary film event. The One World festival is widely regarded as one of Prague's most important cultural and media events. It takes place in early April.

queerdoc - Billed as the world's first lesbian & gay documentary film festival when it started in 1998, it has continued to host an annual festival dedicated entirely to documentaries that are about, of interest to, or made by queers: transsexual, transgender, bisexual, lesbian or gay. The festival is held in early September.

Samos Mediterranean Documentary Film Festival - Atene (Grecia) Info. Tel : 30.1.8253065 Fax : 30.1.8253065

Sheffield International Documentary Festival

SILVERDOCS: AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Festival - June festival held in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Sunny Side of the Doc - An international market for documentary professionals including independent producers, distributors, buyers, commissioning editors, and institutional partners specializing in documentaries. The market screens more than 100 documentaries each year. Held in mid-June in Marseilles, France.

Thessaloniki Documentary Festival - Annual film festival founded in 1999 and held in Greece. Screens films from around the world with an obviously large number of Greek filmmakers represented. The festival draws a large audience, and a real effort is made to get as many people as possible to see the documentaries presented.

United Nations Association Film Festival

Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival

Film Festival Directories, Information

The Film Festivals Server - The best source available for information on all aspects of festivals. Festival listings.

Film Festival Directory - One of the most complete lists available.

Complete Listings

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American Film Institute Los Angeles Film Festival

Amnesty International Film Festival

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Antimatter Festival of Underground Short Film and Video

AnimeFEST! - Autumn Festival of Asian Cinema

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