

Bios

Space: The Longest Goodbye on Independent Lens

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Lois Vossen (Moderator, *Independent Lens* EP)

Lois Vossen is the Founding Executive Producer of Independent Lens, having been with the series since its inception as a PBS primetime series. Independent Lens films have received 27 Emmy Awards, 28 George Foster Peabody Awards, 10 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Journalism Awards, and 10 Academy Award nominations. The series was honored in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, and 2022 with the International Documentary Association (IDA) Award for Best Series. Before joining ITVS, Lois was the Associate Managing Director of Sundance Film Festival and Sundance Labs. She was on the Television Academy Board of Governors and still serves on the Academy's DEIA Committee, and is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences (AMPAS).



Ido Mizrahy (Director)

Ido Mizrahy's narrative and documentary films premiered at Sundance, SXSW, Tribeca and ND/NF, among many other festivals, and went on to win a number of awards. His films have been distributed by AMC, Sundance, Netflix, Filmrise and Greenwich Entertainment and co-produced by ITVS, PBS, BBC, MTV and Arte. Mizrahy is currently co-creating a VR video game, with Nir Sa'ar (writing-producing partner on "Space: The Longest Goodbye"), that's equal parts family drama and space thriller.

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Cady Coleman (Film Participant, former NASA astronaut)

Cady Coleman is a former NASA Astronaut and a retired US Air Force Colonel with more than 180 days in space, accumulated during two space shuttle missions and a six-month expedition to the International Space Station (ISS) as the Lead Robotics and Lead Science officer. Often selected by NASA for media coverage over the course of her 24-year career, Cady continues to be a popular public speaker and media consultant. She is a regular contributor to ABC News and co-hosted the Mission: Interplanetary podcast. From space, she coached Sandra Bullock for her role in "Gravity." Her book, *Sharing Space: An Astronaut's Guide to Mission, Wonder, and Making Change*, about her NASA experiences and the insights she gained as an astronaut, is due out this summer.

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Jamey Simpson (Film Participant)

Jamey Simpson is a Washington, DC-based photographer who has a passion for storytelling through powerful imagery and his work has been published in *People Magazine*, *American Craft Magazine* and featured on the Today Show. At age seven, Jamey's mother Cady was assigned to a six-month mission aboard the space station.

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