

**BRITISH DOCUMENTARY FILM SELECTION  
7<sup>th</sup> EDITION, 2016 - 2017****War of Words: Soldier-Poets of the Somme**

2014, R. Sebastian Barfield, 89 mins

The 1916 Battle of the Somme remains the most famous battle of World War I, remembered for its bloodshed and its limited territorial gains. Often overlooked, is the battle's literary importance: more writers and poets fought at the Somme than in any other battle in history.

Narrated by Michael Sheen, *War of Words: Soldier-Poets of the Somme* details how the work of Siegfried Sassoon, Robert Graves, David Jones, Isaac Rosenberg and J.R.R. Tolkien (who went to the Western Front with ambitions of becoming a poet) was transformed by their experiences of the battle.

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/114663763>

**The Supreme Price**

2014, R. Joanna Lipper, 75 mins

*The Supreme Price* is a feature length documentary film that traces the evolution of the Pro-Democracy Movement in Nigeria and efforts to increase the participation of women in leadership roles.

Following the annulment of her father's victory in Nigeria's Presidential Election and her mother's assassination by agents of the military dictatorship, Hafsat Abiola faces the challenge of transforming a corrupt culture of governance into a democracy capable of serving Nigeria's most marginalised population: women.



Won the Gucci Tribeca Spotlighting Women Documentary Award and the Best Documentary - Africa International Film Festival (AFRIFF).

Trailer: <http://www.ioannalipper.com/filmmaker/supreme-price>

## **The Lost Gold of the Highlands (Garnet's Gold)**

2015, R. Ed Perkins, 76 mins

Armed with bundles of ancient maps, a leaking boat and a failing heart, GARNET'S GOLD follows one extraordinary man's quixotic and recklessly brave adventure in search of hidden treasure, in a belated rite of passage to rediscover the meaning of his life.

Trailer: <http://garnetsgold.com/trailer>



## **Dreamcatcher**

2015, R. Kim Longinotto, 104 mins

Dreamcatcher takes us into a hidden world through the eyes of one of its survivors, Brenda Myers-Powell. A former teenage prostitute who worked the streets of Chicago, Brenda defied the odds to become a powerful advocate for change in her community. With warmth and humour, Brenda gives hope to those who have none. Her story is their inspiration.



Won the Directing Award in World Cinema – Documentary at the Sundance Film Festival 2015.

Trailer: <http://www.dreamcatcherfilm.com/trailer/>

## **20,000 Days on Earth**

2014, R. Iain Forsyth, Jane Pollard, 97 mins

Drama and reality combine in a fictitious 24 hours in the life of musician and international cultural icon, Nick Cave. With startlingly frank insights and an intimate portrayal of the artistic process, the film examines what makes us who we are, and celebrates the transformative power of the creative spirit.

It is the debut directorial feature film by innovative visual artists Iain Forsyth & Jane Pollard and is set to an original score by Nick Cave and Warren Ellis.



Won the World Cinema Documentary awards for directing and editing at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival. It was also nominated for 1 BAFTA Film Award and has many other wins and nominations.

Trailer: <http://www.20000daysonearth.com/film/>

### **George Blake Masterspy of Moscow**

2015, R. George Carey, 88 mins

He said he was doing God's work on earth but betrayed his colleagues to the KGB. Sentenced to 42 years in jail, George Blake escaped from Wormwood Scrubs five years later and fled to the Soviet Union. George Carey's film follows the strange life of this enigmatic traitor, tracking down people who knew him and ending with an unexpected encounter in the woods outside Moscow.



### **A&E in the War Zone**

2014, R. Dominic Ozanne, Jeremy Llewellyn-Jones, 48 mins

The Syrian conflict has created the greatest humanitarian catastrophe in the modern world with the UN estimating almost 200,000 people killed and many thousands more injured. The documentary follows British trauma surgeon David Nott as he makes the perilous journey to work alongside the heroic Syrian doctors who have remained behind. We observe life-saving surgery in a hospital forced underground by daily bombardment.



### **The Stranger on the Bridge**

2015, R. Sam Forsdike, 46 mins

The Stranger on the Bridge is the story of Jonny Benjamin's search for the stranger who stopped him jumping off Waterloo Bridge seven years ago. The film captures every step of Jonny's remarkable journey including the phenomenon of the campaign, the many leads and 'Mikes' that came forward and ultimately his successful reunion with the man that saved his life.



Emotional, heart-warming and thought-provoking, this is a film about a simple human interaction and how one man's kind gesture six years ago has had a huge butterfly effect beyond what anyone could ever have imagined...

## **Territory**

2015, R. Eleanor Mortimer, 17 mins

A warm and lyrical film about our territorial tendencies as humans.

The rock of Gibraltar is shared between two primate species: people and monkeys. The monkeys populated the upper rock long before the latest human inhabitants, the British, arrived, and now, 300 years on, there are tensions between the two. Attempts to expel the monkeys from the town with peashooters are in vain, as the animals rise to the challenges of the new game. This leads the government to resort to more drastic tactics.



Won Best Short Documentary at Hot Docs 2015, Honourable Mention Camden Cartel Award, Camden International Film Festival 2015, Special Mention This is England Film Festival, 2015

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/117733163>