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DOCPPOINT PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED – OPENING FILM PREMIERED AT A FREE WINTER OUTDOOR EVENT

DocPoint – Helsinki Documentary Film Festival has announced the festival programme and begun ticket sales. The programme can be watched online from 31 January to 6 February 2022. The opening event is held at Kansalaistori Square in Helsinki on 29 January. Event includes free open-air screening of Susanna Helke's latest film Ruthless Times – Songs of Care.

Finland's biggest documentary film festival DocPoint is organized as a nationwide online festival. All the films can be watched throughout Finland from 31 January to 6 February. During this time frame, the spectator is able to choose when to watch the purchased film. The ticket sales for the festival have begun at [DocPoint online platform](#).

Festival programme consists of 63 films in total, 52 of which are feature films. The National Programme includes thirteen long-awaited premieres. The International Programme includes films like [ASCENSION](#), [FAYA DAYI](#), [PRESIDENT](#) and [WRITING WITH FIRE](#), which are competing for the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature.

The best Finnish and international films will be awarded in the National Competition and the International Competition, respectively. DocPoint artistic director **Kati Juurus** introduces the National Competition films in her article at [DocPoint's website](#).

In addition, the programme includes a retrospective of academic **Pirjo Honkasalo**, which consists of four masterful documentary films.

DOCPOINT OPENING IN FRESH WINTER AIR OF HELSINKI

DocPoint opening event will be held at Kansalaistori Square in Helsinki on 29 Saturday starting from 5:00 pm. There will be a free outdoor screening of **Susanne Helke's** new film [RUTHLESS TIMES - SONGS OF CARE](#). In the darkly humorous film, women working in public care sing songs about their everyday experiences, absurd and often miserable. The music is composed by the famous musician **Anna-Mari Kähärä**. The film was produced by Road Movies Oy.

"I am happy that we are able to organise DocPoint opening event as an outdoors event, in fresh winter air. And I am absolutely thrilled that the opening film is a topical and unique documentary musical! The film combines an actual topic, important issue, dark humor and wonderful singing scenes!" says DocPoint executive director **Tapio Riihimäki**.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

[Fragments of Humanity](#)

[Golden Land](#)

[Hockey Dreams](#)

[It's Raining Women](#)

[Power of the People](#)

[Ruthless Times - Songs of Care](#)

[Shepherds of the Earth](#)

[Sorrow Tamers](#)

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

[All About My Sisters](#)

[Les Enfants Terribles](#)

[Faya Dayi](#)

[Life of Ivanna](#)

[The Mushroom Speaks](#)

[A Night of Knowing Nothing](#)

[One Take Grace](#)

[President](#)

[Sabaya](#)

[Trenches](#)

[Where Are We Headed](#)

DocPoint programme can be found at [DocPoint website](#).

Ticket sales for online screenings have begun at [DocPoint online platform](#).

There is no media accreditation for the DocPoint online edition 2022. Film screeners and photos are available from publicist Pyry Waltari (press@docpoint.fi).

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