WOMEN'S VOICES NOW

2016

Year In Review

Our Impact and Reach

81,452 Web Visitors

Audiences from **195** Countries

15,000 Film Views

12 Digital Issues of The WVoice Published

In 2016, Women's Voices Now continued to advocate for women's rights through film on a global scale. We furthered our mission by hosting international screenings & discussion events; awarding cash prizes to the WVN Online Film Festival Winners; and expanding our online film archive -- the "Netflix of feminist films."

2016 WVN ONLINE FILM FESTIVAL

The Stages of Woman, the theme of the third online film festival of Women's Voices Now, portrayed the various transitions women undergo throughout their lives. To name a few: The journey from youth to old age, becoming and being a mother, negotiating varying and often conflicting identities.

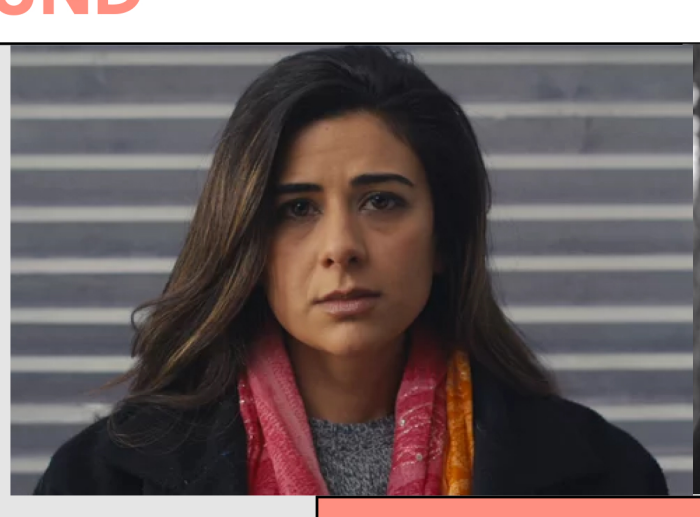
55 film submissions from **15** Countries

21 Films Selected

5 Cash Prize Winning Films

WVN ON THE GROUND

In 2016, WVN hosted **12 community screenings** and discussions in the U.S. and internationally. These screenings allowed WVN to highlight pressing international women's rights issues while fostering **post screening discussions** and **calls to action**. These screenings inspired the start of our **Educational Screening Package** program, where WVN disseminates **FREE** educational resources to accompany our films. The themes of our screenings and educational packages included



- **Women Without Men**
- **Focus on Iran**
- **Healing and Peacemaking: In Her Own Words**
- **Striving for a Better Future, Struggling to be a Student**
- **Syria's Courageous Women**
- **Masculine, Feminine: The Role of Men in Women's Equality**
- **Struggles and Triumphs of Stateless Women**
- **The Oppressions of Tradition: Breaking Free**
- **We Are Part of the Landscape: Experimental Films**
- **Global Solidarity Against Gender-Based Violence**

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- **$94,802** in Funds Raised
- **2 New Partner Organizations:**
  - Arab Woman Platform: An English/Arabic website that aims to offer a true reflection of inspirational and successful Arab women.
  - Viddsee : A media and technology company that distributes and markets short films through community-driven networks.
- **9 Ongoing partnerships:**
  - Venice Arts Center, Middle East Studies Association, American Jewish World Service, Moonfaze, Short Films Africa, Her Film Project, InkTip, International Women's Festival Network, Women Making Films—India.
- **9** themed film screening packages **sent to WVN Ambassadors worldwide**

VOICES of WVN FILMMAKERS

"Raising finances for documentaries is a difficult task, and the award money will immensely help to do research, travel, shoot on location, and meet with the local community to better understand my subject." – Ishani K. Dutta, 'Womb on Rent,' Best Documentary Feature 2016, India

"The cash award that I got from WVN was useful in buying a projector, which I really needed for a long time… The money will help me on my next projects and I don't think that the award was symbolic." – Andra Roman, 'World Wide Women,' Best Experimental Film 2016, Romania

"The money has gone into my savings to help plug the hole that has been spent on film festival submissions, etc. When I have a new project ready later this year, the money will go towards that film." –Heidi Lee Douglas, 'Defendant 5', Best Documentary Short 2016, Australia

"I hope that your festival will feel that they are contributing to people who may help women or give voices to women and others in the future. I will always be grateful to you." – Jumaan Short, 'Mother,' Best Narrative Short 2016, United Kingdom

HELP KEEP WOMEN'S VOICES NOW GOING

In 2016, your donation furthered the efforts to facilitate an interconnected and mobilized women's rights community working together to improve the status of women worldwide. Your ongoing contributions support brave filmmakers, who keep women's rights issues in the media spotlight despite tremendous obstacles to making their films. Your support equips tens of thousands of individuals, in 195 countries, with compelling women's rights-focused films and women's rights curriculum, absolutely free of charge.

The generous gifts of private individuals and philanthropic foundations allow us to meet operating costs; reach filmmakers, activists, organizers, and audiences around the world; and to support the women's rights advocacy of filmmakers, educators, community organizers, and organizations who understand the vital necessity of amplifying women's voices, stories, struggles, and triumphs.

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