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AT&T LEADS WIDE SUPPORT OF #AFIDOCS 2016

Description

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE â?? MAY 18, 2016, WASHINGTON, DC â?? The American Film Institute (AFI) has announced the AFI DOCS 2016 festival sponsors. AT&T returns this year as Presenting Sponsor, which represents the top level of support.

Support for the festival comes from a wide range of major companies, cultural institutions, foundations, philanthropists and government agencies. The 14th edition of AFI DOCS will run June 22â??26, 2016, in Washington, DC, and Silver Spring, Maryland.

â??AT&Tâ??s passion to mobilize the world allows AFI DOCS to bring together global audiences, impassioned storytellers and influential policy leaders in a manner worthy,â?• said Bob Gazzale, AFI President and CEO. â??We are grateful to all of our sponsors for their dedication to the festival and its vital location in the heart of the nationâ??s capital, where documentaries can truly effect change.â?•

AT&T will host the Opening Night Gala at the Newseum. Also, an AT&T â??It Can Waitâ?• message warning against the dangers of distracted driving will play before each festival film. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting, NBCUniversal and VIZIO return as Official Sponsors of the festival. American Airlines returns as the official airline of AFI. VIZIO will also be the festivalâ??s Closing Night Sponsor and will generously outfit the AFI DOCS Festival Hub with the companyâ??s latest home theater equipment and technology.

Screen Sponsors are Discovery Communications, HBO and Netflix.

Major Sponsors include the Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands, returning this year; BRICKTOWN; Catapult Film Fund; CrossCurrents Foundation; CYM Media & Entertainment; DC Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment; the Fledgling Fund; Google; and the Maryland Film Office. Harbers Studios joins the festival this year as a Major Sponsor and will also sponsor the short film programs at AFI DOCS, including screenings and Filmmaker Forum sessions.

Contributing Sponsors are Amtrak, Downtown Silver Spring and the International Documentary Association.

Also joining as a Contributing Sponsor, IFCâ??s comedy series DOCUMENTARY NOW!, which pays loving homage to documentaries, will host a special event on June 23 at the Landmark Theatres Atlantic Plumbing Cinema, with a six-theater presentation of iconic episodes of the show.

Official Media Sponsors include Here TV, Screen International, Variety, The Wall Street Journal, WAMU 88.5 FM and WHUT-TV. Affiliate Media Sponsors include Outfront Media and WTOP 103.5 FM.

The Newseum, AFI DOCSâ?? Official Gala Screening Sponsor located on historic Pennsylvania Avenue between the United States Capitol and the White House, will also host this yearâ??s Closing Night Gala, Spotlight Screenings and the AFI DOCS Charles Guggenheim Symposium and Screening with Werner Herzog.

In addition to supporting AFI DOCS film programming and festival events, sponsors provide services to filmmakers and festival attendees throughout the week. Participation ranges from sponsoring specific film screenings and receptions to outfitting venues with technology infrastructure and creating event spaces. Sponsors also participate in national and local promotion of the festival.

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About AFI DOCS

AFI DOCS is the American Film Instituteâ??s annual documentary festival in the Washington, DC area. Presenting the yearâ??s best documentaries, AFI DOCS is the premier festival in the U.S. dedicated to screenings and events that connect audiences, filmmakers and policy leaders in the seat of our nationâ??s government. The AFI DOCS advisory board includes Ken Burns, Davis Guggenheim, Chris Hegedus, Werner Herzog, Rory Kennedy, Barbara Kopple, Spike Lee, Errol Morris, Stanley Nelson, D A Pennebaker, AgnÃ¨s Varda and Frederick Wiseman. Now in its 14th year, the festival will be held June 22Ââ??26, 2016 in landmark Washington, DC venues and the historic AFI Silver Theatre in Silver Spring, MD. Visit AFI.com/afidocs and connect on twitter.com/afidocs, facebook.com/afidocs and youtube.com/AFI.

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