

AMERICAN DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE™

PROGRAM FACT SHEET

- American Documentary Showcase was launched in 2008 by a co-operative grant program of the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs Department of State of the United States of America and The University Film and Video Association
- American Documentary Showcase brings award-winning contemporary American documentaries to audiences around the world to offer a view of American society and culture as seen by independent documentary filmmakers. The Showcase also demonstrated the value of documentaries in fostering understanding and cooperation.
- A selection committee reviewed over 300 films and selected a total of 55 that best represent the goals of the Showcase: to show specific aspects of American life.
- Sixty American documentary filmmakers. Five Oscar® nominated films, Emmy winners, award winning films from Sundance, Tribeca and Silverdocs film festivals and many others.
- Three of the filmmakers are Fulbright Scholars.
- Every delegate donated their time, expertise and their films. All delegates reported that the trips were moving, educational, and in some cases truly life-changing.
- International delegations activities include public screenings, master classes, workshops, media appearances and collaborations with local filmmakers.
- In its first year the Showcase visited 23 countries on five continents with 16 separate traveling delegations.
- AMDOCS filmmakers have toured Armenia, Belarus, Burma, and Colombia Czech Republic, Ecuador, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Lithuania, Pakistan, Poland, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Vietnam
- Over 31 individuals worked abroad. In addition to visiting countries with sophisticated film cultures, such as Poland and India, Showcase delegates worked in challenging locations like Pakistan, Uganda, Colombia, Kyrgyzstan and Vietnam.
- Showcase films screened innumerable times to thousands of people in situations ranging from small video cameras in the Kibera ghetto of Kenya, to palatial movie theatres in Indonesia.
- The 2009 films remain available and several posts did extensive follow-up screenings after the delegations departed. The Grant one films remain very much in demand overseas.
- Thirteen Grant one films are now sub-titled in Spanish, making them accessible to thousands of Spanish speakers who could not otherwise access them.

2010 AMDOCS PROGRAM

Of the almost 50 requests for the Showcase in 2010/2011, over one half are from countries that hosted the program in 2009. This indicates that the posts found the program to be valuable and very much worth the planning and expense that such a complex project entails.

AMERICAN DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED IN 2010 (partial list)

Angola	Ecuador	Namibia	Turkey
Bahrain	Egypt	Nigeria	Ukraine
Burma	Honduras	Poland	Uzbekistan
China	Kenya	Paraguay	Vietnam
Columbia	Mongolia	Rwanda	Venezuela
Dominican Republic	Morocco	Russia	Zimbabwe

For tour dates and more information about the program please visit: www.ufva.org/showcase
www.documentary.org/ads09.