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The Largest Documentary Film Festival in the U.S. Is Kicking Off in New York. Here Are 7 Films About Art to Check Out at Doc NYC

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Today marks the start of Doc NYC, the nation's largest documentary film festival, and quite a few of the selections in the current crop have artistic themes at their center.



Bad Attitude: The Art of Spain Rodriguez

Described by R. Crumb as a "working-class Latino crossed with left-wing radical crossed with crazy artist," Spain Rodriguez was part of anti-war and civil rights protests in New York in the 1960s and made decidedly non-P.C. art that would almost certainly be judged as sexist, homophobic, and possibly racist by today's standards. In her documentary about her late husband, Susan Stern makes the case that Rodriguez's underground comics helped push the medium in exciting new directions, allowing it to evolve beyond a childish corporate medium into an art form in its own right.

Saturday, November 13, 7:25 p.m., Cinépolis Chelsea, 260 West 23rd Street, New York.

Monday, November 15, 5 p.m., Cinépolis Chelsea, 260 West 23rd Street, New York.

Streaming Sunday, November 14–Sunday, November 28, 2021.