

## **Independent Lens Panelist Biographies**

### **BHUTTO BIO INFORMATION**

#### **Duane Baughman (Director)**

Duane Baughman is the owner and founder of the San Francisco-based Yellow Pad Productions, through which he spent nearly 3 years, directing, producing and funding the 2010 Sundance Film Festival feature-length documentary selection BHUTTO. He is the owner of the nationally regarded political direct mail firm, The Baughman Company, which has been responsible for helping elect Michael R. Bloomberg mayor of New York City, and the historic presidential campaign of another barrier-breaking woman, Hillary Clinton.

#### **Ambassador Husain Haqqani (Pakistan's Ambassador to the US)**

Husain Haqqani is Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States in Washington, DC. A trusted advisor of late Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Ambassador Haqqani is known as a Professor at Boston University and Co-Chair of the Hudson Institute's Project on the Future of the Muslim World as well as editor of the journal *Current Trends in Islamist Thought* published from Washington DC. He is a leading journalist, diplomat and former advisor to many Pakistani prime ministers. His syndicated column is published in several newspapers in South Asia and the Middle East, including *Oman Tribune*, *Jang*, *The Indian Express*, *Gulf News* and *The Nation* (Pakistan).

#### **Mahin Hemmat (Benazir Bhutto's Cousin)**

Cousin to Benazir Bhutto, Mahin Hemmat grew up in Karachi, Bombay and Tehran. She has lived in the U.S. for the past 30 years. Hemmat received her degree in psychology and was a teacher at an English school in Iran; she also taught English as a second language at the British Counsel in Tehran. Currently in Los Angeles, Hemmat has been working at a real estate law firm for the past 21 years.

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#### **Neil Diamond (Director/Writer)**

One of Canada's foremost Aboriginal filmmakers and photographers, Neil Diamond hails from the Cree community of Waskaganish. His recent credits include *The Last Explorer*, a feature-length docudrama retracing the steps of his great uncle, Aboriginal guide George Elson, on an ill-fated voyage into the heart of uncharted Labrador. Diamond also directed the award-winning documentaries *One More River* and *Heavy Metal: A Mining Disaster in Northern Quebec*.

#### **Chris Eyre (Filmmaker)**

Enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Chris Eyre is a film director and producer. His films focus on all aspects of contemporary Native American life, while dispelling the usual stereotypes. Eyre's debut film, *Smoke Signals* (1998), won the coveted Sundance Film Festival Filmmakers Trophy and the Audience Award. It also won Best Film honors at the 1998 American Indian Film Festival.

#### **Sacheen Littlefeather (Activist/Actress)**

Native American activist and actress Sacheen Littlefeather was catapulted into the world spotlight in 1973, when Marlon Brando asked her to accept his Oscar for his portrayal of Don Corleone in *The Godfather* to bring attention to the treatment of American Indians and the siege at Wounded Knee. Active in the Native American Bay Area community, Sacheen was one of the original occupiers on Alcatraz Island protesting civil rights violations against Indian people and is co-ordinator of the Kateri Prayer Circle in San Francisco.