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## ***Independent Lens* Nominated for IDA Documentary Award for the Prestigious Best Curated Series and Three ITVS-funded Films Receive Honors from the International Documentary Association**

(San Francisco, CA) Wednesday, October 24, 2018 — For the eighth consecutive year, the ITVS series *Independent Lens* has been nominated for the IDA Documentary Award for Best Curated Series from the International Documentary Association, it was announced today. The series has won four times in the last five years. The 34th Annual IDA Documentary Awards will take place on Saturday, December 8, at the Paramount Theatre in Los Angeles, CA.

"We're honored to be among the series nominated by IDA for this award," said Lois Vossen, executive producer of *Independent Lens*. "The opportunity to work closely as a funder and co-producer with so many tenacious filmmakers in the series is exhilarating. "We're delighted to showcase these spring films by Ramell Ross, whose *Hale County This Morning, This Evening* is an IDA nominee for Best Feature Documentary and Hao Wu, nominated for Best Writing for *People's Republic of Desire*."

In addition, three other ITVS-funded films were honored with nominations, *Minding the Gap*, *Mr. Soul!*, and *The Silence of Others*. "We are thrilled that ITVS's funding initiatives continue to help independent filmmakers tell bold stories that organizations like IDA applaud through award nominations," said Jim Sommers, senior vice president of ITVS content. "Partnering with public media strands to bring these stories to the world is more important than ever, and vital to our mission. We are very proud of our team and colleagues."

The new season of *Independent Lens* premieres on PBS on Monday, October 29, with Alex Jablonski and Kahlil Hudson's *Wildland*. Other films premiering this fall include *Dawnland*, *The Cleaners*, *The Judge* and *Man on Fire*.

### **About *Independent Lens***

*Independent Lens* is an Emmy® Award-winning weekly series airing on PBS Monday nights at 10:00pm. The acclaimed series, with Lois Vossen as executive producer, features documentaries united by the creative freedom, artistic achievement, and unflinching visions of independent filmmakers. Presented by ITVS, the series is funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, a private corporation funded by the



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## **About ITVS**

ITVS is a San Francisco-based nonprofit organization that has, for over 25 years, funded and partnered with a diverse range of documentary filmmakers to produce and distribute untold stories. ITVS incubates and co-produces these award-winning films and then airs them for free on PBS via our weekly series, *Independent Lens*, as well as on other PBS series and through our digital platform, OVEE. ITVS is funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. For more information, visit [itvs.org](https://itvs.org)

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