

ALDEBURGH DOCFEST 2011 Friday 11th to Sunday 13th November

As the countdown to the Aldeburgh DocFest on 11-13th November gets underway, Festival Director Diana Quick reveals this year's headline screenings, special guest appearances & a host of innovations making ALDEBURGH DOCFEST 2011 the most ambitious yet



Diana Quick

ALDEBURGH DOCFEST marks its 17th annual celebration of documentary film with its biggest and most ambitious programme yet. This year's festival will provide a showcase for the latest documentary films and bring international, award-winning film-makers to Aldeburgh to talk about their work in audience Q & A sessions. Giving added glamour, on Saturday evening our event features a full screening of the feature length observational documentary *Mrs Carey's Concert* - and a Q&A with co-director Sophie Raymond specially flown in from Australia where it is the second highest grossing documentary in box office history.

This year's rich and eclectic line-up also includes:

- Top British Director **KIM LONGINOTTO** who follows the screening of her multi-award winning *Pink Saris* with an audience Q&A.
- Leading historian and broadcaster **MICHAEL WOOD**.

- Multi-award winning filmmaker **MARK KIDEL**.
- Legendary documentarian **ROGER GRAEF**, returning for the third time.
- Top journalists **ANNA FORD**, the editor of The Times **JAMES HARDING**, and **IAN KATZ**, deputy editor of *The Guardian*, who ran the WikiLeaks story.
- A rich and varied selection of screenings demonstrating just how successful documentarians have become in embracing key themes at the heart of our times like press freedom (*Page One*), cultural liberation (*Pink Saris*) and coming of age in (*Mrs Carey's Concert*).

ALDEBURGH DOCFEST 2011 is excited to announce a range of ambitious innovations for this year's event. There will be a new screening gallery upstairs at the Festival's main home, the Aldeburgh Cinema, with extended viewings of the work of our featured film-makers.



Pink Saris

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And for 2011 the Festival extends its reach to a new venue, **Walberswick's Anchor Screening Barn**, where a brand new series of interactive events will complement the main Festival programme and appeal to our younger audiences, including:

- A Poetry Slam with some of the six young poets from Leeds featured in *We Are Poets*.
- A full day documentary masterclass led by an internationally acclaimed film-maker in association with the *National Film & Television School* and the *University of East Anglia*.
- An intensive but fun look at the role of animation in documentary films.

For the finale to this year's programme **ALDEBURGH DOCFEST 2011** stages a major debate on the hot topic of press freedom and the impact of new media like Twitter, blogs and mobile phone clips on traditional news reporting - assembling an illustrious panel to debate the issues.

Mrs Carey's Concert



Chaired by respected broadcaster **ANNA FORD**, the panel includes **JAMES HARDING**, Editor, *The Times*; **IAN KATZ**, Deputy Editor, *The Guardian* and *Wikileaks* coordinator; and **ROGER GRAEF**, founder of *Films of Record* and acting head of the *Media Standards Trust*. And the audience will be invited to have their say.

Having recently taken over the reins of the Festival, leading British actress and Suffolk resident **DIANA QUICK** has spelt out her ambitions:

"Our aim - building on last year's strand of encouraging new talent - is to entertain you and challenge you, constantly expanding the repertoire of events, identifying cutting edge film-makers from many different cultures. And we have a few surprises in store, all designed to help build a centre of excellence in the arts on the beautiful Suffolk coast."

ALDEBURGH DOCFEST 2011 runs from Friday **11th November** to Sunday **13th November** at both venues.

Visit www.aldeburghcinema.co.uk for the full programme and to book tickets online.

The brochure and booking form will be available from the **Aldeburgh Cinema** and will be mailed to *Cinema Club* members on 14th October.

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