



Newsletter

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## Streaming Films

### [American Tongues](#)

Southerners talk too slowly. New Yorkers are rude. New Englanders don't say much at all. Anybody who lives in the U.S. knows the clichés about how people in the various parts of the country handle the English language. American Tongues is the first documentary to explore the impact of these linguistic attitudes in a fresh and exciting manner. For over ten years American Tongues has entertained and educated audiences from the high school level on up. It is in use in thousands of colleges, universities, corporate training offices, military installations, TESL classes, and other institutions. American Tongues has been an enormously useful teaching tool for helping students and workers hear examples of regional speech and attitudes and relate them to their own lives. Some of the points included in American Tongues:-profiles of a number of linguistic communities, including the remarkable relic area of Tangier Island, Virginia -A survey of American linguistic prejudice (regional, social, racial) -The role of the mass media in fostering stereotypes -Opinions and examples of Black English (Ebonics) -How accents in one locale can differ by social class.

### [Brand New You- Makeover Television and the American Dream](#)

What do popular television makeover programs like What Not to Wear, The Biggest Loser, Queer Eye for the Straight Guy, and The Swan tell us about how to look and feel? What do they tell us about what a good life looks like in contemporary America? This new film based on Katherine Sender's book The Makeover explores these questions against the backdrop of American ideals of self-invention and upward mobility. Asking what it means to be an authentic self in an increasingly mediated world -- to be both ordinary and special, to be happy with who we are



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## Film Suggestion?

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while always wanting something better --Brand New You shows how the interventions featured in makeover shows, from weight loss to cosmetic surgery, reproduce conventional norms of physical attractiveness and success. Taking a wider social and cultural view, it also shows how these programs have become models of self-transformation at precisely the same time jobs have become harder to find and keep, and women and men have been forced to remake themselves to compete in a rapidly changing labor marketplace.

### [Booker's Place](#)

In 1965, filmmaker Frank De Felitta filmed a documentary focused on changing times in the American South, particularly the tension-fraught Mississippi Delta. The film was broadcast on NBC News in May of 1966 and outraged many Southern viewers, in part because it included an extraordinary scene featuring a local African American waiter named Booker Wright. Wright, who worked at a local 'whites only' restaurant in Greenwood, Mississippi, went on record to deliver a stunning, heartfelt, inflammatory monologue about the realities of racism in the community. The fallout for Booker Wright was extreme. He lost his job. He was beaten and ostracized by those who considered him 'a traitor.' Booker's Place, his place of business, was torched. Forty-five years after Booker's television appearance, Frank De Felitta's son, director Raymond De Felitta, journeyed into the Mississippi Delta with Wright's granddaughter to learn more about who Wright was, the mystery surrounding his courageous life and untimely death, and the impact of the NBC News documentary.

### [Abstinence Comes to Albuquerque](#)

Hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent by the federal government on abstinence-from-sex-until-marriage education across America. This compelling documentary is a case study of abstinence education coming into one public school system in Albuquerque, N.M. and the firestorm of controversy that ensued. The debate is typical of what is happening in other communities around the country. This documentary gives voice to a diverse spectrum of people; teens, parents, public health officials, and educators, right up the line to state officials and national advocates on both sides of this important issue. Abstinence Comes to Albuquerque objectively examines the landscape of a debate that is emblematic of a divided America.

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## Newly Acquired Films

### [Act of War](#)

Chronicles the history and condition of Hawaiians from their creation to the present, focusing on the overthrow of the Hawaiian government in 1893.

### [Alonzo King Lines Ballet](#)

Triangle of the Squinches features an innovative kinetic set by architect Christopher Haas. In this piece, Alonzo King explores the inner and outer space of the body: how do we strive to touch something infinite with our material forms?

What is the resonance ....

## [American Promise](#)

Spans thirteen years as Joe Brewster and Michele Stephenson, middle-class African-American parents in Brooklyn, N.Y., turn their cameras on their son, Idris, and his best friend, Seun, who make their way through one of the most prestigious private schools in the ...

## [Anita](#)

The story of Anita Hill, who has empowered millions to stand up for equality and justice.

## [Burning Bush](#)

Acclaimed director Agnieszka Holland returns to a pivotal time in modern Czech history: the shocking act of a student of the Charles University's Faculty of Arts, who in protest of the Soviet occupation, set himself ...

## [The Dog](#)

In 1972, John Wojtowicz attempted to rob a Brooklyn bank to pay for his lover's sex change operation. Three years later Al Pacino portrayed his crime in Dog Day Afternoon. We gain a historic perspective on New ...

## [Earth Wisdom](#)

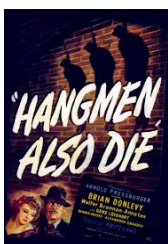
This program focuses on the wisdom of indigenous peoples and their values and practices that have promoted heightened consciousness, spiritual harmony and a life in balance with nature. Filmed ...

## [Girl Rising](#)

A documentary describing the education of nine girls from nine developing countries.



## [Hangmen Also Die](#)



Prague 1942. Following the assassination of Nazi "Reich Protector" Heydrich, Masha Novotny, a professor's daughter, hides the culprit in her parents' apartment. When the Gestapo take 400 people hostage in retaliation, Masha's father is among those arrested. The assassin, surgeon Dr. Svoboda, manages to escape. As they search for him the Gestapo also train their sights on Masha. **Blu-Ray**

## [Hearts of Darkness](#)

An in-depth and engrossing look into the making of Francis

Ford Coppola's epic Apocalypse Now, as filmed by his wife Eleanor.

### [I Have Always Been a Dreamer](#)

An essay about globalization and urban ecology using the examples of two cities in contrasting states of development, Dubai, UAE and Detroit, Michigan, USA. Within the context of a boom and bust economy, the questions of the collective ideologies that shape the physical landscape and impact local communities.

### [I Learn America](#)

In America, nearly one in four students is a child of immigration. At the International High School at Lafayette, a Brooklyn public high school dedicated to newly arrived immigrants from all over the world, five ...

### [Ida](#)

A moving and intimate drama about a young novice nun in 1960s Poland who, on the verge of taking her vows, discovers a dark family secret dating from the terrible years of the Nazi occupation.

### [Indian Relay](#)

The hope and determination of modern-day American Indian life is revealed in this film about what it takes to win one of the most exciting and perilous forms of horse racing practiced anywhere in the world today. ...

### [The Internet's Own Boy](#)

The Internet's Own Boy depicts the life of American computer programmer, writer, political organizer and Internet activist Aaron Swartz. It features interviews with his family and friends as well as the internet ...

### [Marjoe](#)

A documentary on Marjoe Gortner, who was trained by his holy-roller parents to hustle for Jesus and began preaching on the evangelical circuit when he was three years old. Follows Marjoe during his last months of rock-style preaching before his retirement at 28, and includes his comments on life as a ...



### [Orphan Black, Season 1](#)

A streetwise hustler is pulled into a compelling conspiracy after witnessing the suicide of a girl who looks just like her.

### [Orphan Black, Season 2](#)

Season two hits the ground running with Sarah in a desperate race to find her missing daughter Kira. Her scorched earth tactics spark a war with pro-clone, Rachel, dividing and imperiling all the clones. ...

## [Our Nixon](#)

Throughout Richard Nixon's presidency, three of his top White House aides [Dwight Chapmen, John Erlichman, H.R. Haldeman] obsessively documented their experiences with Super 8 home movie cameras...

## [Our School](#)

Three Roma ("Gypsy") children from a small Transylvanian village are swept in an initiative to integrate the ethnically segregated Romanian schools.

## [Pussy Riot](#)

Founded in 2011 after Vladimir Putin was given a third term as Russian president, Pussy Riot is a feminist art collective/punk band based in Moscow. The group's protest inside the cathedral was intended to protest ...

## [Teachings of the Tree People](#)



National Heritage Fellow Gerald Bruce (Sùbiyay) Miller, Skokomish Tribal Twana Indian leader, gathers and weaves a cedar bark mat and shares his life story and the teachings of the Tree People. A passionate ...

## [Transgender Tuesdays](#)

Chronicles the lives of 12 courageous people who came to the first-ever public health clinic in the US to offer full primary care to transgender people in San Francisco's gritty Tenderloin District. The warm ...

## [Urban Rez](#)

Documentary on the legacy and modern-day effects of the federal government's voluntary urban relocation program that relocated American Indians from reservations to urban areas.

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