



**The 20th SF Documentary Film Festival (SF DocFest)  
Raises \$13,000 for the Roxie Theater  
and Announces Award Winners**



The 20th San Francisco Documentary Film Festival (SF DocFest) was held **June 3 - 20, 2021**. SF DocFest screened **40 features and 38 shorts across 6 different short programs**. All films were shown virtually on demand during the festival, and 36 of the films were shown at the Roxie Theater in San Francisco.

SF DocFest was the first festival to screen in-person at the Roxie Theater since the pandemic closures. In celebration and support of returning to in-person events at the theater, the festival donated 100% of its in-person ticket sales back to the Roxie Theater. "Our in-person screenings were packed and we were able to raise **\$13,000** for the Roxie this year," says Festival Director Jeff Ross.

In addition to being available to Bay Area audiences, the hybrid festival also drew in many viewers nationwide and overseas. "It was so amazing to be back and interacting with audiences at the theater again," Ross mentions. "At the same time, we were also

excited to share these films with a worldwide audience.”

The festival is pleased to announce the [20th SF Documentary Film Festival Award Winners](#):

Audience Award for Best Feature: **GUINEA PIG DIARIES**

Audience Award for Best Short: **HIGH AS A KITE**

Jury Prize for Best Feature: **WORKHORSE QUEEN**

Jury Prize for Best Short: **MELTDOWN IN DIXIE / GRAMMA AND GINGA (tie)**

Special Jury Prize for Spirit of Activism Award: **SURVIVING SILENCE**

Special Jury Prize for Excellence in American Profiles: **FRUITS OF LABOR**

Vanguard Award for Innovative Filmmaking: **DEAR MR. BRODY**

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Since 2001, SF DocFest has brought the most weird and wonderful aspects of real life to the big screen. What started as a three-day event in an empty church in Union Square has become a two-week long festival across different venues in the Bay Area. More information is available at [sfindie.com](http://sfindie.com). You may also contact DocFest at 415-662-FEST or via email at [info@sfindie.com](mailto:info@sfindie.com).