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DOCNZ receives a record number of documentaries!

The *DOCNZ International Documentary Film Festival* has received a massive 194 submissions from over 25 countries.

As well as attracting a large number of films internationally, *DOCNZ* received a huge 63 New Zealand entries, making up about a third of total submissions.

Festival Director Dan Shanana says "This will set a high standard in the competition part of the festival. We are delighted with the response. We have been impressed with both the calibre and diversity of entries. This is an excellent start for the first *DOCNZ* and we are looking forward to delivering an outstanding festival in September."

The selection committee plans to announce the official line-up of films in July.

As the inaugural festival's infrastructure falls into place, the website is now completed. 17-year-old student OJ from *Howick College* has designed an attractive and functional site at www.docnzfestival.com

OJ embraced the challenge presented to him by his teacher, Vanita Curin, last month and festival organisers are impressed!

DOCNZ 2005 will take place at Auckland's Academy Cinema, 15-28 September 2005, and at Wellington's Paramount Cinema 29 September – 5 October, 2005. This will be the first documentary film festival ever in Australasia. Mark these dates in your diary now!

For further information about *DOCNZ* please use the contacts below. Sponsorship enquiries can be directed to Sponsorship Manager Connie Miller connie@docnzfestival.com Ph: 021 983 774.

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