

HAMPTONS FILM

HamptonsFilm to Close 15th Annual SummerDocs Series with JOAN BAEZ I AM A NOISE

Post-Screening Conversation with Director Karen O'Connor, Joan Baez and Laurie Anderson

East Hampton, NY (July 6, 2023) - HamptonsFilm, the home of the Hamptons International Film Festival, announced today the third and final screening in the 15th annual SummerDocs Series. The 2023 edition of the documentary showcase will conclude with a presentation of Karen O'Connor, Miri Navasky, and Maeve O'Boyle's **JOAN BAEZ I AM A NOISE** on Saturday, July 22, at 7:00pm at the Regal UA East Hampton Cinema. O'Connor and the film's subject Joan Baez will be in attendance.

JOAN BAEZ I AM A NOISE follows legendary singer and activist Joan Baez as she faces the end of a 60-year musical career and takes an honest look back and a deep look inward as she tries to make sense of her large history-making life. In doing so she reveals, for the first time, personal struggles she's kept private, until now. An image from the film can be found [HERE](#).

"Joan Baez is a true musical force and an icon, and this documentary expertly captures the full breadth of her more than half-a-century career," said HamptonsFilm Artistic Director David Nugent. "It is an honor to welcome her to the Hamptons to share the intimate details of her incredible story."

Following the film, Joan Baez and Karen O'Connor will join the avant-garde artist Laurie Anderson for an intimate conversation. Anderson is a writer, director, composer, visual artist, musician and vocalist who has created groundbreaking works that span the worlds of art, theater, experimental music, and technology.

"To have two pioneering creatives on stage together feels like a fever dream," said Anne Chaisson HamptonsFilm Executive Director. "SummerDocs was created 15 years ago to celebrate what is now a most beloved art form—documentaries. We are ecstatic to end our 15th season showcasing a conversation between these two activists and engineers of social change."

As previously announced, the July 22 event will follow a July 8 presentation of Netflix's THE DEEPEST BREATH (directed by Laura McGann). The 2023 SummerDocs series kicked off on June 26 with a screening of MTV Documentary Films' THE ETERNAL MEMORY (directed by Maite Alberdi).

In recognition of the landmark 15th annual series, HamptonsFilm will also present one of these films with the SummerDocs Audience Award, voted on by the Hamptons' film-loving community.

Many past SummerDocs Series selections have gone on to be shortlisted, be nominated and even win an Academy Award® for Best Documentary Feature Film, including NAVALNY (2023), FIRE OF LOVE (2023), SUMMER OF SOUL (2021), ICARUS (2017), TWENTY FEET FROM STARDOM (2013), SEARCHING FOR SUGAR MAN (2012), and THE COVE (2009). The series has also featured films from filmmakers including Sara Dosa, Fisher Stevens, Rory Kennedy, Rachel Grady and Heidi Ewing, Davis Guggenheim, Andrew Rossi, Chiemi Karasawa, Jesse Moss, Morgan Neville, Marina Zenovich, Louie Psihoyos, and Steve James.

Tickets for individual screenings are sold for \$35 and are available for purchase at the [HamptonsFilm website](#). Please also visit the [HamptonsFilm website](#) for further information on the Hamptons International Film Festival, and all additional year-round programming.

JOAN BAEZ I AM A NOISE

Directed by Miri Navasky, Maeve O'Boyle, Karen O'Connor
Saturday, July 22, 2023 @ 7:00PM | Regal UA East Hampton

Facing the end of a 60-year musical career, legendary singer and activist Joan Baez takes an honest look back and a deep look inward as she tries to make sense of her large history-making life and reveals, for the first time, personal struggles she's kept private, until now.

JOAN BAEZ I AM A NOISE is an unusually intimate psychological portrait of legendary folk singer and activist Joan Baez. Neither a conventional biopic nor a traditional concert film, this immersive documentary shifts back and forth through time as it follows Joan on her final tour and delves into her extraordinary archive, including newly discovered home movies, diaries, artwork, therapy tapes, and audio recordings. Throughout the film, Baez is remarkably revealing about her life on and off stage - from her lifelong emotional struggles to her civil rights work with MLK and a heartbreaking romance with a young Bob Dylan. A searingly honest look at a living legend, this film is a compelling and deeply personal exploration of an iconic artist who has never told the full truth of her life, as she experienced it, until now.

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ABOUT HAMPTONSFILM

HamptonsFilm, home of the Hamptons International Film Festival (HIFF) was founded in 1992 to celebrate the art of film and to introduce a unique and varied spectrum of international films and filmmakers to our audiences. A non-profit organization with year-round screenings of global narrative and documentary films, an annual Screenwriters Lab, a summer documentary showcase, and extensive educational initiatives, HamptonsFilm offers programs that enlighten, educate, and provide invaluable exposure for filmmakers, while also providing the East End of Long Island with an educational and cultural experience that enriches the lives of its citizens and contributes to the local economy. HIFF, celebrating its 31st year, is an annual premiere film event in New York State, and an intimate showcase of some of the year's best offerings in contemporary cinema from around the world. Awarding prizes to filmmakers in cash and goods and services of over \$130,000, each year, with over \$5 million awarded in competition funds and services over the decades, our program continues to play an important role during awards season. For more information, please visit hamptonsfilmfest.org.

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