



**ITVS HOSTS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON WITH FILMMAKING ALUM AT SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL**

*ITVS Touts its Approach to Supporting Diverse Filmmakers, including 50% Female and 60% People of Color*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – [ITVS](#), leading supporter of independent filmmakers, will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a luncheon during this year’s Sundance Festival. ITVS has spent the last 25 years focused on the importance of diversity in filmmaking; and has committed the organization’s next phase to being a change agent. ITVS-funded filmmaking alums have gone on to incredibly successful careers, and include among so many others Abigail E. Disney and Stanley Nelson; and is widely known for its award-winning curated series, Independent Lens.

Three ITVS-funded films [NEWTOWN](#), [TRAPPED](#) and [MAYA ANGELOU AND STILL I RISE](#) are being screened at Sundance Film Festival. Film directors, Kim A. Snyder, Dawn Porter, and Bob Hercules and Rita Coburn Whack, of *NEWTOWN*, *TRAPPED* and *MAYA ANGELOU AND STILL I RISE* respectively, will attend.

**WHAT:** ITVS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon on the Importance of Diversity in Filmmaking

**WHEN:** Monday, January 25, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. MT

**WHERE:** The Mustang Restaurant  
890 Main St.  
Park City, UT 84060

**WHO:** Jim Sommers, Senior Vice President of Content, ITVS  
Lois Vossen, *Independent Lens* Executive Producer  
Noland Walker, Senior Content Director and *Independent Lens* Co-Curator  
Kim A. Snyder, Director, *NEWTOWN*  
Dawn Porter, Director, *TRAPPED*  
Bob Hercules, Director, *MAYA ANGELOU AND STILL I RISE*  
Rita Coburn Whack, Director, *MAYA ANGELOU AND STILL I RISE*

**MEDIA RSVP:** To attend, media should contact Dom Hawkins at 202-464-9522 or [dhawkins@skdknick.com](mailto:dhawkins@skdknick.com)

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