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11th annual Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival

October 9-15, 2023 – Virtual Edition A Rich Tapestry of World Cultures

Judy HOFFMAN, Chicago Filmmaker and Arts Activist Arkhaios 2023 Jury President

Pittsburgh, PA – Arkhaios Film Festival is pleased to announce American filmmaker and arts activist **Judy Hoffman** will serve as the 2023 Jury President of the Arkhaios competition. The Arkhaios Film Festival - Virtual Edition will be held October 9-15, 2023.

Judy HOFFMAN, Arkhaios Jury President



Judy Hoffman has worked in film and video for 40 years. She was active in the Alternative Television Movement of the early 1970's, experimenting in the use of small format video equipment. During the 1973 International Visual Anthropology Conference, she assisted French ethnographer and filmmaker Jean Rouch, and became deeply influenced by cinéma vérité and the idea of shared anthropology. **Hoffman** played a major role in the

formation of the award-winning independent documentary group <u>Kartemquin Films</u> and continues to be an active member.

Hoffman has worked with noted feminist directors, such as Jill Godmilow, Julia Reichert, and frequently collaborates with Michelle Citron. **Hoffman's** cinematography credits include *Lives Visible, Howard Zinn: You Can't be Neutral on a Moving Train; Sacco and Vanzetti;* and *Nelson Algren: The End is Nothing, The Road is All.*

A major and ongoing focus of her work is with the Kwakwaka'wakw First Nation of British Columbia, producing films and videotapes about the reclaiming of Native culture. She was the Associate Producer on the award-winning Box of Treasures, a film tracing their efforts to repatriate cultural artifacts. For over ten years **Hoffman** directed a video training program on the N'amgis Reserve so that the Kwakwaka'wakw could make their own videos, and she continues to work with them on projects. **Hoffman** was formally adopted by the Kwakwaka'wakw at the Cranmer potlatch.

Hoffman received a VOICE Media Activism Award from Chicago's Center for Community and Media in 1994, and was awarded the 2004 Nelson Algren Committee Award for "community activists making a significant contribution to Chicago life". She received an MFA from Northwestern University, and recently retired from her position as Professor of Practice in The Arts, in the Department of Cinema and Media Studies at the University of Chicago.

The multi-day Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival is an annual juried competition, part of Archaeology Month celebration. It is free, open to the public, and is an educational event showcasing the discovery of past cultures gained from ethnological or archaeological research, and illustrated through documentary films.

The Arkhaios Film Festival is sponsored by the SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) and the Department of Anthropology of the University of South Carolina, and, in Pennsylvania, by the Department of Anthropology of the University of Pittsburgh, and the Allegheny Chapter #1 of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology.

The Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Events corporation is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization producing the Arkhaios Film Festivals in South Carolina and in Pennsylvania, when possible. A Virtual Edition has been added to screen the films online.

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