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WHAT IS DOCUMENTARY?

Documentary Filmmaking

15h over 6 sessions

Course Level : Beginner

Session 1

- Introduction: What is documentary?
- Telling a compelling story that entertains
- Case studies of different types of documentaries – series, feature, themes, techniques of filming etc.
- 3As – Angle, Access, and Archive
- How to know if people care about your documentary
- Pitching your documentary
- The practical stuff – financing, budgeting, and scheduling

Session 2

- Pitch session
- History of documentaries
- Interview preparation and techniques

Session 3

- How to use archives to tell a story
- Filming techniques using camera, lights, audio, and mobile phones
- How to effectively tell your story without fancy gear
- What is Broll?
- Why you need to shoot Broll, and how to do so
- Hybrid documentaries – How to blur fact and fiction

Session 4

- Production challenges and fixes
- Editing documentaries
- What happens after your documentary is made?

Session 5

- Documentary shoot check-in

Session 6

- Film screening and presentation
 - Format: In-person
- Participants are welcomed to invite friends and family to attend the screening.