

NYU NEWS DOC FILM FESTIVAL 2019



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 6:00PM &
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND 1:00PM**

**Q&A WITH DIRECTOR AFTER EACH FILM
RECEPTION 6:00PM SATURDAY**

**19 University Place, Room 102
(Corner 8th Street & University Place)**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST - 6:00PM

6:00PM - Opening Remarks



HEARTBEAT, IOWA

Dir. Emily Cameron **6:25PM**

An unlikely activist, a pro-life advocate, and the staff of Iowa's oldest abortion clinic were forced together by a 6 week abortion ban--a heartbeat bill. Now this once purple state is leading a charge in the fight to overturn Roe v. Wade. (32 min)



PUFF PUFF PAK

Dir. Fahad Naveed **7:05PM**

After quitting cigarettes in New York, a former chain-smoker returns home to Karachi, where smoking is still tied to masculinity, feminists are lighting cigarettes to fight the patriarchy, and his mother is battling cancer. (29 min)



POPO'S HOME

Dir. Mengchen Zhang **7:40PM**

Today, millions of seniors in China are looking for a place where they can find companionship and support, both physically and mentally. My 82-year-old Popo has found her home. (28 min)



HUSTLER'S REDEMPTION

Dir. Xavier Cousens **8:10PM**

Anthony "Fahad" "the Hustler" Johnson is a messenger in NYC who returns to the Lincoln Correctional facility each night. During his transition from inmate on work-release to man on parole, will he stay away from the people, places, and things that have cost him his freedom in the past? (28 min)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND - 1:00PM



ASPIRING EAGLES: THE FIRST GIRLS IN SCOUTS

Dir. Nicholas Perrone **1:15PM**

Two girls maneuver through the Boy Scouts of America's new decision that allows them to join, while the Girls Scouts of the USA and some Boy Scout adult leaders push back. (35 min)



MARKED

Dir. Henry Ogunjimi **1:55PM**

It's the 21st century, and Henry carries marks of the culture of the Nigerian Yoruba people on his face. Remembering vividly the teasing from schoolmates while growing up, he goes to Oyo town to find out what is left of this almost-extinct tradition of tribal marks. (25 min)



BREATH OF YI

Dir. Heying Chen **2:25PM**

When three families of the Yi ethnic minority in Southwest China tried to ride the wave of the economic boom, they were caught up in drug abuse and AIDS, losing husbands and fathers. Now these HIV-infected widows endeavor to get back on their feet and give their children a chance at an education. (40 min)

3:10PM - 20 Minute Intermission



HIGH HOPES

Dir. Marjan Riazi **3:30PM**

As California's cannabis economy grows, victims of the drug war fight for equity in the industry that put them behind bars. (32 min)



RAINBOW MOTHERS

Dir. Elle Luan **4:05PM**

Sesame and Bean, a Chinese lesbian couple, had to travel thousands of miles away from home to get married and again to get pregnant because both are illegal for same-sex couples in their own country. Now they are determined to create a more rainbow-friendly society. (30 min)



MY GRANDMOTHER'S GRAPE LEAVES

Dir. Meredith Lawrence **4:40PM**

Armed with her grandmother's recipes, an Armenian-American filmmaker sets out to explore stories of the Genocide that spread Armenians across the world and the foods that tie them back to their homeland. (30 min)



RUN THE METER

Dir. Rebecca Blandón **5:15PM**

In the era of Uber, New York City's yellow taxi drivers are being driven to do whatever it takes to cope with an unexpected turn after decades of riding their own American Dream. (38 min)

6:00PM - Reception

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