

**EDN press release: Watch 300+ Documentary Professionals Sing at IDFA Forum**  
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## **Watch 300+ Documentary Professionals Sing at IDFA Forum as EDN Celebrates 20th Anniversary**

**This year, EDN - European Documentary Network celebrates two exciting decades of supporting the documentary sector and providing networking opportunities and training for documentary professionals worldwide. As a special tribute at this year's IDFA forum, a crowd of over 300 documentary professionals performed a truly unique 'a cappella' concert to commemorate this anniversary.**

The premises of IDFA Forum turned into a concert hall on Tuesday, 22 November, when EDN celebrated its 20th anniversary with an 'a-cappella' performance which was vocally supported by hundreds of documentary professionals who attended the central pitch in Amsterdam.

The anniversary concert was based on popular songs featuring altered lyrics that, in a humorous and playful way, represent typical experiences and questions that many a documentary professional has been confronted with over the course of his career. One of the songs was centered around the self-image of documentary professionals and the important distinction between documentary and fiction. A highlight of this performance can be viewed via the following video link:

<https://vimeo.com/192672217>

On the occasion of this tribute, EDN Director Paul Pauwels said: "20 years ago, the European Documentary Network was founded. A group of documentary filmmakers decided that we needed an instrument to promote the documentary genre and to defend its interests. Over the years, many people have worked with us, in many ways and, in that sense, EDN has many fathers and mothers and I want to honour all of them [...] Some people asked me why we did not set up a major celebration for this joyous occasion but one doesn't honour an association. An association is just a name on paper, by-laws and some legal stuff. What one does celebrate is the community the association serves: you! Documentary filmmakers, professional associations, partners like IDFA and the Forum with whom we have a long standing fruitful relation and all of you we had the pleasure to work for. Without you EDN would be but an empty box."

Founded in September 1996 as the first pan-European organisation dedicated to the needs of the documentary industry, EDN has since been promoting documentary filmmaking through workshops, seminars, publications and many other initiatives. All of these activities have brought together documentary professionals from every corner of the world.

### **Spread the word and share the news**

Help us celebrate by sharing the video link widely among your contacts and followers via Facebook and Twitter using the hashtag **#EDN20years**.

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### **For editors:**

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