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Ahh, the documentary...

A genre bound to provoke nostalgia in practically anyone who doesn't actually make docs for a living. To be sure, the documentary has come a long way since those halcyon days of god-like narrators and pleasant suburbanites illustrating the proper way to enjoy life. The advent of videotape, followed by the digital revolution, has dramatically increased the range of stories that are told, the places they take us, the speed at which they're provided, and the number (and kind) of people who provide them. All this progress has ultimately made the doc something special; something amazing; something dare we say it? - sexy. And as soon as pop-culture catches wind of something special, amazing and sexy, its over-the-top commercial exploitation is never far behind.

Ahh, Reality Television...

These days, if a documentary isn't shallow, titillating, fabricated, or just plain loud and obnoxious, then it's debatable whether the ratings will be high enough to satisfy the advertisers. The pendulum on mainstream television has swung a bit too far, and some might argue that the current wave of reality-based content is turning the doc into a circus, its subject matter into a lottery, its players into entertainers, and its viewers into consumers.

Thankfully, Hot Docs exists to combat this disturbing trend, where over-baked bodies, sunny ratings, star power, and marketing pull supposedly generate the heat. Instead, we subscribe to a much more elegant definition of heat, namely, the kind that comes simply from being human. To illustrate:

Heat is created through friction. Like when people rub each other the wrong way, or argue, fight, torture, or kill one another. For real. Without make-up or special effects. These things often happen in circumstances that are not quite as black-and-white as we're led to believe on the nightly news. Which can lead to confusion, desperation, hesitancy, and even more friction.

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Heat is created through emotion. Like love and desire, envy, rage, or misery. Forces that drive us to do and say things that aren't always rational or explicable. Forces that disguise or unmask motivation, that get us into trouble, knock us down, offer salvation, and constantly remind us that blood is actually flowing through our veins.

Heat is created through brain activity. Like when we realize that a doc's "truth" is often deliberately laced with the subjective nuances of its creator. Or when we're shown images that astonish and arouse us, pull us into debate, repulse us by the obtuseness of their subjects, or just plain give us pause.

Heat is created through action. The kind of action we take when we've been emotionally poked and intellectually prodded by the stories we've just seen on the screen. The kind of action that leads to activism – to demonstrations, dissent, anger and shifts of power. The kind of action that puts us on a podium. Or in prison. The kind of action that leads to change.

And finally, heat is created through assembly. The assembly of filmmakers and their audience, who come together to discuss and celebrate the films that flicker between them. Audiences know that

their doc-makers have a passion for finding themselves at the centre of real-life human drama. where the camera often becomes the most despised, feared, or sheltering participant in the story. When we assemble together in the theatre, it brings into very sharp focus the simple fact that it takes skill and courage to capture astonishing images, especially at a time when pictures of horror and beauty alike are often met with complacency. When we assemble, we are reminded that the documentary is one of the most powerful tools in the fight against social entropy. Documentaries inform our minds, stoke our passions, and speak to our sense of morality. These are the films that empower us, that point the way, that help us laugh at our own imperfect humanity.

And in Canada - the nation that pioneered the Documentary genre - they're called Hot Docs.

Ahh, yes. Hot Docs... Back for its 8th sizzling year.

Shawn Postoff Managing Editor

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> Sally Blake and Tom Perlmutter Co-Chairs, CIFC - Toronto Chapter

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On behalf of our Board of Directors, we are pleased to extend a warm welcome to Hot Docs 2001! This year the festival offers a tantalizing selection of films from Canada and abroad that will delight, provoke and inspire us. The finest filmmakers from around the world will be here to share their creative insights; major players in the documentary industry – the producers, distributors and broadcasters – will stimulate debate; and throughout this glorious week in May, Toronto will celebrate the compelling power of the documentary film.

Hot Docs is proud to present a rich variety of styles, subjects, narrative techniques and innovations in form, many of which will be Canadian premieres. The selection of these remarkable films is the work of our very talented programming team. This year, two new Canadian Programmers, David McIntosh and Janice Tufford, join International Programmer Marc Glassman and Associate Programmer Shannon Abel in shaping the festival's schedule.

In addition to the Toronto Documentary Forum, which returns under Michaelle McLean's direction after its highly successful launch last year, the festival is introducing a roster of exciting new events: Cutting Truths, a one-day conference mounted in collaboration with the Banff New Media Institute; the Producer Seminars, which will focus on the business side of documentary production; and Kickstart, a programme for emerging filmmakers. Returning documentary greats, Albert Maysles, D.A. Pennebaker and Chris Hegedus, will facilitate the Master Classes, and the popular Symposium and Filmmaker Discussions are back. Along with The Doc Shop market, the brand new Rendez-vous sessions join the Micro-Meetings to provide ample opportunity for documentary makers and buyers to connect and make deals.

Under the visionary leadership of our Executive Director Chris McDonald and Managing Director Karen Tisch, Hot Docs continues to expand and gain recognition as an important documentary event. This annual miracle could not be accomplished without extraordinary contributions from the Hot Docs staff, their committed volunteers, and a host of wonderful sponsors who all share the festival's dream. Our founding mission remains unchanged: to celebrate the best documentaries in the world.

We wish you a wonderful week in Little Italy. Sip a cappuccino, bask in the returning sunshine and savour the delicious films of Hot Docs.





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On behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the eighth edition of Hot Docs, Canada's international documentary festival. As always, we've

made best efforts to build on past events, take chances, learn from our mistakes, present a stellar programme of films and discussions, and create a marketplace where great films are financed and produced.

We are indebted to our public and private sector funders who have helped Hot Docs grow to become North America's largest and most important documentary event. Along with our talented staff, strong board and committed volunteers, these partners have helped the festival double its audience in each of the past two years, present an exceptional array of work, and celebrate the art of documentary filmmaking with enthusiasm and, we hope, a little style.

Our commitment to excellence has been enhanced by on-going relationships with leading international festivals, and we appreciate the cooperation and support offered by Banff, Amsterdam, Rencontres, AIDC, Sheffield and other key festivals. This past fall we organized a delegation of 15 filmmakers to attend the Nordisk Panorama in Bergen, Norway. As a result, many deals were signed and partnerships formed, and with great assistance from Filmkontakt Nord, the EDN, MEDIA and the many Nordic Film Institutes and Film Funds, we are delighted to welcome a delegation of Nordic films, filmmakers and broadcasters to Hot Docs.

Last year we launched the Toronto Documentary Forum, a two-day event where forty documentary projects were pitched to an assembly of over fifty leading commissioning editors from around the world. The results from the TDF were quite staggering, with over fifty percent of these projects securing additional financing, resulting in \$1.5 million raised in two days. We are thrilled that three of the projects pitched at the inaugural TDF will be screened this week at Hot Docs (Alison's Baby, The Boot Factory and In the Shadow of a Saint).

We hope you are able to take advantage of and enjoy everything that the festival has to offer. As always, we welcome any comments or suggestions that will help to enhance the Hot Docs experience for future years.

Chris McDonald

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hot Docs enthusiastically turns eight years old with all the youthful energy – and scraped elbows – that this age entails. This year, the festival's programming continues to blossom, sporting a lively mix of screenings.

symposia and special events, a new media conference mounted in collaboration with the Banff New Media Institute, a fresh slate of awards, and a stellar selection of documentaries drawn from a record number of submissions from around the world (1200!).

Hot Docs' newly configured Canadian Spectrum, curated for the first time by veteran programmers David McIntosh and Janice Tufford, will highlight the superb contributions of Canadian filmmakers to the international documentary scene. Recent docs from around the world – all Toronto premieres – will be celebrated in the festival's expanded International Showcase, curated by senior programmer Marc Glassman and Associate Programmer Shannon Abel. The International Showcase is further enhanced by the presence of an extraordinary Guest Programmer, Ally Derks. As Director of the prestigious International Documentary Filmfestival Amsterdam, Ally has made a special selection of films under the banner "Ally Derks Selects."

Under the auspices of Hot Docs' National Spotlight Programme, it was my pleasure this year to view and select a powerful group of documentary productions from Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland. The Nordic Spotlight will be boosted by a large delegation of Nordic filmmakers, and I would like to extend a hearty welcome to them, as well as to all of the Canadian and international filmmakers who have traveled great distances to present their works at Hot Docs this week.

A special welcome to veteran filmmakers and past Lifetime Achievement Award winners Albert Maysles, Chris Hegedus and D.A. Pennebaker who will return to Hot Docs to teach Master Classes. Hegedus and co-director Jehane Noujaim will also open the festival with their brilliant cinema direct film, *Startup.com*. Presented courtesy of Odeon Films Inc., *Startup.com* captures the zeitgeist of the moment and we are honoured to kick off the festival with such a riveting – and enjoyable – film.

This year, the festival has added a Closing Night Film to its roster of special events. To inaugurate this important initiative, the festival will present the Toronto premiere of Bey Weyman and Luis O. Garcia's *Spirits of Havana* featuring the lively sounds of Toronto jazz musician Jane Bunnett. Produced by the National Film Board of Canada's Ontario Studio, this special screening will mark the Studio's 25th anniversary and provide a spirited culmination to the festival.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the Hot Docs board, staff and volunteers for their continued dedication to the growth of the organization and to you, the Toronto audience, for your gratifying support. Enjoy the festival!

Karen Tisch

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Greetings to everyone taking part in the 2001 Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival, the perfect meeting place for documentary professionals in North America.

Th art of documentary film enables us to see life from a new perspective. Seeking ideas and inspiration in everyday life, documentary filmmakers celebrate on the big screen what is wonderful and fascinating about our day-to-day existence. Again this year, the Hot Docs Festival honours originality, daring and talent of hundreds of filmmakers. And once again, this world-renowned festival will allow documentary cinema professionals, as well as new talent, to have access to works from at home and abroad.

As minister of Canadian Heritage, I congratulate the organizers of this prestigious artistic event which pays tribute to a cinema which is very much alive and appreciated. May this edition of the Hot Docs Festival be a truly rewarding and memorable one for all!

J'aimerais saluer tous ceux et celles qui prennent part à l'édition 2001 du Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival, rendez-vous par excellence des documentaristes en Amérique du Nord.

S'ouvrir au monde du documentaire, c'est voir la vie sous un angle nouveau. En puisant leurs idées et leur inspiration dans le quotodien, les documentaristes célèbrent sur grand écran le spectacle de la vie, avec tout ce qu'il a de merveilleux et de fascinant. Encore cette année, le Hot Docs Festival rendra hommage à l'originalité, à l'audace et au talent de centaines de cinéastes. Et une fois de plus, ce festival reconnu aux quatre coins du monde permettra aux adeptes du cinéma documentaire ainsi qu'aux néophytes d'avoir accès à des œuvres d'ici et de l'étranger.

À titre de ministre du patrimoine canadien, je tiens à féliciter chaleureusement les organisateurs de cette manifestation artistique d'envergure qui rend hommage à un cinéma vivant et apprécié. Que cette édition du Hot Docs soit riche en découvertes et en rencontres mémorables.

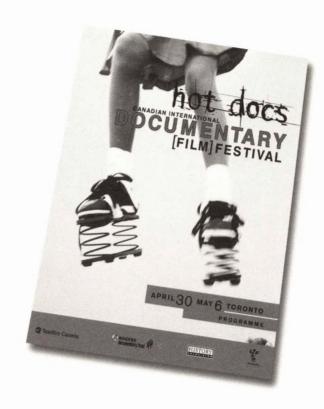


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As North America's largest documentary festival, HOT DOCS showcases some of the best and most compelling non-fiction films from around the world. HOT DOCS not only attracts an international audience, it also highlights Canadian excellence in documentary cinema. In its eighth year, the Canadian International Documentary Festival continues to earn its international reputation as a premiere event by innovating and expanding its program for documentary professionals. New industry events will provide both international and Canadian documentary filmmakers, buyers, distributors and broadcasters with more opportunities to exchange ideas, to learn from each other, and most importantly, to network and do business.

Given the enormous success of the Toronto Documentary Forum last year, I am confident that this year's edition will again draw a roster of top calibre independent documentary projects and international commissioning editors. The Forum delivers an unprecedented opportunity in North America for independent documentary production teams to gain valuable market exposure. It is also a window on the trends and leading documentary filmmakers of tomorrow.

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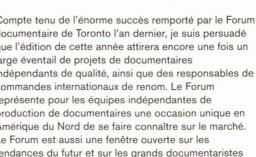
Please accept my best wishes for a most enjoyable and successful festival. A world of international documentary cinema awaits you! Je suis heureux de saluer très chaleureusement tous ceux qui sont venus participer à HOT DOCS 2001, cette célébration annuelle de l'excellence dans les films documentaires et à la télévision.

HOT DOCS, le plus grand festival de ce genre en Amérique du Nord, présente une sélection des meilleurs et des plus remarquables films documentaires réalisés aux quatre coins du monde. HOT DOCS n'attire pas seulement un public international, il souligne aussi l'excellence canadienne dans le cinéma documentaire. Le Festival canadien du film documentaire international. qui en est à sa huitième année, continue de se tailler une réputation internationale d'événement de premier plan grâce à l'innovation dont il fait preuve et à l'élargissement de son programme pour les professionnels du film documentaire. Avec les nouvelles activités de l'industrie, les cinéastes, acheteurs, distributeurs et radiodiffuseurs, tant du Canada que de l'étranger, se verront offrir davantage d'occasions d'échanger des idées, d'apprendre les uns des autres et, ce qui est plus important, de nouer des liens et de faire des affaires.

Compte tenu de l'énorme succès remporté par le Forum documentaire de Toronto l'an dernier, je suis persuadé que l'édition de cette année attirera encore une fois un large éventail de projets de documentaires indépendants de qualité, ainsi que des responsables de commandes internationaux de renom. Le Forum représente pour les équipes indépendantes de production de documentaires une occasion unique en Amérique du Nord de se faire connaître sur le marché. Le Forum est aussi une fenêtre ouverte sur les tendances du futur et sur les grands documentaristes de demain.

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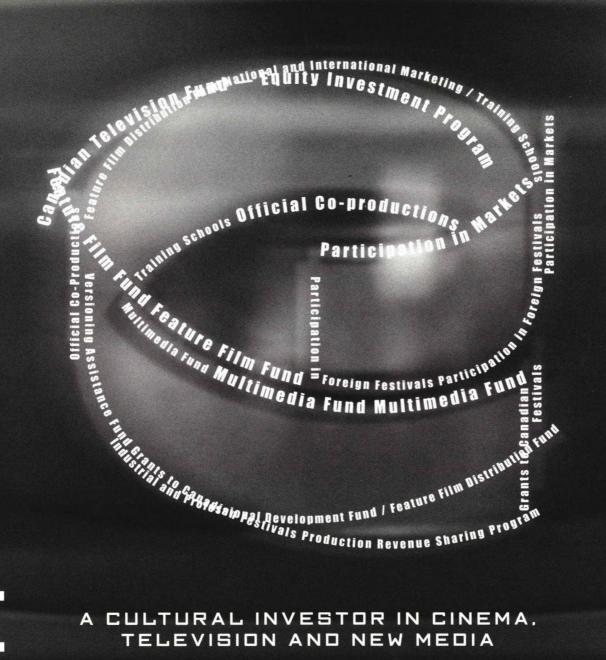
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The quality of the documentaries created in this country increases every year, and so do the audiences who watch them. Telefilm Canada, through events such as Hot Docs, is committed to playing an active and vital role in the development of Canada's documentary industry.

Hot Docs 2001 has an expansive roster of events lined up such as "Nordic Spotlight" and Producer Seminars, as well as the Toronto Documentary Forum, all designed to bring Canadian and international artists together to share their stories and professional experience.

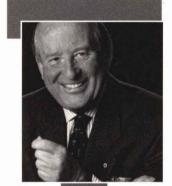
As a cultural investor in film, television and multimedia, Telefilm Canada is proud to support Hot Docs. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire Telefilm staff, best wishes for a successful festival!

Le documentaire vise à éduquer et à informer, à stimuler et à provoquer le spectateur. Chaque année, Hot Docs, le plus important festival du documentaire en Amérique du Nord, présente des œuvres des quatre coins du monde réalisées dans cet esprit.

D'année en année, la qualité des documentaires créés dans ce pays ne cesse d'augmenter, tout comme le public qu'ils attirent. Téléfilm Canada, par l'entremise d'événements comme le Hot Docs, s'engage à jouer un rôle actif et indispensable dans le développement de l'industrie canadienne du documentaire.

Le festival Hot Docs 2001 s'accompagne d'une foule d'événements, comme "Nordic Spotlight," les Producer Seminars et le Forum sur le documentaire de Toronto, qui tous ont pour objectif de réunir des artistes canadiens et internationaux afin qu'ils puissent partager leurs histoires et leur expérience professionnelle.

En qualité d'investisseur culturel en cinéma, télévision et multimédia, Téléfilm Canada est fière d'appuyer le festival Hot Docs. Au nom du conseil d'administration et de toute l'équipe de Téléfilm, nous offrons nos meilleurs vœux de succès au festival!



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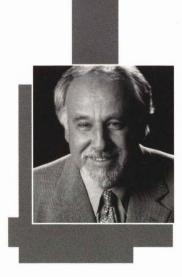
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I'd like to extend a warm welcome to everyone participating in this year's Hot Docs Festival.

Hot Docs is a wonderful forum for filmmakers, at all levels of experience, to develop skills, become knowledgeable about new technologies, and to learn from each other.

As the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, I congratulate the Festival organizers for showcasing Canadian talent and a unique Canadian view. Equally important is the Festival's focus on professional development seminars and workshops such as the Kickstart programme for emerging filmmakers.

This focus on training and professional development is very important. To achieve the province's economic and social potential, all segments of Ontario's economy - individuals, businesses, unions, associations and governments - must work more effectively together and invest more time and commitment in learning.

Whether you are an emerging filmmaker, a senior filmmaker, or somewhere in between, the Festival is a great opportunity to learn and grow.

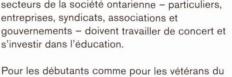
J'aimerais souhaiter la plus cordiale bienvenue à tous les participants et participantes au Festival Hot Docs de cette année.

Hot Docs est un merveilleux forum où cinéastes de tous les niveaux d'expérience peuvent perfectionner les compétences, s'informer sur les nouvelles technologies et échanger des vues et des conseils.

À titre de ministre de la Formation et des Collèges et Universités, je félicite les organisateurs du Festival de mettre en valeur le talent et le point de vue canadiens. J'applaudis également la focalisation du Festival sur des séminaires et ateliers de perfectionnement professionnel, tels que le programme Kickstart à l'intention des nouveaux cinéastes.

Cette orientation vers la formation et le perfectionnement professionnel est d'une importance capitale. Pour réaliser le potentiel économique et social de la province, tous les secteurs de la société ontarienne - particuliers, entreprises, syndicats, associations et gouvernements - doivent travailler de concert et

Pour les débutants comme pour les vétérans du monde du documentaire, le Festival représente une belle occasion d'apprendre et de s'épanouir.



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The National Film Board of Canada is delighted to support Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival 2001. Returning for its 8th year, Hot Docs continues to grow in importance and reputation as North America's largest documentary festival. The popularity of the festival confirms the vitality of documentary cinema

We are especially pleased to be sponsoring the Best First Documentary Award, a new award in recognition of emerging filmmaking talent. The NFB has a long tradition of supporting promising new filmmakers across Canada in both official languages.

For over 60 years the NFB has been synonymous with great documentary filmmaking, producing challenging, relevant and innovative films for Canadian and international audiences. The NFB productions and co-productions being shown at Hot Docs 2001 tell new stories in ways that reflect a diversity of Canadian voices.

This year marks the NFB's English Program Documentary Studio's 25th anniversary. We proudly salute the filmmakers, producers, distribution officers and all staff who have built the NFB's strong presence in Ontario.

Congratulations to the organizers who make Hot Docs happen, and most of all to the filmmakers whose creative imagination makes this festival a resounding success. To all who attend the festival we wish you a wonderful, productive and stimulating event. Have a great festival!

L'Office national du film du Canada est très heureux d'appuver l'édition 2001 du Festival international du documentaire Hot Docs. De retour pour une 8e année, Hot Docs continue de prendre de l'importance et est de plus en plus reconnu comme le plus grand festival du genre en Amérique du Nord. Sa popularité confirme la vitalité du cinéma documentaire.

Nous sommes particulièrement fiers de commanditer le Prix du meilleur premier documentaire, un nouveau prix qui vise à reconnaître le talent d'un cinéaste de la relève. L'ONF a comme tradition d'appuyer les cinéastes qui émergent partout au Canada et ce, dans les deux langues officielles.

Depuis plus de 60 ans, l'ONF est synonyme de cinéma documentaire de qualité avec ses films novateurs, pertinents et audacieux produits pour les publics du Canada et de l'étranger. Les productions et coproductions de l'ONF présentées au festival Hot Docs 2001 racontent des histoires inédites qui sont à l'image même de la diversité des voix canadiennes.

Cette année marque le 25e anniversaire du Studio Documentaire de l'Ontario du Programme anglais de l'ONF. Nous désirons rendre hommage aux cinéastes, aux producteurs, aux agents et agentes de distribution et à tout notre personnel qui ont su donner à l'ONF une présence solide en Ontario.

Nous félicitons les organisateurs qui rendent possible le festival Hot Docs, et surtout les cinéastes dont l'imagination créative fait de cet événement un succès retentissant. À toutes les personnes qui participent au festival, nous souhaitons de vivre une expérience merveilleuse, enrichissante et stimulante. Bon festival à tous!



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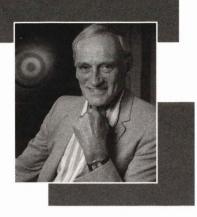


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Documentary film and television have been a staple of the Canadian cultural diet for many years. The names of Canada's documentary makers are legendary: Donald Brittain, Harry Rasky, Michel Brault, Nettie Wild, Beryl Fox, Allan King and Alanis Obomsawin to name a few. Thanks to festivals like Hot Docs, many more are coming into their own.

The Canada Council for the Arts is pleased once again to support Hot Docs, which in only eight years has become North America's foremost documentary festival and gathering place for the best talent in documentary film and television. We are especially honoured to be able to present, jointly with the Ontario Media Development Corporation, the Silver Award in the Best Canadian Documentary category.

On behalf of all Canadians who support the Canada Council and its role as public funder of the arts, I wish festival organizers and all those attending the most enjoyable and stimulating of cinematic celebrations.

Depuis de nombreuses années, les documentaires présentés au cinéma et à la télévision contribuent de façon substantielle à la culture canadienne. Les noms de plusieurs documentaristes sont aujourd'hui devenus célèbres : entre autres, ceux de Donald Brittain, de Harry Rasky, de Michel Brault, de Nettie Wild, de Beryl Fox, d'Allan King et d'Alanis Obomsawin. Des festivals tel Hot Docs concourent incontestablement à la juste renommée de ces auteurs au talent exceptionnel. D'autres suivront à coup sûr et s'ajouteront à cette liste déjà légendaire.

Le Conseil des Arts du Canada est heureux de renouveler son appui à Hot Docs. En huit ans, ce festival s'est hissé au premier rang parmi les plus importants festivals du genre en Amérique du Nord et a réussi à attirer la fine fleur de l'excellence en fait de documentaires créés pour le cinéma et la télévision. Le Conseil se réjouit particulièrement de présenter, de concert avec la Ontario Media Development Corporation, le prix Silver en l'honneur du meilleur documentaire canadien.

Je me joins à toutes les Canadiennes et à tous les Canadiens qui appuient Le Conseil des Arts du Canada et qui reconnaissent la valeur du financement public des arts pour souligner le remarquable travail des organisatrices et des organisateurs de Hot Docs, et pour célébrer, avec les très nombreux amateurs qui s'y rendront, l'art stimulant et fascinant du documentaire.

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Officially launched on February 1, 2001, the Ontario Media Development Corporation (OMDC) is an agency which is focusing on building strategic partnerships among the converging cultural media industries, including film and television, sound recording, book and magazine publishing and interactive digital media. The OMDC is proud to partner with Hot Docs, a festival which is considered to be the premier documentary event in North America!

By sponsoring industry initiatives such as The Toronto Documentary Forum and Cutting Truths: Convergence, Interactivity and the Future of Documentary, the OMDC is ensuring that Ontario independent producers acquire the business skills and market savvy needed in today's competitive marketplace.

Ontario can be proud that Hot Docs continues to attract the international market to this province, which constitutes an increasingly important sector in the Ontario media industries. The OMDC in partnership with TVO hopes to continue this tradition of developing new talent through The Al Waxman Documentary Calling Card program.

On behalf of the OMDC's Board of Directors and its staff, we are proud to be part of this year's Hot Docs! We look forward to the presentation of this year's Silver Award for Best Canadian Documentary!

Créée officiellement le 1er février 2001, la Société de développement de l'industrie des médias de l'Ontario (SDIMO) est un organisme visant à établir des partenariats stratégiques entre les industries convergentes du secteur des médias culturels, notamment le cinéma et la télévision, l'enregistrement sonore, la publication de livres et de magazines et les produits multimédias interactifs numériques. La SDIMO est fière d'être associée à Hot Docs, un festival qui est considéré comme l'événement de l'année dans le domaine du documentaire en Amérique du Nord.

En appuyant des initiatives de l'industrie telles que le Forum torontois du documentaire et Cutting Truths: Convergence, Interactivity and the Future of Documentary, la SDIMO veille à ce que les producteurs indépendants de la province acquièrent les compétences en affaires et les connaissances du marché dont ils ont besoin pour réussir dans un milieu très concurrentiel.

L'Ontario se réjouit du fait que le festival Hot Docs continue d'attirer dans la province le marché international. Celui-ci représente une part de plus en plus grande de la production des industries des médias de l'Ontario. Afin de poursuivre la tradition de former de nouveaux talents, la SDIMO, de concert avec TVO, a mis sur pied le programme Carte de visite Al Waxman pour documentaires.

Au nom du conseil d'administration et du personnel de la SDIMO, nous tenons à exprimer notre fierté de participer au festival Hot Docs. C'est avec beaucoup de plaisir que nous remettrons la palme d'argent pour le meilleur documentaire canadien.





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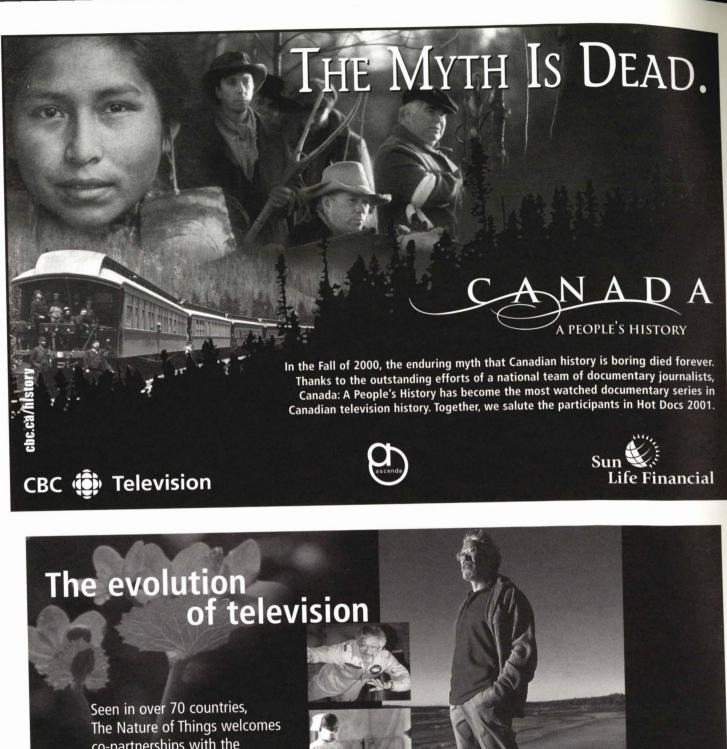
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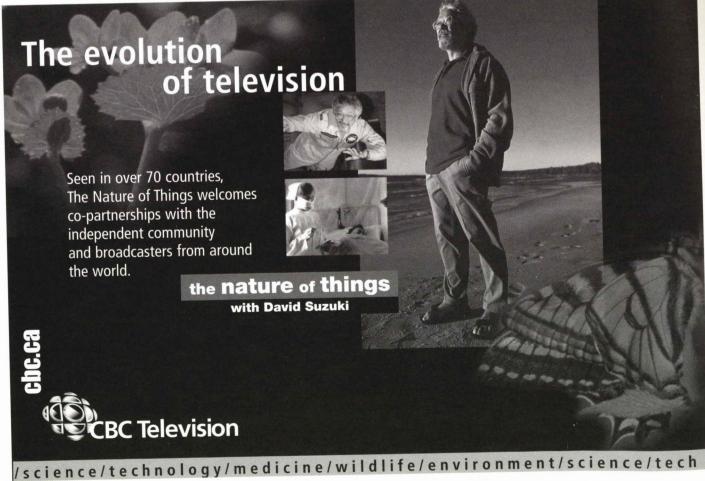
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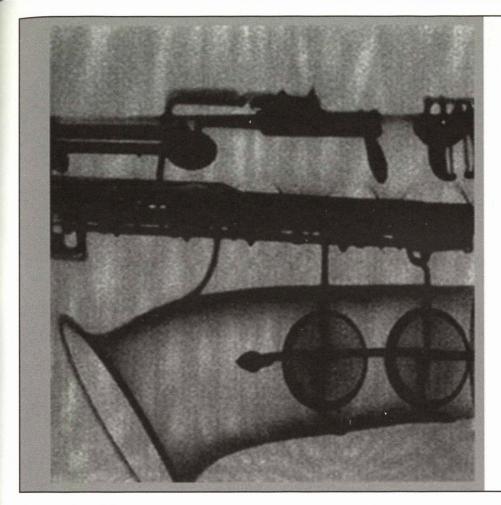
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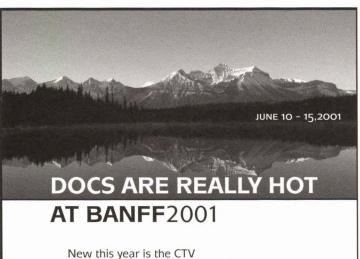
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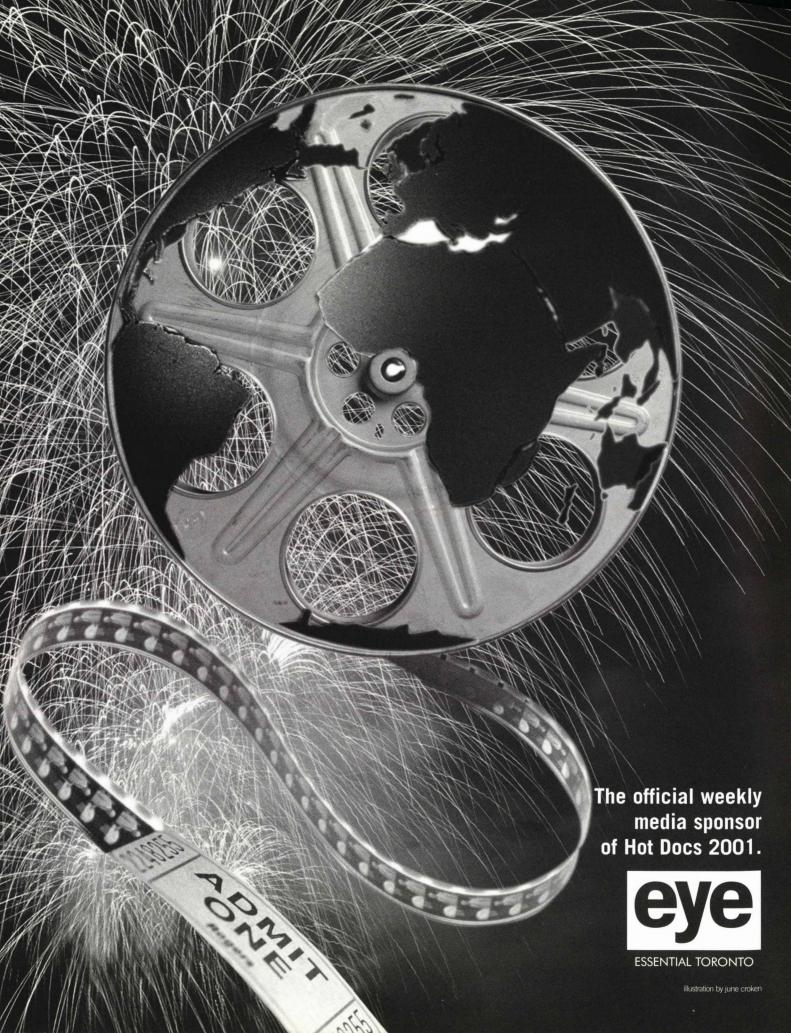






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SCREENING VENUES

Hot Docs' Opening Night screening will take place at the Uptown Theatre (764 Yonge Street, just south of Bloor). The Royal Cinema (608 College Street) in Toronto's Little Italy will host daytime and evening screenings throughout the week. Weekend screenings (May 4, 5 and 6) will be held at the Royal Cinema and the Bloor Cinema (506 Bloor Street West).

BOX OFFICE

Single Screening Tickets: \$7, Opening Night: \$10, and full Screening Passes: \$50. Daytime screenings are free for students and seniors. Hot Docs' Advance Box Office is open until April 28 and is located at 517 College Street, Suite 420. Tickets can also be purchased by phone at 416-203-9027. Hot Docs' on-site box offices are located at the Royal Cinema (April 29 - May 6) and the Bloor Cinema (May 4, 5 and 6). Pass-holders must present their pass at a Hot Docs box office in exchange for a hard ticket. Ticket-holders must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled screening. At the discretion of the House Manager, Rush tickets may be offered for sale within 5 minutes of the start of a scheduled screening. Latecomers will be seated only at the discretion of the Management.

ROGERS INDUSTRY CENTRE

Located in the heart of Little Italy, the Rogers Industry Centre (783 College Street) is the hub of information and activity for the festival. Open daily to Festival Delegates, the Centre offers a convenient meeting place, lounge area, festival information desk, communications centre and delegate registration and message services. The Rogers Industry Centre will open for registration at 9:00 am on Monday, April 30, and will be open daily throughout the festival, with the following schedule:

Mon, Apr 30: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Tue, May 1: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Wed, May 2: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Thu, May 3: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Fri, May 4: Sat, May 5: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Sun, May 6: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

FILMMAKER DISCUSSIONS

Focusing on the creative aspects of filmmaking, this series of five panel discussions offers festival delegates an informal arena to examine and debate the art of documentary filmmaking. Participants will include guest filmmakers from across Canada and around the world. Filmmaker Discussions will be held at the Rogers Industry Centre (783 College Street), and are open to Screening Pass-holders and Industry Passholders only (exception: The "Documentary and History: Getting it Right" panel will be open to the public).

For a complete list of sessions, see page 41



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PRODUCER SEMINARS

A new addition to Hot Docs' roster of industry activities, this series of six moderated discussions will focus on the "business" side of documentary filmmaking. Key players in the documentary world will offer delegates concrete, expert advice in such areas as financing, broadcast sales and distribution. Producer Seminars are open to Industry Pass-holders only, and will be held at the Rogers Industry Centre (783 College Street).

For a complete list of sessions, see page 43







CUTTING TRUTHS





Mounted in collaboration with the Banff New Media Institute (Banff Centre) and in association with the National Film Board of Canada, this one-day new media conference, taking place on Monday, April 30, will explore the "digital revolution" in documentary production and the impact that convergence, digitization and interactivity will have on the future of the documentary genre. Designed for the documentary director/producer eager to explore and exploit new technologies, and for the new media practitioner interested in nonfiction storytelling, this special event will provide a lively series of debates and intensive information-sharing. Cutting Truths will be held at the Royal Cinema (608 College Street) and access is restricted to Industry Pass-holders or Cutting Truths Pass-holders.

For a complete programme, see page 47











MICRO-MEETINGS

The enormously popular Micro-Meetings return in 2001 with a new slate of industry guests. Each industry leader will host an intimate onehour meeting with 15 delegates. Micro-Meetings are available to Industry Pass-holders only, with a maximum of two Micro-Meetings per delegate (space permitting). Registration for Micro-Meetings must be in person at the Industry Centre and will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, April 30, at which time the final confirmed slate of Micro-Meeting facilitators will be made available.



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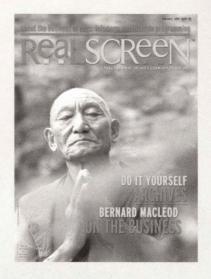
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RENDEZ-VOUS

A new Hot Docs initiative, Rendez-vous is an afternoon of one-on-one meetings between independent filmmakers and international documentary financiers taking place on Tuesday, May 1, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Filmmakers with projects in development will have the opportunity to meet individually with a commissioning editor or foundation representative for a 15-minute period. Rendez-vous is made available to Industry Passholders only, with a maximum of two meetings per delegate (space permitting). Due to anticipated demand, filmmakers will be selected by lottery. Registration for Rendez-vous must be in person at the Industry Centre between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30, at which time the final slate of Rendez-vous commissioning editors and other documentary financiers will be made available. To be eligible for this lottery, delegates must have directed or produced at least one documentary that has been broadcast or released theatrically and should have a new project in development. To enter the lottery, applicants must supply a one-page synopsis of their new project at the time of Rendez-vous registration. Note that in order to ensure broader delegate access to financiers, filmmakers pitching projects at the Toronto Documentary Forum are not eligible for participation in the Rendez-vous programme. Rendez-vous meetings will take place at the College Street Bar (574 College Street).



MASTER CLASSES

Hot Docs' past Lifetime Achievement Award recipients Albert Maysles and the creative team of D.A. Pennebaker and Chris Hegedus will return this year to teach day-long Master Classes for documentary filmmakers. Pioneers of "direct cinema," these veteran documentary filmmakers will share their vast filmmaking experience. The Pennebaker/Hegedus Master Class will take place on Wednesday, May 2, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and the Maysles Master Class will take place on Saturday, May 5, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Both classes will be held at the CBC Broadcast Centre (250 Front Street West). Participants are selected by lottery and are notified in advance of the Festival.





KICKSTART

Geared towards emerging to mid-career documentary filmmakers, this new programme, running on Wednesday, May 2, will provide critical information to filmmakers seeking financing for new projects as well as to those ready to promote their completed works. A series of sessions, led by industry professionals, will cover such topics as the Canadian funding landscape, the nuts and bolts of "pitching" projects to prospective funders, and how to take full advantage of a film festival experience. Kickstart will be held at the Rogers Industry Centre (783 College Street) and access is restricted to Industry Pass-holders or Kickstart Pass-holders.

For a complete list of sessions, see page 45









SYMPOSIUM: IMAG(IN)ING CHANGE

Taking place at the Royal Cinema on Friday, May 4, Hot Docs' day-long Symposium, "Imag(in)ing Change," aims to provoke, inspire and offer nourishment for delegates by exploring how documentary filmmakers can effect social, historical or political change. A lively mix of speakers, debates and presentations will feature prominent Canadian and international guests. The Symposium will be held at the Royal Cinema (608 College Street) and access is restricted to Industry Pass-holders or Symposium Pass-holders only.

For a complete list of topics, see page 39





CLOSING NIGHT

On Sunday, May 6, Hot Docs will host its closing night event, including a closing night film at the Royal Cinema, and an awards presentation and party at the Rogers Industry Centre (783 College Street). Access is restricted to Industry Pass-holders or Closing Night Ticket-holders.





THE DOC SHOP

The Doc Shop is a documentary market running in conjunction with the festival, open to Industry Pass-holders only. Located at 635 College Street, the facility includes an "ondemand" videotheque and a video library of over 1,200 documentaries, including all films entered to Hot Docs 2001. Screening time must be booked in advance and priority is given to commissioning editors, buyers, and other festival programmers. The Doc Shop is open concurrently with the Rogers Industry Centre (see page 27 for hours).







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SCREENING

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| 11:00 AM 12:00 PM | | 11:00 am: Life And Lilies (4 min) (p. 61) My Left Breast (57 min) (p. 62) | 11:00 am: The Walnut Tree (11 min) (p. 67) Out Of The Fire (49 min) (p. 63) | 10:30 am: The June Bug Symphony (22 min) (p. 60) Hank & Jimmie: A Story Of Country (56 min) (p. 58) |
| 1:00 PM 2:00 PM | 1:00 pm: The Komediant (1 hr 22 min) Bloor Cinema (p. 81) | Sea In The Blood (26 min) (p. 64) 1:15 pm: Remembering Country (26 min) (p. 88) The Flowers' Beauty (52 min) (p. 79) | 12:45 pm: Rocks At Whiskey Trench (1 hr 45 min) (p. 64) | 12:30 pm: Not In My Garden (49 min) (p. 85) Alone With War (58 min) (p. 75) |
| 3:00 PM | | 3:15 pm: Eyes (8 min) (p. 57) | 3:15 pm: I Am A Seagull | 3:00 pm: If Only I (35 min) (p. 58) |
| 4:00 PM | | In The Shadow Of A Saint (54 min) (p. 59) | (39 min) (p. 81) Dutch Heroes (55 min) (p. 78) | Breakaway - A Tale Of Two Survivors (45 min) (p. 55) |
| 5:00 PM 6:00 PM | | 5:00 pm: Alison's Baby (59 min) (p.96) | 5:30 pm: Wood (10 min) (p. 68) Songs Of Youth (55 min) (p. 65) | 5:00 pm: Still (Stille) (25 min) (p. 67) Ode To A Journey Home (43 min) (p. 62) |
| 7:00 PM | 7:00 pm: Startup.com (1 hr 43 min) Uptown (p. 49) | 7:00 pm: The Fairy Faith (1 hr 16 min) (p. 57) | 7:15 pm: | 7:00 pm: Maximum Penalty (1 hr 29 min) (p. 99) |
| 8:00 PM | Ортомп (р. 40) | | Lalee's Kin: The Legacy of Cotton (1 hr 30 min) (p. 82) | |
| 9:00 PM 10:00 PM | | 9:00 pm: The Books And The Night (1 hr 22 min) (p. 76) | 9:30 pm: Canada's Nandan (24 min) (p. 55) | 9:15 pm: Southern Comfort (1 hr 30 min) (p. 91) |
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Wednesday, May 2 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Panel discussion open to the public.

DOCUMENTARY AND HISTORY: GETTING IT RIGHT

Rogers Industry Centre

783 College Street

(please come early, seating is limited)

SCHEDULE

Sat, May 5 Sat, May 5 Sun, May 6 Sun, May 6 Fri, May 4 Fri, May 4 Bloor Bloom Royal Bloor Royal Royal



7:00 pm:

Children

9:15 pm: Lauzon/Lauzone

My Mother

Had Fourteen

(1 hr 20 min) (p. 100)

(1 hr 30 min) (p. 61)



Sister-Wife (57 min) (p. 88) Don't Ask Why (58 min) (p. 78) 11:00 am: Anesia - A Flight Through Time (1 hr 13 min) (p. 75)

1:00 pm: Frozen Heart (1 hr 30 min) (p. 97)

3:15 pm: Red Rubber Boots (18 min) (p. 87) Living Afterwards (1 hr 22 min) (p. 82)

(1 hr) (p. 100)

5:45 pm: Micronesia - Grass

Legend (45 min) (p. 82)

Pie In The Sky: The Brigid Berlin Story (1 hr 15 min) (p. 85)

9:15 pm: Sex With Strangers (1 hr 45 min) (p. 88)

11:00 pm:

11:35 pm: Psychedelic Zion (52 min) (p. 86)

Journey To Little Rock: The Untold Story Of Minnijean B. Trickey (52 min) (p. 60) A Time Of Love And War (50 min) (p. 67)

4:45 pm: Wanted (11 min) (p. 102) The Stars' Caravan

Animal Movies: Fox

(59 min) (p. 62)

Past (13 min) (p. 55) My Father's Camera

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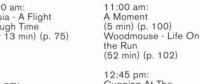
7:00 pm: The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition (1 hr 32 min) (p. 78)

9:15 pm: Dark Days

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9:00 pm: Dirt For Dinner (1 hr 15 min) (p. 77)

The Boot Factory (1 hr 27 min) (p. 76)



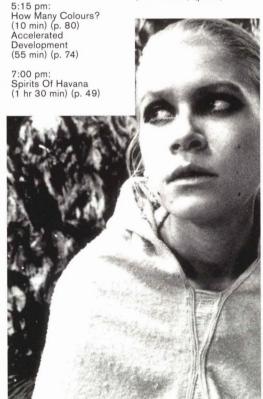
Cupping At The Kotiharju Sauna (6 min) (p. 96) Vision Man (51 min) (p. 101)

2:30 pm: Jung (War) In The Land Of The Mujaheddin (1 hr 54 min) (p. 81)

1:00 pm: Zinat, A Special Day (54 min) (p. 91)

2:45 pm: History Lessons (1 hr 6 min) (p. 80)

4:35 pm: Give Me Your Soul... (1 hr 21 min) (p. 58)



11:30 pm: Gangs, Law On The Street (1 hr) (p. 57) Innocent Tricks (40 min) (p. 60)

11:30 pm: I Remember Lena Svedberg (6 min) (p. 99) Von Trier's 100 Eyes (56 min) (p. 101)

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SCREENING VENUES:

Royal Cinema (608 College Street) Bloor Cinema (506 Bloor Street W.) (764 Yonge Street) Uptown

INDUSTRY

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| 9:00 AM 10:00 AM | 9:00 am Registration Opens, including Micro-Meeting and Rendez-vous | 9:30 am - 6:00 pm Conference: Cutting Truths Convergence, | 9:30 am - 11:00 am Producer Seminar: Know Thy Market (p. 43) | | 9: 30 am - 10:45 am Kickstart: There's Something About Money | 9:10 am - 6:00 pm Toronto Documentary Forum. Note: Registration | 9:00 am - 4:00 D.A. Penneba & Chris Hege Master Class. Note: |
| v. | sign-ups. | Interactivity, and the Future of Documentary | ,,- | | (p. 45) | closed March 23. Accredited participants only. | Participants a pre-selected be lottery. |
| 1:00 AM 2:00 PM | | (p. 47) | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Producer Seminar: Navigating the Nordic Landscape | | 11:00 am - 12:15 pm Kickstart: Walking The Walk (p. 45) | (p. 29) | (p. 29) |
| 00 PM | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Producer Seminar: | | (p. 43) | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Kickstart: Pitcher Perfect | | 5 |
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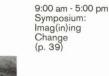
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CBC Broadcast Centre

Sun, May 6 Rogers Industry Centre

10:00 am - 11:30 am Filmmaker Discussion: Ten-Tip Guide to Good Direction

9:20 am - 6:00 pm Toronto Documentary Forum. Note: Registration closed March 23. Accredited participants only. (p. 29)



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11:00 am - 12:30 pm Filmmaker Discussion: Working in War-Torn or Dangerous Conditions (p. 41)

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2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

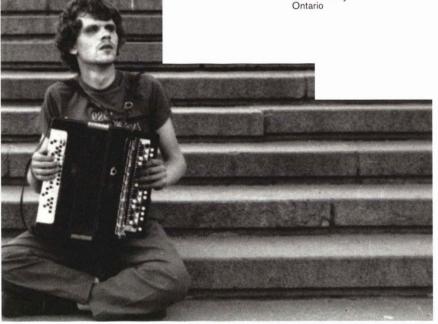
Filmmaker

Discussion:

Is Film Dead? (p. 41)







8:30 pm Closing Night Awards Presentation (p. 29)

Please note that these events are open only to Hot Docs Industry delegates.

Some require pre-registration and/or pre-selection.

INDUSTRY VENUES:

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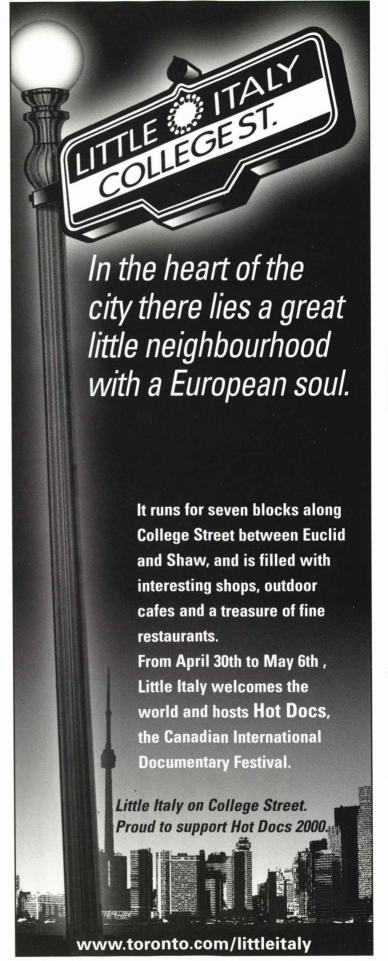
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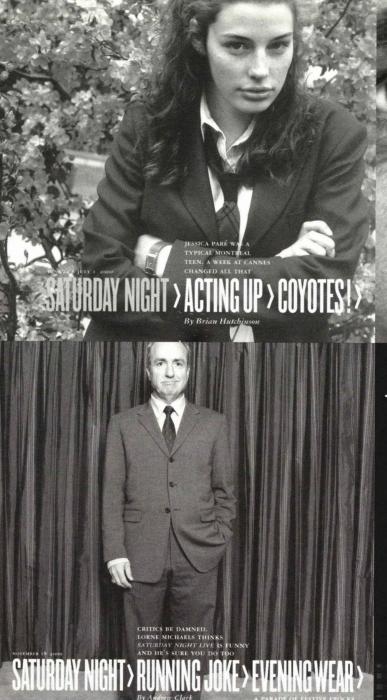
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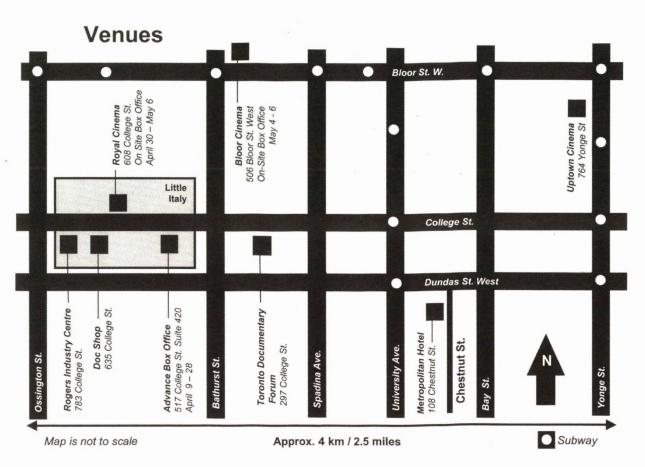
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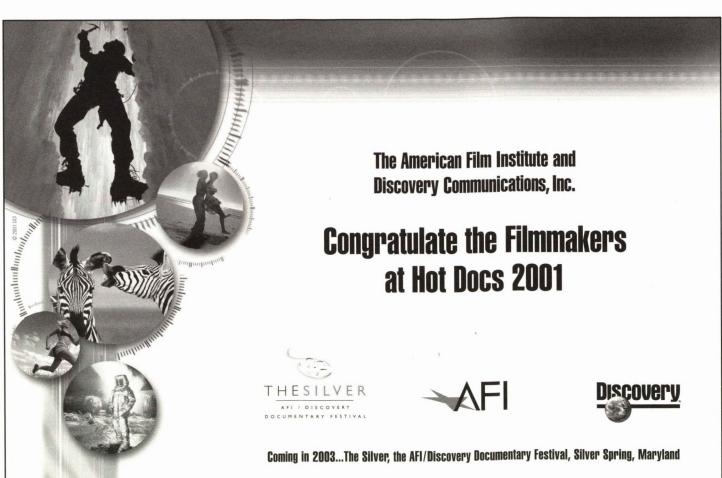
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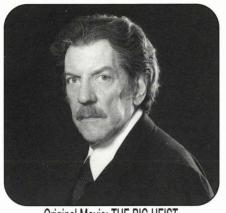
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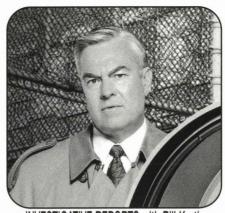
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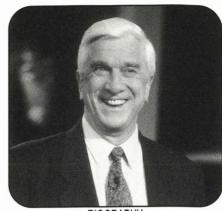




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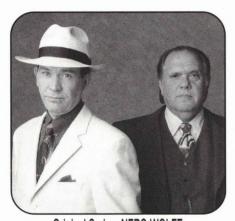
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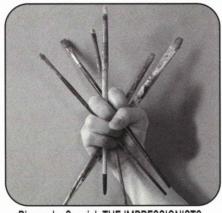




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SYMPOSIUM: IMAG(IN)ING CHANGE

Friday May 4, 2001 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Royal Cinema 608 College Street

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Price: \$110.00

SYMPOSIUM HOST: WENDY MESLEY, HOST OF CBC'S UNDERCURRENTS

Spirited independent filmmakers have long been attracted to the documentary genre as a means to effect social, historical or political change. Powerful images, properly delivered, can conceivably incite an audience to action far more effectively than print alone. But what are the underlying mechanics of this human momentum? What combination of activism, achievement and accident creates a climate conducive to social progress? And more significantly, in the current "reality" of popularized, ratings-driven entertainment, is the documentary slowly losing its power as a transformative tool?

Imag(in)ing Change presents an extraordinary day of thought-provoking ideas and unique perspectives from accomplished documentary filmmakers and a host of insightful speakers. A dynamic combination of talks and on-stage interviews will allow participants and presenters alike to reflect on the camera's role in effecting explosive political, social and historical change.

INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME 9:00 am - 9:15 am

OPENING ADDRESS BY MINNIJEAN BROWN TRICKEY 9:15 am - 9:40 am

Minnijean Brown Trickey's life of activism began at age 16 as one of the Little Rock Nine who defied death threats to become the first black students ever enrolled at an all-white high school in the US. At the outbreak of the Vietnam War, she moved to Canada, where she continued to fight for civil rights and equality for Aboriginal peoples. In 1999, she received the Congressional Gold Medal from President Bill Clinton. Her story is poignantly told in *Journey to Little Rock*, presented at this year's festival.

ADDRESS BY LAURA FLANDERS 9:40 am -10:10 am

Laura Flanders is a freelance political reporter and commentator. She is the host of *The Laura Flanders Show* on Radio for Change, appears as a regular commentator and panelist on *To the Contrary* and *Rights and Wrongs* (PBS), *Newswatch* (Fox) and *Counterspin* (CBC). She is the author of "Real Majority, Media Minority: the Cost of Sidelining Women in Reporting."

FILMMAKERS JILL FREIDBERG & RICK ROWLEY, INTERVIEWED BY IRSHAD MANJI

10:10 am -11:10 am

Rick Rowley and Jill Freidberg are the director and producer of the feature doc, *This is What Democracy Looks Like*. A mixture of footage shot by 100 protestors during the 1999 WTO demonstrations in Seattle, the film went on to become a major tool in a worldwide grassroots campaign to protest the overwhelming power of the WTO. Freidberg is a founding member of Seattle's Independent Media Center, an "alternative newsroom" which inspired the establishment of a network of "people's" media centers worldwide. Rick Rowley is a founding member of big noise films (www.bignoisefilms.com) and his past films include *Zapatista* (1998) and *Black & Gold* (1999).

Irshad Manji is the author of "Risking Utopia: On the Edge of a New Democracy" and the host and Senior Producer of City TV's Queer Television.

11:10 am - 11:30 am BREAK

ADDRESS BY SORIOUS SAMURA 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sorious Samura is the director of *Cry Freetown*, a stark documentary constructed from footage that he shot on the streets of Sierra Leone as a lone video activist. The images earned him two prestigious news footage awards in Britain and encouraged the British government to deploy troops into the area. It also helped launch a journalism career that was driven by a desire to effect change in some of Africa's most politically unstable territories.

FILMMAKER RAOUL PECK, INTERVIEWED BY CAMERON BAILEY 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Raoul Peck's ongoing work reflects his commitment to historical and political reinterpretation, and the artistic expression of suppressed viewpoints. Born in Haiti, he trained as an economist, journalist and photographer before becoming his country's most renowned filmmaker. This led to a stint working as democratic Haiti's Minister of Culture. He has made several internationally acclaimed features, docs and experimental films, including the award-winning documentary *Lumumba: Death of a Prophet.* (Peck's feature film on the same subject premiered at the Cannes Film Festival 2000, and will be theatrically released in Canada in June.)

Cameron Bailey is one of Toronto's leading film critics. He writes for Now magazine and is the host of Showcase Television's film series, Showcase Review. He is also the founder of the Toronto International Film Festival's Planet Africa programme and is an active screenwriter.

1:00 pm - 2:20 pm LUNCH

ADDRESS BY MARK KINGWELL 2:20 pm - 2:50 pm

An Associate Professor of Philosophy and Senior Fellow of Massey College at the University of Toronto, Mark Kingwell is the author of five books including his latest, "The World We Want: Virtue, Vice and the Good Citizen." His writings have appeared in both academic and popular journals, including *Harper's*, *Utne Reader* and the *New York Times Magazine*. He lectures widely in North America and Britain regarding cultural issues and also makes frequent television and radio appearances.

FILMMAKERS ROB EPSTEIN AND JEFFREY FRIEDMAN, INTERVIEWED BY GEOFF PEVERE 2:50 pm - 3:50 pm

Epstein and Friedman are award-winning documentary makers primarily concerned with issues of sexuality from a political, cultural and historical perspective. They have been awarded, collectively or individually, two Academy Awards, multiple Emmy Awards, three Peabody Awards and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Their filmography includes the Oscar-winning *The Times of Harvey Milk, Paragraph 175* (Grand Jury Prize winner at the Sundance Film Festival 2000), *Common Threads: Stories From The Quilt, The Celluloid Closet* and *Where Are We?* (Our Trip Through America).

Geoff Pevere is a leading film critic in Toronto. He writes for the *Toronto Star* and is a former programmer of the Toronto International Film Festival's Perspective Canada programme.

3:50 pm - 4:05 pm BREAK

FILMMAKER COLIN LOW, INTERVIEWED BY MARC GLASSMAN 4:05 PM - 5:00 PM

Colin Low is one of Canada's leading documentary filmmakers, having produced over 200 films in his fifty-year career. Low began working under the tutelage of legendary animator Norman McLaren, and soon became a driving force at the National Film Board of Canada's renowned Unit B. His animated sequences in the film *Universe* (1960) inspired Stanley Kubrick in the creation of 2001: A Space Odyssey, and from there he went on to co-direct Labyrinthe, the Expo '67 multimedia installation, which was the precursor to IMAX. He played a key role in the establishment of Challenge for Change, an influential series of social documentaries produced by the NFB. Low has received ten Oscar nominations over the course of his distinguished career.

Marc Glassman is a veteran writer, programmer, editor, radio journalist and bookseller. He is the senior programmer for Hot Docs' International Showcase and a founding member of both the Images Festival of Independent Fi





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FILMMAKER DISCUSSIONS

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DOCUMENTARY AND HISTORY: GETTING IT RIGHT Wednesday, May 2nd 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

What exactly is a "People's History?" In the wake of CBC's landmark series, historians and filmmakers will grapple with issues raised by the historical documentary sub-genre. Apart from dramatic reconstruction, what other strategies are there for storytelling, and how valid are they as tools for recording and/or "reframing" history? Do filmmakers have an obligation to offer a critical perspective on their material, or are they justified in compromising academic rigor in order to achieve dramatic effect? What happens when the personal vision of the filmmaker confuses the interpretation of actual events? Ultimately, any attempt to create a "People's History" must approach its material with an understanding of the possibility that not every person's story will be properly told. This session is presented in association with the Robarts Centre, York University.

MODERATOR:

Seth Feldman, Robarts Chair in Canadian Studies at York

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Ramsey Cook, Historian

Gordon Henderson, Series Producer of Canada: A People's

Carl Le Blanc, Director, 24 heures pour l'Histoire Alanis Obomsawin, Director, Rocks at Whiskey Trench

A TEN-TIP GUIDE TO **GOOD DIRECTION** Thursday, May 3rd 10:00 am - 11:30 am

In cinema, the role of the cinematographer, editor and director are often closely intertwined. If properly consulted, the editing and camera departments can offer a great deal of assistance to the lone director. This panel allows them to do just that. Drawing from their grab bag of anecdotal experience, four key creative personnel will discuss the qualities that, in their opinion, every good documentary director should possess. Their insider's advice will range from the best ways to communicate "the vision" with collaborators, to prepping for a shoot or postproductions process, to providing strong leadership without stifling the creative input from others. Humorous, revealing and insightful advice for directors of all ages.

MODERATOR:

Ali Kazimi, independent filmmaker

CONFIRMED PANELISTS: Manfred Becker, editor

Joan Hutton, cinematographer Stefan Nitoslawski, cinematographer Steve Weslak, editor

IS FILM DEAD? FILM REVOLT **VS DIGITAL REVOLUTION** Thursday, May 3rd 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

This provocative session will debate whether or not the digital revolution has genuinely improved the quality of films and the lives of their makers. In the blue corner, digital devotee Kevin McMahon will explore how the affordability, accessibility, portability and point-and-shoot capability of the digital medium has invigorated his storytelling. In the red corner, film aficionado John Walker will argue the merits of celluloid: a tangible, touchable beauty that's marvelously resistant to obsolescence. Experts from Panasonic and Kodak will support both docmakers and grapple with the future direction of the industry. The gloves are on!

MODERATOR:

Gerry Flahive, NFB producer

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Fred Franzwa, Hybrid R&D, Technical Director, Kodak Terry Horbatiuk, Senior Manager of Panasonic Broadcast, Professional Audio-Video Systems Kevin McMahon, independent filmmaker John Walker, Director, The Faith Fairy

INTIMATE RELATIONS Saturday, May 5th 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

This panel concentrates on the filmmaker's dilemma when s/he shares a personal or intimate connection with a subject. It focuses on issues of responsibility, accountability, and conflict of interest that arise when filming a blood relation or close friend. Who has the final say over a film's content when the person in front of the camera challenges the creative process? How does the filmmaking experience affect the subsequent relationship between participants? An intimate session about intimate subjects.

Brenda Longfellow, Filmmaker and Professor at York University

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Lars-Lennart Forsberg, Director, My Mother Had Fourteen Children

Richard Fung, Director, Sea in the Blood Isaac Isitan, Director, Gangs, Law on the Street

WORKING IN WAR-TORN OR DANGEROUS CONDITIONS Sunday, May 6th 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Filmmakers working in war-torn areas of the world or otherwise dangerous conditions often put their personal safety on the line for the benefit of the camera. This panel will take an indepth look at the broad array of concerns filmmakers must address before entering a danger zone. Are high-risk filmmakers completely altruistic, or do they have other motives in capturing their explosive footage? When is the camera a shield? When is it a liability? What are the differences between an indie film crew's sense of security, and one that's supported by a broadcaster? Are filmmakers, broadcasters and backers ethically responsible for protecting their "fixers" and their subjects from possible retaliation after the crew has left the danger zone?

MODERATOR:

Barri Cohen, Filmmaker & National Chair of CIFC

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Giuseppe Pettito, Producer, Jung (War) in the Land of the Muiaheddin

Shelley Saywell, Director, Out of the Fire Sorius Samura, Journalist/Director, Cry Freetown Anna Maria Tremonti, CBC journalist

DIFFICULT SUBJECTS Sunday, May 6th 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Some of the most compelling documentaries profile unsympathetic subjects; those with dangerous political views or unpopular moralities. This panel will look into issues of responsibility and the ethics surrounding "unlikeable" subjects. Are filmmakers obligated to protect the humanity of a subject with whom they do not sympathize? When is it acceptable to conceal one's true motives or agenda while filming? What choices do filmmakers have if they witness offensive or illegal behaviour while their cameras are rolling? This panel will explore the filmmaking process when the greatest obstacles to production come from within.

MODERATOR:

Catherine Olsen, Commissioning Editor/Producer, Passionate Eve. CBC Newsworld

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Paul Cowan, Director, Give me your Soul Whitney Dow, Filmmaker, Two Tone Productions Leo Regan, Director, 100% white





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PRODUCER SEMINARS

Rogers Industry Centre 783 College Street

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MEET & GREET THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONING EDITORS Monday, April 30 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Designed to introduce producers to some of the major players in the Canadian broadcast sector, this informative session will serve to associate names to faces, documentary strands to broadcasters. The panel will include representatives from CBC, CBC Newsworld, CTV Inc., Discovery Channel, History Television/Life Network, TVO and Vision TV. Each panelist will introduce their respective programming mandates, documentary windows and briefs, and provide filmmakers with concrete information on a variety of topics, ranging from what they look for in proposals to what they believe constitutes a quality documentary. This session is targeted to emerging and mid-level Canadian producers, as well as to international producers at all levels of their career.

MODERATOR:

Barbara Barde, Executive Producer, Up Front Entertainment

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Norm Bolen, Executive VP of Programming, History Television & Life Network

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KNOW THY MARKET: A BUYERS INFORMATION SESSION Tuesday, May 1 9:30 am - 11:00 am

With the aim of ensuring that delegates attending Hot Docs can make the most out of the market opportunities that exist at the festival and beyond, this session will offer producers a survey of the international documentary market, identifying key commissioning editors and acquisition executives from around the world. Experts from Canada, the US, Europe and Australia will introduce their terrain and speak about current and projected trends in their respective territories. Buyers attending Hot Docs 2001 will be specifically identified. This session is targeted to Canadian and international producers seeking increased international market intelligence.

MODERATOR:

James Weyman, Program Consultant, **Ontario Media Development Corporation**

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Mark Atkin, Acquisitions and Development Consultant, **SBS Television**

Paul Black, Managing Director, Mind's Eye International Jan Rofekamp, President & CEO, Films Transit International Nancy Walzog, President, Tapestry International

NAVIGATING THE NORDIC LANDSCAPE Tuesday, May 1 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

This year, Hot Docs turns its attention to the Nordic region and highlights Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic and Finnish documentaries in its National Spotlight Programme. In this complementary session, a panel of Nordic documentary filmmakers, broadcasters and funders will fashion an overview of the Nordic documentary scene, and offer some insights into the Nordic market. Co-financing, co-production and market opportunities available within the Nordic countries for non-Nordic producers will also be discussed. This session is geared to mid-level and senior-level producers interested in fostering relationships with their Nordic peers.

MODERATOR:

Karolina Lidin, Distribution and Marketing, Danish Film

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Hans Otto Nicolaysen, Producer, Bergen Film Tue Steen Müller, Director, European Documentary Network

Antonio Russo Merenda, Producer, Hysteria Film likka Vehkalahti, Commissioning Editor, YLE TV2

LET'S MAKE A DEAL Tuesday, May 1 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

This session will shed some light on the "big picture" of global documentary distribution. An overview of key distributors working in the international documentary market and the mechanics of buying and selling will lay the groundwork for a provocative debate on current and projected distribution trends. Which territories are the most active and which are developing? What opportunities exist for feature-length documentaries? How do new technologies impact on the modes of distribution? These are but a few of the questions that will be tackled in this lively exchange. This session is targeted to producers at all levels of their career.

MODERATOR:

Mary Ellen Armstrong, Publisher RealScreen

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Heino Deckert, Managing Director, d.net.sales Jan Rofekamp, President & CEO, Films Transit International

Louise Rosen, Managing Director of Louise Rosen Ltd.

DIGITALLY YOURS Saturday, May 5 9:30 am - 11:00 am

In December 2000, the CRTC approved licenses for various new Canadian digital pay and specialty television services. As a precursor to the much-anticipated fall launch of these services, this Producer Seminar will give representatives from the newly-licensed channels the opportunity to talk about their programming plans in the area of documentary. In particular, each representative will outline their strategies in the areas of national and international acquisitions, as well as the commissioning of original documentary programming from the independent sector. This session is targeted to producers at all levels who are interested in finding out more about the new Canadian digital channels.

MODERATOR:

Andrea Nemtin, President, PTV Productions

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Mark Campbell, Broadcast Launch Manager, Independent Film Channel (Salter Street Films) Victoria Fusca, Director of Acquisitions, Issues Channel (Stornoway) Michael Harris, General Manager, Canadian

Documentary Channel (Corus Entertainment, CBC)

CROSS-BORDER SHOPPING Saturday, May 5 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

A case study analysis of two international documentary co-productions, combined with nuts & bolts information from a Telefilm coproduction expert, will inform this seminar. Participants will explore the mechanics of Canada's co-production treaties and will assess the pros and cons of working across borders. What genres of documentary are best suited to the co-production model? What countries are most responsive to collaboration? Are coproductions merely an antidote to limited production funds within any one country or are there additional benefits to forging creative alliances with international colleagues? This session is targeted to mid-level and senior Canadian and international producers.

MODERATOR:

Anne Pick, Producer, Real To Reel Productions

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Laszlo Barna, Producer, Barna-Alper Productions James Dye, Manager of Co-production, Telefilm Canada Michel Ouellette, Producer, Cine Qua Non Films









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Wednesday May 2, 2001 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Rogers Industry Centre 783 College Street

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Price: \$35.00

Do you have a documentary idea that you are burning to see on the screen? Geared towards emerging to mid-career documentary filmmakers, Kickstart is designed to provide critical information to filmmakers in search of financing for new projects as well as those ready to promote completed works. A series of sessions led by veteran industry professionals will cover such topics as the Canadian funding landscape, the nuts & bolts of "pitching" projects to prospective funders, and how to take full advantage of a film festival experience.









THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MONEY

9:30 am - 10:45 am

Quality filmmaking doesn't always come cheap, and adequate financing can make a big difference. This session is designed to shed light on the Canadian funding system, and will include representatives from Telefilm Canada, Canadian Television Fund, Canada Council for the Arts, Canadian International Development Agency, and Ontario Media Development Corporation. Each panelist will introduce their respective funding mandate and application processes, as well as provide filmmakers with concrete information on a variety of topics, ranging from what their agency looks for in proposals to what they believe constitutes a quality documentary.

MODERATOR:

Gary Marcuse, Face to Face Productions

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Josette Bélanger, Program Officer – Film and Video, Canada Council for the Arts

John Galway, Director, Business Unit, Television, Telefilm Ontario

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Paul Turcotte, Director of Development Information Programme, Canadian International Development Agency

James Weyman, Program Consultant, Ontario Media Development Corporation

10:45 am - 11:00 am BREAK

WALKING THE WALK 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Just because the doc is done doesn't mean the work is over. Marketing is one of the most important steps in the filmmaking process and film festivals are a key component of the promotional mix. But with so many festivals cropping up, which ones should you enter or attend? What's the best way to map out a marketing strategy when heading into the chaos? And once on site, how do you "work" the festival to develop new opportunities? Film festival organizers from around the world will answer these questions and others, providing expert advice on how filmmakers can enhance their festival experience.

MODERATOR:

Kelley Alexander, Director, Rogers Industry Centre,
Toronto International Film Festival

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Ally Derks, Festival Director, International Documentary Filmfestival Amsterdam Pat Ferns, CEO & President, Banff Television Festival Nicole Guillemet, Co-director, Sundance Film Festival Chris McDonald, Executive Director, Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival

12:15 pm - 12:30 pm BREAK

PITCHER PERFECT 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

This crash-course version of pitch diva Jan Miller's renowned Pitch Workshop will outline the basic ingredients required to deliver the perfect pitch. The principles of communicating ideas in a clear and engaging style; the importance of story; the use of loglines, synopses, cutlines and titles; the value of targeting a pitch to the right person at the right place and time; and the required follow-up will all be covered in this 90-minute interactive session. An invaluable workshop for directors or producers looking to improve their accuracy when money steps up to bat.

FACILITATOR: Jan Miller

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CUTTING TRUTHS: CONVERGENCE. INTERACTIVITY & THE **FUTURE OF** DOCUMENTARY

Monday, April 30 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

Royal Cinema 608 College Street

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Hot Docs and the Banff New Media Institute (Banff Centre) in association with the National Film Board of Canada are proud to present Cutting Truths, a day-long new media conference that will explore the impact of convergence and interactivity on the future of the documentary genre. Designed for documentary directors and producers eager to exploit the digital revolution, and for new media practitioners interested in non-fiction storytelling, this one-day event will provide a lively series of debates and intensive information sharing.

Why Cutting Truths?

Digital technologies and new forms of media delivery are dramatically changing the nature of documentary production, form and distribution. Small-format digital cameras allow a level of intimacy (and stealth) never before possible, and a new generation of audiences and producers has new expectations for the documentary experience. Viewers are no longer passive observers: they are correspondents and participants as well. Social activists have extensive archives of self-produced digital media, while the intensive scrutiny of subjects has exploded onto reality-based websites and television. Streamlined data storage and retrieval techniques permit the creation of extensive, well-organized and accessible media libraries that allow digital makers to build multiple points of access to a story. Live events can now boast a whole new set of interactive possibilities by taking advantage of chat-rooms and streaming audio/video.

The face of distribution is also changing, as independent filmmakers develop self-distribution strategies to target their viewers directly. Creators of digital television channels, Internet sites, wireless WAP, or off-the-shelf DVD-ROM products are suddenly contending with the traditional big broadcasters who are moving quickly into the digital realm. Financing strategies have also changed, with support from independent production funds, broadcasters and telephone companies riding on considerably different funding models and aesthetics than in the past.

WHAT'S UP? 9:30 am - 9:45 am

Greetings from Cutting Truths Programmers, Sara Diamond (Artistic Director of the Banff Centre for the Arts) and Peter Wintonick (Independent Filmmaker), who will comment on the new media challenge and the astonishing potential of interactivity. Diamond will moderate each panel in collaboration with Wintonick.

OVERVIEW FROM MARK HYLAND, CBC 9:45 am - 10:15 am

Mark Hyland develops CBC Television's broadband and new-media strategies.

THE BIG PICTURE: LIVING THE **DIGITAL TRANSITION** 10:15 am - 11:45 am

Using their own projects as examples, leading lights from the world of digital and interactive documentary creation, distribution, presentation and co-production will comment on their definition of interactivity, new media and convergence. The speakers will analyze the impact of the digital revolution on the creative process, share their understanding of the changing documentary market and offer opinions on the future of broadband, interactive television and wireless media.

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Matt Adams, Blast Theory Peter Hamilton, Peter Hamilton Consultants Susan Johnson, 360 degrees - Picture Projects Kevin Kee, National Film Board of Canada Neil Sieling, World Link

11:45 am - 12:00 pm BREAK

UNDER YOUR SKIN AND IN YOUR FACE: AN UP FRONT AND PERSONAL CONVERSATION 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Large-scale, big budget documentaries can effectively take advantage of the web and discussion groups, creating the possibility for viewers to become involved in the narrative and affect its direction. This panel discussion will cover the role of the end-user as witness, contributor and auteur, the degree of intimacy possible with digital technology, and the development of formal documentary-as-process pieces. Topics will include point of view, the audience as correspondent, peer-to-peer and shared media, and the redefining of realism - all placed within the context of our current culture of surveillance.

CONFIRMED PANELISTS: Peter Day, Faction Films

Sam Gregory, WITNESS Carolien Euser and Natalie Faber, Crossmedia Victoria Mapplebeck, documentary filmmaker Katarina Zivanovic, B92

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm LUNCH

THE PLAYERS: FROM **DEVELOPMENT TO DISTRIBUTION** 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

This panel will explore the different factors involved in the production of new media documentary works, including financing, partnerships, rights management and responsibilities, international co-production, collaboration with multimedia companies, distribution outlets and models for success.

CONFIRMED PANELISTS:

Keith Clarkson, Telefilm Canada Ken Clausen, Interactive Multimedia Arts & **Technologies Association** Steve Comeau, Collideascope Barbara Janes, National Film Board of Canada Andra Sheffer, Bell Broadcast and New Media Fund

4:00 pm - 4:15 pm BREAK

HOT AS HELL: THE CYBER PITCH 4:15 pm - 5:45 pm

Cutting Truths will culminate with Hot as Hell: The Cyber Pitch, mounted in collaboration with the Banff Television Foundation. During this session, three pre-selected independent producers will pitch their interactive or convergent media documentary projects to an expert jury. The winning pitch will receive \$5,000 in development funds, courtesy of Bell Broadcast and New Media Fund. The Banff Centre created the Cyber Pitch in 1999 as a collaborative project with the Banff Television Festival (BTVF). Since then, the Banff New Media Institute and the BTVF have hosted cyber pitches all over the world.

CYBER PITCH MODERATOR:

Pat Ferns, CEO & President, Banff Television Festival CYBER PITCH JURY:

Sara Diamond (Chair) **Matt Adams** Keith Clarkson Victoria Mapplebeck

THE CUTTING TRUTHS PROGRAMMERS AND COORDINATOR STEPHEN LAN, WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF OLIVER HOCKENHULL WHO INSPIRED THE CUTTING TRUTHS INITIATIVE AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK PAT FERNS FROM THE BANFF TELEVISION FESTIVAL, AS WELL AS SUSAN KENNARD, CINDY SCHATKOSKI, AND KENT PATEL FROM THE BANFF NEW MEDIA INSTITUTE FOR THEIR GENEROUS ASSISTANCE.



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The Internet, computer culture, and most especially dot.com companies have caught the public's attention over the past five years. Veteran documentary filmmaker Chris Hegedus and newcomer Jehane Noujaim have claimed this new turf, creating an impressive cinéma vérité portrait of a dot.com firm from its inception to a final, fatal down-turn. As with all great vérité projects, the filmmakers had intimate access to the principals, Kaleil Isaza Tuzman and Tom Herman, thanks to Noujaim's friendship with Isaza Tuzman. The film chronicles their firm from the idea stage, as a web-based facility that would interact between government and citizens, through investment from private sources, to a company that requires a staff of 250 to execute its technical plans. At that point, things start to crash, and the Board of Directors pits the two principals against each other. There's only one problem: the two have been best friends since childhood. Startup.com is a marvelous mixture of economics and ethics: a truly contemporary film. Marc Glassman.

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Spirits of Havana

Renowned soprano saxophonist and flutist Jane Bunnett travels to Cuba to seek out the heart of Cuban music. This film captures the spirit of a cast of extraordinary Cuban musicians for whom the difficulty and poverty of everyday life is eclipsed by the joy and richness of their music. Bunnett and husband/musical partner Larry Cramer explore the deep roots of Cuban music - from Afro-Cuban rumba groups to a Haitian Creole choir. We experience the magic of music being made by all-star musicians like singers Bobby Carcasses, Ernesto Gatell, and Amado Dedeu, pianist Guillermo Rubalcaba, tres player Papi Oviedo and percussionists Tata Guines and Pancho Quinto. Bunnett and Cramer pay tribute to their 20-year association with Cuba's music by giving back to its future musicians. They travel to the country's music schools to teach jazz and repair broken instruments. The joy on the faces of the students as they play their refurbished instruments is one of the many delights of this musical odyssey. Janice Tufford.

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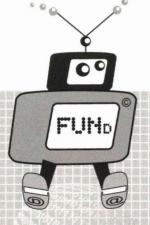


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225 Richmond Street West, Suite 403, Toronto, Ontario M5V 1W2 Near the end of Don McWilliams' fascinating documentary on Norman McLaren, we see the elfin animator at play in a lush backyard, setting up shots for one of his last films. In voice-over, we hear National Film Board of Canada founder John Grierson cruelly dismissing McLaren's creative anxieties in a growling brogue: "e's the moost protected artist in the 'istory of cinema." Grierson, whom we never see, would sound like every squarenosed sonofabitch who ever made a filmmaker's life hell, did we not know that he was the very guy who was, indeed, giving McLaren the protection he needed to be the genius he was.

The moment brilliantly captures the glorious unity within "the board" – and explains why Ontario's documentary filmmakers are, I assume, spending their weekends seeking exquisite gifts for the 25th birthday of the NFB's office in Toronto. Mere words cannot express the gratitude that scores of us feel for the creative freedom we have found within that stout bunker on John Street.

Though anchored in the very eye of the Canadian media vortex, the NFB's Ontario Studio could hardly be more unique.

Virtually all of its productions – some 140

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- have been created by independent directors working with NFB staff producers whose only mandate is to be true to the project itself. Thus, the compromises made there are the sort imposed by budgets, subjects, weather and technology; the sort that is born of the craft itself and, therefore, interesting and creative.

More remarkable still, the Ontario Studio's producers are equally patient and respectful of both experienced directors and utter neophytes. I know, because ten years ago I was one of the latter, seeking support for my first feature documentary, The Falls. It was an expensive and esoteric project employing a complex cinematic grammar that I could not be sure would succeed. That audiences still like the film today is largely due to the fact that everyone at the Ontario Studio worked to bolster, rather than sway, a risky approach. Ten years later, they are still doing that. The fabulously artful Just Watch Me, which won the Studio a Genie (best feature documentary) and beat a field of dramas to win Best First Canadian Feature at the Toronto International Film Festival, was director Catherine Annau's first film.

In fact, the Studio's generous attitude has now nurtured two generations of filmmakers to produce a stream of remarkable documentaries such as Final Offer, Confessions of a Rabid Dog, Hitman Hart, Drowning in Dreams, Enigmatico, Talk 16, Unveiled, Project Grizzly, Just Watch Me, The Man Who Might Have Been, Unwanted

Soldiers and Deep Inside Clint Star. As varied as their titles, what all share is membership in that tiny elite of films that are, at once, innovative, critically acclaimed and popular.

It is, presumably, the rare freedom to do one's best that still draws Canada's best directors to work at the Ontario Studio. This year, Oscar-winner John Zaritsky, Hollywood veteran John N. Smith and counterculture legend Ron Mann all have projects there.

It's not likely that they are there for the money. The Studio manages to produce roughly a dozen films every year on a production budget of about \$3 million. Happily, though, it has continuously expanded in the five years since veteran producer Louise Lore became its director. The Studio now has four staff producers and accounts for one-third of the NFB's English documentary production. And, just in time for this year's celebration, the Studio is renovating the John Spotton Cinema, venue of choice for Toronto documentary premieres. No doubt there will be a gruff Scot spirit watching over the work, counting every penny... and smiling.

Kevin McMahon

KEVIN MCMAHON HAS DIRECTED THREE DOCUMENTARIES IN CO-PRODUCTION WITH THE NFB'S ONTARIO STUDIO AND IS CURRENTLY AT WORK ON A FOURTH.



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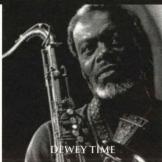
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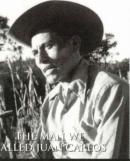
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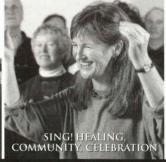
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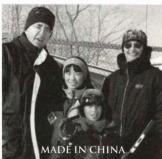
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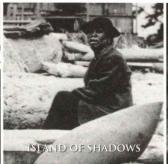


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CANADIAN SPECTRUM

"There is nothing I wish for more as a film man than that documentaries should be more greatly encouraged to get out and about; that more time should be given to the visual observation of our current affairs, that more resources should be put at their disposition. Above all, they should be encouraged to be even more penetrating and effective in stirring up public interest and discussion."

Since John Grierson, founder of the National Film Board of Canada, first spoke these words forty years ago in a lecture entitled "A Mind for the Future," both documentaries and the realities they examine have changed dramatically. In fact, reality has never been a more complex space for documentarians to inhabit. There are those who say that reality is ultimately beyond any form of representation. There are those who say that reality exists only inside our own subjective thoughts and perceptions. Others sell reality as highly scripted and produced television game shows of survival of the fittest or the sexiest. The very idea of Canada as a national reality is changing day by day as we are integrated into the digital circuitry of global mass media. The future is happening as we speak and Grierson's call for more penetrating and provocative documentary interventions in our environment rings truer than ever.

Canada's documentarians, along with the funding and exhibition structures that support them, continue to take Grierson's challenge to heart. This marks the eighth year that Hot Docs is presenting a programme of Canadian documentaries. Almost 400 works produced in the past year were submitted and screened, a testament to the vitality of the documentary form in Canada and a considerable challenge to us as programmers.

We're pleased to open the Canadian Spectrum on a whimsical but powerful note, with The Fairy Faith, a sumptuously photographed look into the mythical realm of fairies, directed by veteran Canadian documentarian John Walker. The programme continues with a selection of works covering a wide range of social and political issues, from breast cancer recovery in Gerry Rogers' moving self-portrait My Left Breast to aboriginal rights in Alanis Obomsawin's exactingly complex Rocks at Whiskey Trench. Many of the documentaries selected step outside of Canada's borders to examine the way we intersect with the rest of the world, as in Paul Cowan's in-depth study of the US pornography machine, Give Me Your Soul, Richard Meech's In the Shadow of a Saint, an evocative chronicle of Ken Wiwa Jr.'s burial of his martyred Nigerian father, or in Konstantin Selezen's exquisite portrait of life on the margins in post-Perestroika Ukraine, Songs of Youth.

Other works take on questions of inheritance and identity; Elida Schogt returns to Hot Docs with an impressionistic meditation on her family's legacy in The Walnut Tree, while Lysanne Thibodeau takes us on a personal journey of return to her home in Quebec after years in self-imposed exile in Ode to a Journey Home. Some of the works take up the fundamental question of the implications of looking at life through a camera, as in Karen Shopsowitz's delightful history of home movies, My Father's Camera, and Judith Doyle's meditation on how photography conditions our experience of nature, Animal Movies. Other works illuminate and reinterpret cultural expression, as does Louis Bélanger and Isabelle Hébert's Lauzon/Lauzone. an inventive biography of Jean-Claude Lauzon, the enfant terrible of Canadian cinema, and Larry Weinstein's wildly imaginative Ravel's Brain, an entertaining reconstruction of the life of composer Maurice Ravel.

We trust you will enjoy as much as we have the unique opportunity this programme offers to delve into the realm of realities that Canadian documentarians so eloquently and tirelessly reflect to us in their work.

David McIntosh, Janice Tufford Co-Programmers, Canadian Spectrum

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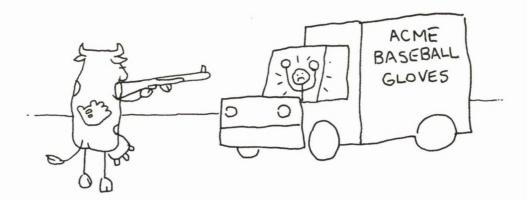
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Canada, 2000 13 min, Betacam SP

Saturday, May 5, 7:00 pm Royal Cinema TO BE SCREENED WITH MY FATHER'S CAMERA (SEE PAGE 62 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Breakaway - A Tale of Two Survivors

Breakaway tells the story of two Nova Scotia men, both brain injury survivors, who are in an unusual relationship. Doug hasn't walked or talked for fifteen years, but Robert has had a miraculous full recovery and is now Doug's full-time attendant, trainer and housemate. Robert is obsessively, even aggressively, optimistic about Doug's recovery, rigidly enforcing a no nonsense regime of tough love, even though Doug's condition fails to improve. A poignant film which considers the delicate balance between care and control, dreams and false hopes. David McIntosh.

TORONTO PREMIERE

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Thursday, May 3, 3:00 pm **Royal Cinema** TO BE SCREENED WITH IF ONLY I

(SEE PAGE 58 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Canada's Nandan

At the age of 11, William Lau emigrated with his family from Hong Kong to Montreal, and since then he has been training to perform the traditional role in Chinese Operatic Dance of Nandan, a male playing female characters. Lau is an engaging and committed dancer, going so far as to seek an apprenticeship with the legendary Shanghai Nandan Song Changrong. MacDonald has successfully captured the complexities and charms of Lau's life as he lives it across cultures and performs across genders. David McIntosh. In English and Mandarin with English subtitles.

WORLD PREMIERE

Director: Sheona McDonald Producers: Sheona McDonald, Mary Ellen Anderson Executive Producer: Sylvia Sween Writers: Sylvia Sweeney, Sheona McDonald Cinematographers: Tim Newby, Andre Gariepy Editor: Katharine Asals

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Canada, 2000 24 min, Betacam SP

Wednesday, May 2, 9:30 pm **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH RAVEL'S BRAIN (SEE PAGE 64 FOR DESCRIPTION)

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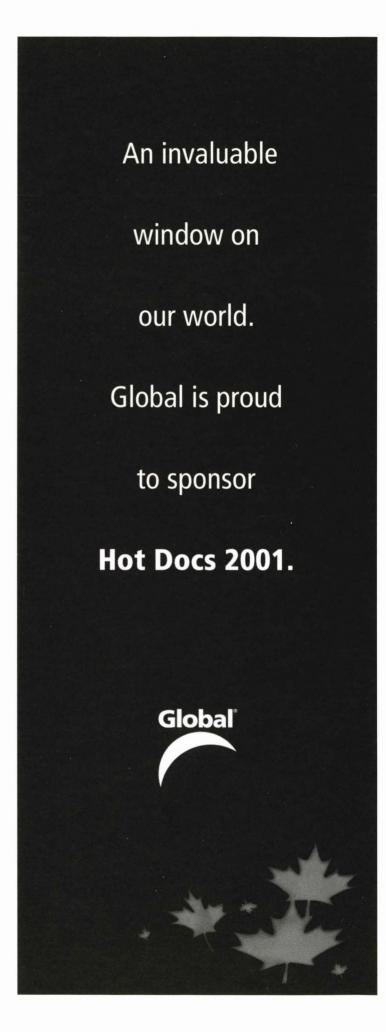
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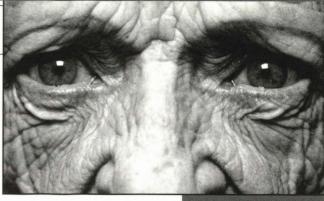
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Tuesday, May 1, 3:15 pm **Royal Cinema** TO BE SCREENED WITH IN THE SHADOW OF A SAINT (SEE PAGE 59 FOR DESCRIPTION)

The Fairy Faith

CANADIAN SPECTRUM OPENING

A journey into the realm of myth and the imagination, John Walker's film takes us to the magic, quiet places where the fairies are said to live. Rich in legend and lore, the film explores the crossover world between light and dark, waking and dreaming, twilight and daylight. Scholars of the ancient faith and present day believers in fairies recount their experiences of the fairy realm. From the hills of Cape Breton Island to the Highlands of Scotland to the Moors of Devon and the sacred sites of Ireland, viewers are invited to look with their hearts and see with their imaginations. In a world that is increasingly rational, this film nourishes our sense of wonder. Janice Tufford.

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Canada, 2000 1 hr 16 min, 35 mm

Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 pm **Royal Cinema**

Gangs, Law on the Street Gangs, la loi de la rue

This documentary, filmed over the course of a year, takes us inside the troubled world of 18 year-old Javelyne, exotic dancer and sometime Montreal gang member. When Javelyne decides she wants out of the gang, she is raped and threatened with extortion. Twice her family's home is torched. As the film progresses, it's not clear whether she is trying to extricate herself from the gang's control or aggravate her volatile status within it. Making over 200 sorties with his camera, documentarian Isaac Isitan succeeds in penetrating the closed, paranoid world of street gangs. The result is not distanced filmmaking: Isitan is caught in a web of bravado, lies, and double cons. Viewers are left to wonder - has he fallen for his anti-heroine, or have we? Janice Tufford. In French with English subtitles.

TORONTO PREMIERE

Director: Isaac Isitar Writer: Isaac Isitan

Cinematographers: Yanick Létourneau, Isaac Isitan Editor: Isabelle Massicotte

Sound: Yanick Létourneau, Isaac Isitan, François Robicheau

Music: Sans Pression

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Canada, 2000 1 hr, Betacam SP

Friday, May 4, 11:30 pm **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH INNOCENT TRICKS (SEE PAGE 60 FOR DESCRIPTION)





Canada, 2000 1 hr 21 min, Betacam SP

Sunday, May 6, 4:35 pm **Bloor Cinema**

Director: Paul Cowan Producers: Adam Symansky, Paul Cowan Executive Producer: Sally Bochner Writer: Paul Cowan Cinematographer: Paul Cowan Editor: Hannele Halm

Music: Robert M. Lepage

Give Me Your Soul...

Porn. It's everywhere - VCRs, DVDs, the Internet, satellites, corner stores. It comes in every imaginable form - gay, straight, animal, vegetable. It's a mainstay of the mass media economy pumping \$8 billion a year through the system. And like most mass media products, it emerges mainly from somewhere in southern California. Paul Cowan takes us on a behind-the-scenes tour through the glam, the silicone, the hopes, the lies, to the realities of this L.A. flesh-for-fame packing plant. Dumpy, aging former porn star Bill is now full-time fatherly intake agent for hot new flesh to feed the machine. Eighteenyear-old Katie, just off the bus from Tennessee with stars in her eyes, does her first oncamera scene as her far too eager stage mother coaches from the sidelines. Full-time porn reporter Luke, both repulsed by and obsessed with his subject, breaks an HIV cover-up scandal in the porn world and is silenced. Cowan works his way through the lower reaches of the industry to create an insightful, darkly humorous and shocking portrait of lost bodies and the struggle for souls. David McIntosh.

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Canada, 2000 56 min, Betacam SP

Thursday, May 3, 10:30 am **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH THE JUNE BUG SYMPHONY (SEE PAGE 60 FOR DESCRIPTION) Director: John Martin Producer: Geoff LeBoutillie Executive Producer: Peter D'Entremont Writers: Geoff LeBoutillier, John Martin Cinematographers: Wade Cornell, Doug Pike Editors: Chris Cooper, Duncan Moss Sound: Andrew J. McKay, John Rosborough, Wayne Parsons, Chuck Calder, Alex Busby, David Caudel

Hank & Jimmie: A Story of Country

The rags-to-riches story of country music legend Hank Snow is the stuff of legend. Using never-before seen archival footage of his early years touring Nova Scotia's muddy backroads and county fairs, this documentary charts Hank Snow's rise to the pinnacle of country music fame, the Grand Ole Opry. But it's the lesser-known dark side of Hank's ambition visited upon his son Jimmy that forms the spine of this film. A musician in his own right, a rebel who hung out with Elvis, Jimmy rejects everything his father stands for and takes up the gospel ministry, only to have it fall apart in the midst of a sex scandal. Bibles vs. guitars, country vs. Gospel, the love-hate relationship between a father and son - director John Martin's film is rich in dichotomy and discord. Janice Tufford.

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Canada, 2000 35 min, Betacam SP

Thursday, May 3, 3:00 pm **Royal Cinema** TO BE SCREENED WITH BREAKAWAY - A TALE OF TWO SURVIVORS (SEE PAGE 55 FOR DESCRIPTION

Director: Donigan Cumming Producer: Donigan Cummin Cinematographer: Donigan Cumming Editor: Donigan Cumming Sound: Donigan Cumming

If Only I

If only she hadn't been sexually abused by her father. If only she hadn't become addicted to heroin. If only she hadn't attempted suicide. If only she wasn't paralyzed from the waist down. If only she wasn't financially and physically dependent. With startling candour and disarming clarity, Colleen attempts to rewrite the tragedies of her young life in Montreal as she recounts all of her "if only's" to us in the most direct address imaginable, in unflinching, relentless and unadorned close-up. David McIntosh. In English with French subtitles.

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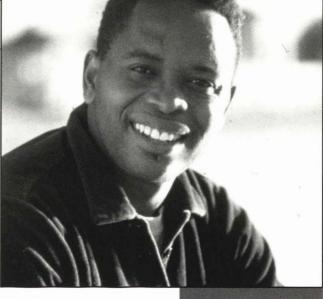
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Tuesday, May 1, 3:15 pm **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH FYES (SEE PAGE 57 FOR DESCRIPTION)

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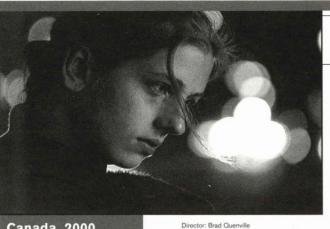
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Canada, 2000 40 min, Betacam SP

Friday, May 4, 11:30 pm **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH GANGS, LAW ON THE STREET (SEE PAGE 57 FOR DESCRIPTION

Producer: Rob Bromley Executive Producer: Hugh Beard Writer: John Ritchie Cinematographer: Todd Craddock

Editor: Daan Cramer Sound: Jeff Henschel, Patrick Brereton

Music: Dennis Burke

Innocent Tricks

From the West coast comes a documentary about kids on the street - this one about young kids caught in the sex trade. Scarcely a week goes by without a news story originating from Canada's West Coast involving sex workers as young as thirteen. Focusing on the stories of two girls, Jenn from New Westminister, and Chantal from Abbottsford, B.C., director Brad Quenville documents the changing face of teenage prostitution. Jenn, 16, addicted to crack cocaine, turned to the sex trade to support her drug habit. She didn't leave suburban New Westminister - she didn't need to. Dressed in jeans and a t-shirt, she was often picked up by family men on their way to work in their mini-vans, baby car seats in the back. Chantal, now 18, pimped off her high school friends, seven at one time. Through candid interviews with the girls' families, other teenage recruiters and professionals working to help educate kids about sexual exploitation, this documentary paints a shocking portrait of the fresh faces that have come to join the world's oldest profession. Janice Tufford.

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Canada, 2000 52 min, Betacam SP

Saturday, May 5, 2:15 pm Royal Cinema

TO BE SCREENED WITH A TIME OF LOVE AND WAR (SEE PAGE 67 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Director: Rob Thompson Producer: Maria Yongmee Shin Executive Producers: Maria Yongmee Shin, Malcolm Guy Writers: David Sutherland, Rob Thompson Cinematographer: Ray Hagel Sound: Douglas Von Rosen, Colin Schlachta

Music: Alvaro Yanez

Journey to Little Rock: The Untold Story of Minnijean Brown Trickey

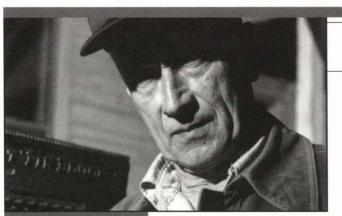
The landmark case of the Little Rock Nine changed the legal history of Blacks in America in the 50s. Defying the segregation policies of the south, nine black children braved hostile mobs, the National Guard and the Arkansas governor to attend an all-white school. Minnijean Brown Trickey was one of the outspoken who challenged the law. This film tells her story, including the little-known chapter of her years as an activist in Canada. The film captures the commitment and compassion of a remarkable woman who has never lost the courage of her convictions. Janice Tufford.

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Canada, 2000 22 min, Betacam SP

Thursday, May 3, 10:30 am **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH HANK & JIMMIE: A STORY OF COUNTRY (SEE PAGE 58 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Director: Walter E. Forsyth Producer: Walter E. Forsyth Cinematographer: Doug Karr Editor: Doug Karr Sound: Kenny Lewis, Doug Karr Music: Al Tuck

The June Bug Symphony

This short film plays with conventional biographical format. The subject is small town eccentric Ab Annand of Maitland, Nova Scotia, whose orchestration of a surprising annual event forms the core of this quirky, unusual folk-art portrait. Janice Tufford.

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Lauzon/Lauzone

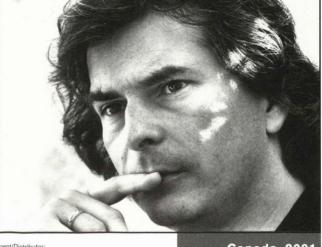
Jean-Claude Lauzon shook the foundations of Canadian cinema with his two feature films, Un Zoo la Nuit and Léolo, lush and intensely personal visions which rode a unique razor edge of poetry, humour, absurdity, sex, anger, trauma and love. His death in a 1997 plane crash in the forests of Northern Quebec, the one place he found peace, was as unexpected as his films. Bélanger and Hébert have woven video documents of Lauzon on set or traveling and hunting, along with intimate interviews with his mother, mentors, friends, actors, producers, psychiatrists and lovers together with excerpts from his films to produce an intricate and dynamic portrait of an artist constantly on the edge. Lauzon's diaries, read throughout the film, reveal a lucid, exacting and agile mind prone to self-doubt and fearful of a descent into madness, but never once ceding creative ground. David McIntosh. In French with English subtitles.

TORONTO PREMIERE

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Friday, May 4, 9:15 pm Royal Cinema

Life and Lilies

Photographer Gordon Sheppard's world is torn apart when he is diagnosed with prostate cancer. Not only does his life undergo cataclysmic change, so does his art. He moves from photography concentrated on people to unusual works of art based on nature, specifically the water lily. A short, profound, visually beautiful film. Janice Tufford.

WORLD PREMIERE

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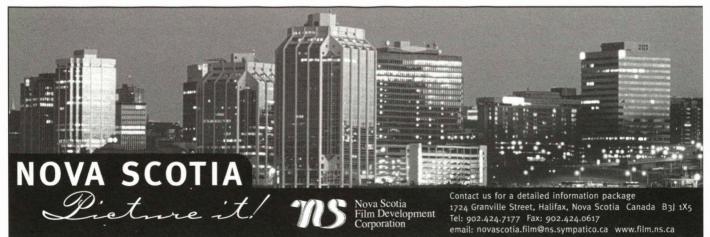
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Canada, 2000 4 min, Betacam SP

Tuesday, May 1, 11:00 am **Royal Cinema** TO BE SCREENED WITH MY LEFT BREAST (SEE PAGE 62 FOR DESCRIPTION), AND SEA IN THE BLOOD (SEE PAGE 64 FOR DESCRIPTION)





Canada, 2000 59 min, Betacam SP

Saturday, May 5, 7:00 pm

TO BE SCREENED WITH ANIMAL MOVIES: FOX
PAST (SEE PAGE 55 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Director: Karen Shopsowitz Producer: Silva Basmajian Executive Producer: Louise Lore Cinematographer: Antonin Lhotsky Editor: Karen Shopsowitz

Music: Danny Greenspoon, Victor Bateman

My Father's Camera

Growing out of the director's fascination with an enormous cache of her father's Super 8 home movies, *My Father's Camera* investigates the compulsions of amateur filmmakers over the last 80 years to capture life around them on celluloid. As Shopsowitz discovers, home movies are much more than an ephemeral personal indulgence; otherwise invisible history has a way of sneaking into the frame, with background and context often revealing more than the supposed subject. Alternately light-heartedly popish and probingly analytical, this delightful history of the home movie gives new meaning to the term "people's history." David McIntosh.

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Canada, 2000 57 min, Betacam SP

Tuesday, May 1, 11:00 am

TO BE SCREENED WITH LIFE AND LILIES (SEE PAGE 61 FOR DESCRIPTION) AND SEA IN THE BLOOD (SEE PAGE 64 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Director: Gerry Rogers Producer: Paul Pope Cinematographers: Peggy Norman, Nigel Markham, Gerry Rogers Editor: Terre Nash Sound: Paul Pope, Brad Stone, Peggy Norman, Wavie

Music: Paul Steffler

My Left Breast

This video diary of one woman's experience with breast cancer is not what you might expect. The honesty and humour with which filmmaker Gerry Rogers treats her cancer makes you laugh and cry, often at the same time. Her larky antics – lying on the beach pretending to be a baby seal; cuddling a baby nephew, one bald head against another; the rowdy parties and wig quilting bees – are all antidotes to the awfulness of cancer. By allowing other people to become involved in her life, she manages to create hope, for herself, and for others. Her film also imparts a good deal of practical information about cancer and its therapies. Her core message – that love, compassion and tenderness are ultimately radicalizing – comes through loud and clear. Janice Tufford.

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Canada, 2000 43 min, 16 mm

Thursday, May 3, 5:00 pm

TO BE SCREENED WITH STILL (STILLE)
(SEE PAGE 67 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Director: Lysanne Thibodeau Producer: Lysanne Thibodeau Writer: Lysanne Thibodeau Cinematographer: Josée Deshaies Editor: Lysanne Thibodeau Sound: Esther Auger, Catherine van der Donckt Music: Janet Lumb, Dino Giancola

Ode to a Journey Home Éloge du retour

Escaping the violent family trauma of the death of her mother, father and brother in Montreal, Lysanne Thibodeau spent fifteen years in exile in Berlin, living out extreme fantasies, throwing herself into experiments with life. Returning home at the age of 37, memory surges into surreally rearranged childhood imagery, as the director relives the past and reconnects to her roots, enticed into a renewal by the vitality around her and compelled to speak for the new life within her. An eloquent, meditative, brave and sumptuously photographed essay on hope and reconciliation. David McIntosh. *In French with English subtitles*.

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Director: Shelley Saywell
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Canada, 2000 26 min, Betacam SP Tuesday, May 1, 11:00 am

Royal Cinema TO BE SCREENED WITH LIFE AND LILIES (SEE PAGE 61 FOR DESCRIPTION) AND MY LEFT BREAST (SEE PAGE 62 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Ravel's Brain

Internationally acclaimed arts documentarian Larry Weinstein brings all of his creative forces to bear on this uniquely visualized expressionistic reconstruction of the life of French composer Maurice Ravel. For the last five years of his life, Ravel suffered from aphasia, a condition which allowed him to imagine and compose music in his brain, but which prevented him from writing it down, from communicating his music to the outside world. Weinstein takes us inside Ravel's head, figuratively through the music and images circulating deep inside him, and then literally, as Ravel undergoes brain surgery to attempt to remedy his illness. The brain operation eventually brought about his death in 1937, but not before Ravel traveled to Marrakesh, where Arabic street music inspired him to a final few moments of lucid composing. Merging interviews with Ravel's friends, historical considerations of the science of the brain of the time, and reconstructions of Ravel's life as he remembered it, this film is above all a sumptuous musical and visual experience. David McIntosh. In English and French with English subtitles.

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Director: Larry Weinstein

Writer: Larry Weinstein

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Music: Alex Pauk, Alexina Louie

Sound: Peter Cook, David McCallum,

Larry Weinstein

Editor: David New

Producers: Niv Fichman, Pierre-Olivier Bardet

Canada, 2000 1 hr 45 min, 16 mm

Canada, France, 2000

(SEE PAGE 55 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Wednesday, May 2, 9:30 pm

TO BE SCREENED WITH CANADA'S NANDAN

52 min, Betacam SP

Royal Cinema

Wednesday, May 2, 12:45 pm **Royal Cinema**

Director: Alanis Ohomsawin Producer: Alanis Obomsawin Executive Producer: Sally Bochner Writer: Alanis Obomsawin Cinematographers: Philippe Amiguet, Pierre Landry, Thea Pratt, Roger Rochat, René Siouï Labelle Editor: Yurij Luhovy Sound: Don Ayer, Sylvain Cajelais, Ismaël **Rocks at Whiskey Trench**

One of Canada's most celebrated and prolific documentarians, Alanis Obomsawin is committed to the lives and struggles of Aboriginal people in Canada. Rocks at Whiskey Trench is the latest in a series of four works focused on the Mohawk rebellions at Kanehsatake and Kahnawake in 1990, events which shook many Canadians out of their dreamy national mythologies of peace and good government. Delving into the specifics of the Kahnawake rebellion, Obomsawin characteristically offers in-depth historical context, recounting the seizure and continuing encroachment on Mohawk land beginning in the 1700s and continuing to the present. In 1990, as Mohawk women, children and elderly fled their homes, under threat of the Canadian army, they were attacked by rock throwing mobs of residents from the nearby Montreal bedroom community of Chateauguay. Painstakingly researched, carefully constructed from footage shot in the midst of the crisis and later interviews with native victims, Rocks at Whiskey Trench is a compelling, committed and emotionally charged document of our times. David McIntosh.

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Director: Richard Fung Producer: Richard Fung Writer: Richard Fung Cinematographers: Richard Fung, Greg Woodbury

Editor: Carole Larsen Sound: Konrad Skreta, Laurel MacDonald Music: Phil Strong, Laurel MacDonald

Sea in the Blood

On one level, this sensitive film is an expiation of filmmaker Richard Fung's grief over his sister's death from a rare blood disease, thalassemia, which means "sea in the blood." On another level, it is an expression of love for his family and his lover who is diagnosed with AIDS. Set in his early childhood in the Caribbean, and a later trip to Europe and Asia with his lover, the filmmaker succeeds in crafting a layered, personal film that makes one think about, as well as feel, the nature of love, life and death. Janice Tufford.

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Songs of Youth

In 1998, director Konstantin Selezen returned to his homeland, post-Perestroika Ukraine, with a simple wind-up Bolex camera under his arm, searching, rediscovering. Fate and curiosity draw him into the magical world of Kostia, a blind street accordionist, a free market casualty who supports his blind wife and two children (who he hopes will become famous movie stars) on small change. Selezen accompanies Kostia on his daily route, from his humble home in the country next to a bus stop named "Profit," to the famous Odessa Steps, now a cacophony of street music and hawkers where the irrepressible Kostia plays his accordion with gusto. Between songs, Kostia muses on love, death, suicide, hope, harmony and vision. Exquisitely photographed, artfully rendered, *Songs of Youth* transports us to a rare space of radiant wisdom. David McIntosh. *In English and Russian with English subtitles*.

WORLD PREMIERE

Director: Konstantin Selezen Producer: Konstantin Selezen Cinematographer: Konstantin Selezen, John Tran, Roman Bobotov Editors: Konstantin Selezen, Konrad Skreta Sound: Konrad Skreta, Igor Kuznietsov Music: Alexander Levkovich Production Company: Selekt Films 49 Oakfield Drive Etobicoke, ON M8Y 1N9, Canada

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Canada, 2000 1 hr 30 min, 35 mm

Sunday, May 6, 7:00 pm Royal Cinema

Directors: Bay Weyman, Luis O. Garcia

Producer: Peter Starr Executive Producer: Louise Lore Cinematographer: John Westheuser Editor: Ricardo Acosta Sound: Todd Faracci

Spirits of Havana

CLOSING NIGHT FILM

Renowned soprano saxophonist and flutist Jane Bunnett travels to Cuba to seek out the heart of Cuban music. This film captures the spirit of a cast of extraordinary Cuban musicians for whom the difficulty and poverty of everyday life is eclipsed by the joy and richness of their music. Bunnett and husband/ musical partner Larry Cramer explore the deep roots of Cuban music - from Afro-Cuban rumba groups to a Haitian Creole choir. We experience the magic of music being made by all-star musicians like singers Bobby Carcasses, Ernesto Gatell, and Amado Dedeu, pianist Guillermo Rubalcaba, tres player Papi Oviedo and percussionists Tata Guines and Pancho Quinto. Bunnett and Cramer pay tribute to their 20-year association with Cuba's music by giving back to its future musicians. They travel to the country's music schools to teach jazz and repair broken instruments. The joy on the faces of the students as they play their refurbished instruments is one of the many delights of this musical odyssey. Janice Tufford.

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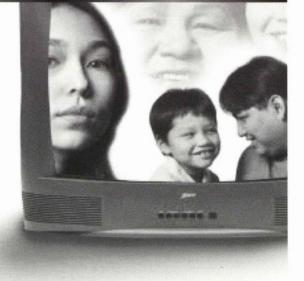
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Canada, 2001 25 min, Betacam SP

Thursday, May 3, 5:00 pm **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH ODE TO A JOURNEY HOME (SEE PAGE 62 FOR DESCRIPTION)

A Time of Love and War

An exchange of letters written over the course of a decade forges a strong, warm friendship between Canadian Sabrina Mathews and Nicaraguan Martha Aguilar. The letters are set against the backdrop of the social and political changes wrought by the Sandanista revolution. After eleven years. Sabrina revisits Nicaragua to meet Martha in person. Sabrina brings a camera and they retrace their epistolary friendship on video. Janice Tufford. In English and Spanish with English subtitles.

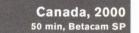


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Saturday, May 5, 2:15 pm

Royal Cinema TO BE SCREENED WITH JOURNEY TO LITTLE
ROCK: THE UNTOLD STORY OF MINNIJEAN B. TRICKEY (SEE PAGE 60 FOR DESCRIPTION)

The Walnut Tree

Elida Schogt's short eloquent film contains her mother's memories of the deportation of her grandparents from wartime Amsterdam to Auschwitz. The film is characterized by the precise, unsentimental voice of her mother as she recalls these events, matched with a surprising, impressionistic set of images. Some are blurred and motion-filled; others are clear, captured images - photographs torn from the family scrapbook. The film's title refers to a tree in the back garden of her grandparents' Amsterdam home that was cut down during the war. Several years later the stump produced shoots, and today a huge tree bears quantities of delicious walnuts. Janice Tufford.

Director: Elida Schogt Producer: Elida Schogt Writer: Elida Schoot Cinematographer: Elida Schogt Editor: Elida Schogt Sound: Julie Saragosa Music: Tom Third

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Canada, 2000 11 min, 16 mm

Wednesday, May 2, 11:00 am **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH OUT OF THE FIRE (SEE PAGE 63 FOR DESCRIPTION)



Canada, 2000 10 min, 16 mm

Wednesday, May 2, 5:30 pm Royal Cinema

TO BE SCREENED WITH **SONGS OF YOUTH** (SEE PAGE 65 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Director: James Bell Producer: James Bell Executive Producer: James Bell Writer: James Bell Cinematographer: Geoff Bland Editor: Stephen Schwartz Sound: James Bell Music: James Bell

Wood

An eloquent visual montage of trees, forests and time passing, James Bell's *Wood* creates a collective voice from youthful imaginings of mortality, experiences of aging and death, and memories of lives lived. David McIntosh.

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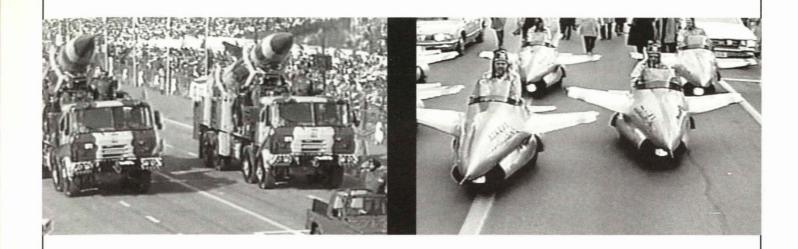
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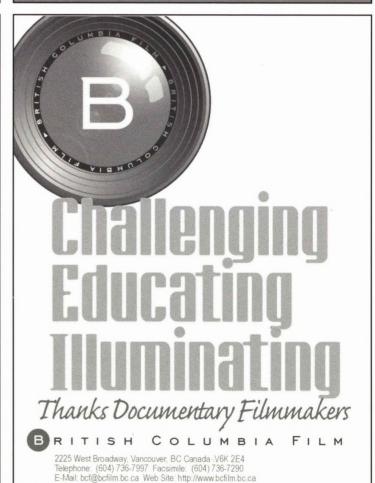
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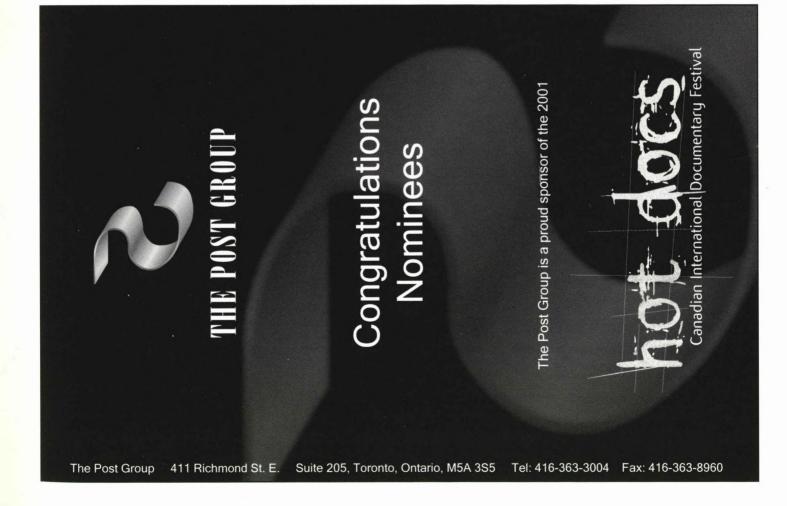
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This is an extraordinary time for non-fiction in the media. Suddenly, thanks to such reality-based shows as *Survivor* and *Temptation Island*, it has become fashionable to watch people, not actors, dealing with events in their lives. True, the situations depicted in *Survivor* hardly resemble what we do in a day, but there's no question that the island dwellers are confronting life without a scenario. Of course, *Survivor* and its progeny are game shows, with huge rewards, but that doesn't mean that they are any less real. Who among us hasn't survived, on occasion, through role-playing?

Naturally, documentary filmmaking does differ from its sensationalist televised comrades in arms. Independent filmmakers produce work out of conviction, not simply to feed the commercial machine. While making a living, non-fiction directors often hope to effect some change in society through their films. And although game playing is often documented in indie productions, the situations seen are not as manufactured as those seen in reality based shows.

While *Survivor* may not have changed the environment around making documentaries, the fact is that this year has been a sensational one for indie docs. Here at Hot Docs we received double the amount of submissions as in the previous year. Helping to make the process of selection stimulating and easier than last year was Associate Programmer Shannon Abel whose humour and clear-sighted sensitivity to non-fiction film added much to this year's selections.

The International Showcase features thirty films from twenty countries. We found that a number of films dealt with the tragic break-up of Yugoslavia; from them, we chose two tough-minded but compassionate works, *Red Rubber Boots* and *Living Afterwards*. The Middle East and South Asia were also flash points and you will see films from Israel, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan in this programme. Such selections as *Not in My Garden, Don't Ask Why* and *Alone with War* show Muslims, Christians and Jews critiquing their often volatile societies.

Issues of race and culture are always important in the non-fiction field. In very different ways, *Dirt for Dinner, The Flowers' Beauty, 100% White, Lalee's Kin* and *Remembering Country* turn a strong, examining light on Germany, South Africa, England, the United States and Australia. The role of women in society is a staple of documentary practice. This year *Don't Ask*

Why, Sister-Wife, Anesia and Zinat document the lives of women in lands as diverse as Pakistan, Israel and Brazil.

The dramatic confrontation between art and reality inform Holland's *Dutch Heroes*, Russia's *I Am A Seagull*, and South Africa's *The Flowers' Beauty*. Also dealing with this subject are *Accelerated Development*, about Cuban director Santiago Alvarez, the USA's very Warholian *Pie in the Sky*, Israel's *Psychedelic Zion* and Poland's *The Boot Factory*. Sexuality, and society's lack of acceptance of it, figure prominently in *Southern Comfort, Sister-Wife* and the appropriately titled *Sex with Strangers*.

Our current economic circumstances are looked at, quite differently, in *Startup.com*, about a computer based company and *Dark Days*, which deals with the homeless. And, finally, survival itself is the subject of *The Endurance*, the classic tale of Shackleton's acclaimed expedition to Antarctica.

Which brings us back to *Survivor*. One wonders what the survivors of Shackleton's trip, who hung together under the most disastrous of circumstances, would have made of the buff members of the Australian edition voting each other off the island...

Marc Glassman Senior Programmer, International Showcase

ALLY DERKS SELECTS

Over the last two years, Hot Docs has forged a strong relationship with the International Documentary Festival Amsterdam (IDFA). Founded in the late 80s under the direction of Festival Director Ally Derks, IDFA has quickly grown to become one of most prestigious documentary events in the world. Each year, the festival features an official competition of international documentaries; Reflecting Images, a programme of cutting-edge films; Highlights of the Lowlands, a showcase of home-grown Dutch work; Kids & Docs, a selection of films geared to young audiences; First Appearance, a programme of debut docs; a focus on a different country or region (last year, Iran) and a retrospective of works by a veteran documentarian.

Just as importantly, IDFA hosts the renowned FORUM for international co-financing of documetaries Amsterdam, a three-day international market event during which documentary filmmakers pitch their new projects to a delegation of commissioning editors and buyers. The FORUM is such a raging success that, with the cooperation of IDFA, we at Hot Docs have adopted this idea for our own Toronto Documentary Forum.

This year, Hot Docs' International Showcase programme is enhanced by the presence of our extraordinary guest programmer, Ally Derks. Ms. Derks is known worldwide as a preeminent documentary programmer. For more than a decade, her creative direction has brought the best of international documentary filmmaking to Amsterdam. Such veteran filmmakers as Agnès Varda, Barbara Kopple, Werner Herzog and Michael Apted have all presented works at IDFA. At the same time, Derks has nourished many talented newcomers, ushering in a new generation of non-fiction filmmakers.

From the 252 films shown at IDFA 2000, Ms. Derks has selected three exceptional documentaries. Winner of IDFA's Silver Wolf prize, Fabrizio Lazzaretti and Alberto Vendemmiati's Jung (War) In the Land of the Mujaheddin, is a harrowing but moving account of an international hospital crew who are fighting to save lives amidst Afghanistan's bloody civil war. Zinat - A Special Day, directed by Ebrahim Mokharti, is an intimate and revealing portrait of the first woman to run for office in postrevolution Iran. From Argentina, comes Tristán Bauer's, The Books and the Night, a poetic and dreamlike evocation of the life and work of the legendary Latin American writer Jorge Luis Borges.

The films in "Ally Derks Selects" – each powerful in their own right – collectively provide a window onto the insightful work exhibited at IDFA each year and the creative vision of the extraordinary woman at its helm.





UK, 2000 1 hr 10 min, Betacam SP

Thursday, May 3, 11:30 pm Royal Cinema PRESENTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL Director: Leo Regan Producer: Leo Regan Executive Producer: Roy Ackerman

Cinematographer: Leo Regan

Editor: Paul Van Dyck

100% White

In the early 90s, Leo Regan spent two years photographing a gang of British neo-Nazi skinheads for a book. Now a documentary filmmaker, he found some of them again, hoping to record how they had changed. This tough-minded film is the result: a clear-sighted documentation of violent men who have attempted, in their own ways, to return to a society that they had rejected. Nick, Neil and Colin open up to Leo in ways that are extraordinary; clearly, he won their respect a decade ago, and they are willing to share their lives and thoughts with him. Race and violence were their bywords then so it is extraordinary to see Nick befriend a black man and Neil taking anger management training in order to save his marriage. But the strangest case is Colin, a show-off with a "100% White" tattoo on his belly who is harbouring a surprising secret. As Fiona Morrow in Sight and Sound has commented, "100% White is... thoroughly modern, self-reflexive and non-prescriptive." Marc Glassman.

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USA, 1999 55 min, 16 mm

Sunday, May 6, 5:15 pm Royal Cinema

Royal Cinema
TO BE SCREENED WITH HOW MANY COLOURS?
(SEE PAGE 80 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Director: Travis Wilkerson Producer: Susan Fink Writer: Travis Wilkerson Cinematographer: Travis Wilkerson Editor: Travis Wilkerson Sound: Travis Wilkerson

Accelerated Development: In the Idiom of Santiago Alvarez

Santiago Alvarez was an artist, a creator of agit-prop films who magnificently served Fidel Castro and the Cuban revolution for thirty years. Travis Wilkerson, a native of Montana and an image-maker in a country that despises Castro's Cuba, has created a homage to Alvarez. A master of montage, Alvarez was able to create immediate works of art and political subversion through the form of weekly newsreels. Wilkerson has the wit and ability to recreate Alvarez' style with its emphasis on rapid cutting, clearly delineated ideological enemies and bold use of popular songs as a counterpoint to the often disturbing visuals. The film evokes Alvarez' revolutionary style during the 60s when his ironic and angry response to imperialism in Vietnam struck a chord in the West. Wilkerson has created a worthy look at a fine film artist. Marc Glassman. In English and Spanish with English subtitles.

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Alone With War Seule avec la guerre

Danièle Arbid spent her youth in Lebanon while a civil war was raging. She returned to Beirut in 2000, ten years after the war abruptly ended, to make a film about the aftermath of that bloody conflict. In this personal and incisive documentary, Arbid interrogates a number of Lebanese - ranging from children to the Minister of the Interior - about the remnants of a war that appears to have been forgotten. Now a journalist, Arbid isn't afraid to confront former terrorists, from both the Muslim and Christian sides, about their involvement in the killings that devastated the Lebanese population. Her film is a cool, honest look at the hottest of topics - war and ethnic cleansing. Marc Glassman. In Arabic with English subtitles.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Director: Danièle Arbid Producers: Christian Baute, Jacques-Henri Bronckart Executive Producer: Christian Baute Writer: Danièle Arbid Cinematographer: Isabelle Razavet Editor: Agnès Mouchel Sound: Thierry de Halleux, Luc Plantier, Jacques Clisse

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France, 2000 58 min, Betacam SP

Thursday, May 3, 12:30 pm **Royal Cinema** TO BE SCREENED WITH NOT IN MY GARDEN

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Anesia - A Flight Through Time Anesia – um vôo no tempo

Anesia Machado's extraordinary life and career spans the 20th century, from the birth of the airplane to the age of rocket ships. In the early 20s, while still a teenager, Anesia became the first female pilot in Brazil. It was a time when flying airplanes was a romantic endeavour and the people who flew solo were considered heroic. When she flew by herself from Sao Paolo to Rio de Janiero in 1922 in a personal commemoration of Brazil's centennial as an independent nation, Anesia became a national heroine. Before she was thirty, Anesia had participated in a failed revolution, been imprisoned repeatedly, co-starred in films and become a radio and print journalist. This film captures the bravery and charm of Anesia, whose reminiscences of her life are punctuated by wonderful archival footage of the planes and space craft that still have the capacity to send imaginations soaring. Marc Glassman. In Portuguese with English subtitles.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Director: Ludmila Ferolla Producer: Ludmila Ferolla Executive Producer: Ludmila Ferolla Writer: Ludmila Ferolla Cinematographer: Ludmila Ferolla Editor: Michael Ruman Sound: Virginia Flores, Chico Bororo, João Godoy Music: Luiz Macedo, Renato Lemos

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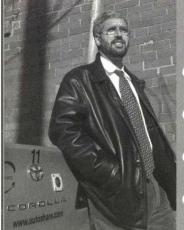


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Brazil, 2000 1 hr 13 min, 35 mm

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Writers: Tristán Bauer, Carolina Scaglione

Executive Producers: Incaa, Unsam, Canal Plus

Argentina, 2000 1 hr 22 min, 35 mm

Tuesday, May 1, 9:00 pm **Royal Cinema**

The Books and the Night Los Libros y la Noche

The Argentinean writer Jorge Luis Borges (1899-1986), one of the key figures in South American literature, deservedly won acclaim as a great contemporary writer of essays, poetry and short stories. The Books and the Night is sensitively constructed around Borges' works, which combined the fantastic with a sophisticated knowledge of history and culture. In dramatized scenes, alternating with interview excerpts and archival footage, we see the writer as an inhabitant of his own dreams and fantasies, wandering in time and a labyrinth of books. The actor Walter Santa Ana brings Borges' world to life. In a scene typical of the author's oddly compelling artistry, the story published as "The Book of Sand" is told: a protagonist is visited by a bible salesman, who hands him a book without a beginning or an end and with an infinite number of pages. Ally Derks. In Spanish with English subtitles.

"Imagine if the Sex Pistols made boots instead of music," explains director Lech Kowalski (Born to Lose: the Last Rock and Roll Movie, DOA) in an interview for the French magazine Rock Sound. Indeed, the protagonists of Kowalski's latest ode to punk rock run their "Doc Martin style" boot-making business as if it were a band and they the riotous rock stars. This engrossing film follows a group of young punk rockers in Krakow, Poland for a year, documenting with a respectful and sensitive distance their drunken parties, marriages, drug addictions and the operations of their small boot-making business. The group makes its product by hand in a small cement room, heads bobbing in unison to the music of their favorite punk bands. Drawing on a strong community of punk fans, their business successfully relies on word of mouth to sell its product, leaving its craftspeople with the curious dilemma of having too many orders. Gradually, the group is forced to make the tough decision to expand using new technology, thereby compromising its "do-it-yourself" punk-philosophy. With the gritty, black and white landscape of Poland as a backdrop, The Boot Factory is ultimately a celebration of one community's quest for a seemingly unattainable ideal. This doc was pitched last spring at Hot Docs' inaugural Toronto

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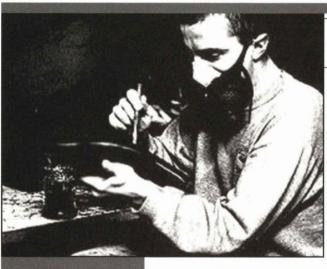
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France, 2000 1 hr 27 min, Betacam SP

Saturday, May 5, 11:00 pm **Royal Cinema**

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Editor: Lech Kowalski Sound: Paul Rimple, Pierre Azais, Anne-Marquerite

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Dark Days

Deep below the city of New York lies the vast underground network of subways and commuter trains, a comfortable home for the city's vermin, a horrific place for any human to live. The spectacular award-winning film Dark Days (Sundance 2000 Audience. Cinematography, and Freedom of Expression Awards) documents the lives of a group of homeless people who have made an underground Amtrak tunnel their unlikely home. some for as long as 25 years. In structures built from scrap metal and wood salvaged from the city's garbage, these tunnel dwellers have carved out a space and a life for themselves where none existed before. Director Marc Singer, who lived with his subjects for three months in the tunnel, films their daily battles with rats, their search for food, and their personal quests to come to terms with troubled pasts. Through intimate interviews, Dark Days elicits humour, dignity, and humanity from its protagonists depicting their world as a haunting subterranean dream in stunning black and white cinematography. Dark Days makes visible and human a normally invisible population. Shannon Abel.

TORONTO PREMIERE

Director: Marc Singer Producers: Marc Singer, Ben Freedman Executive Producers: Paolo Seganti, Randall Mesdon, Morton Swinsky, Gordon Paul Cinematographer: Marc Singer Editor: Melissa Neidich Sound: Barbara Parks, Peter Levin, Timothy Anderson

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USA, 1999 1 hr 24 min, 35 mm

Friday, May 4, 9:15 pm **Bloor Cinema**

Dirt For Dinner Dreckfresser

Sam Njankouo Meffire has led an extraordinary life. He's been the subject of a prizewinning advertising campaign, befriended by Germany's Minister of the Interior and written about in two of the most popular European periodicals - Germany's Stern and France's Figaro. This film, structured like a film noir, tells in flashbacks how Saxony's first black policeman became a notorious criminal. Born of a Cameroon father and a rebellious Dresden mother during the Communist regime in East Germany, Sam was an outcast from birth. Raised by his mother, who became embittered after the mysterious death of his father, Sam strived for acceptance by becoming a star athlete and a cop. But even after he achieved acclaim as integrated Germany's star black man, his fear and anger conspired to do him in. Beautifully rendered, this film says much about hypocrisy and xenophobia and even more about the charismatic figure that is Sam Meffire. Marc Glassman. In German with English subtitles.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Sound: Dirk Niemeier

Director: Branwen Okpako Producers: Deutsche Film- und Fernsehakademie Berlin Executive Producers: Jörg Grossmann, Jörg Schneider Writer: Branwen Okpako Cinematographer: Susanne Schüle Editor: Calle Overweg

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Germany, 2000 1 hr 15 min, 35 mm

Saturday, May 5, 9:00 pm **Royal Cinema** PRESENTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GOETHE INSTITUT INTER NATIONES

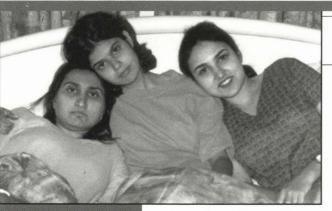
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Director: Sabiha Suma Producer: Brenda Parkerson

Editor: Calle Overweg

Music: Sawan Dutta

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Cinematographer: Claire Ijmar

Pakistan, Germany, 2000 58 min, Betacam SP

Saturday, May 5, 11:30 am

TO BE SCREENED WITH SISTER-WIFE (SEE PAGE 88 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Don't Ask Why

Don't Ask Why is the latest film by one of Pakistan's few independent directors, Sabiha Sumar (Suicide Warriors, Karachi in Process, Who Will Cast the First Stone). It examines the dreams and aspirations of the new generation of Pakistani and Indian women through the life of Anousheh, a seventeen-year old Muslim girl living with her strict parents in Karachi, Pakistan. Anousheh's parents want her to marry, but Anousheh wants to go to university and to travel. By way of her diary, the bright and intelligent Anousheh walks us through her daily life as she quietly questions the sexism of her community and of her religion. These small battles are fought in conversations with her father as she struggles to reconcile her love for him and her disappointment. Sensitive and poignant, Don't Ask Why successfully highlights what Pratik Joshi, of the Federation of Film Societies of India describes as "the dilemmas of a society in transition, of a people caught in the web of modernity and tradition." Shannon Abel. In Urdu and English with English subtitles.

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The Netherlands, 2000 55 min, Betacam SP

Wednesday, May 2, 3:15 pm

Royal Cinema
TO BE SCREENED WITH I AM A SEAGULL (SEE PAGE 81 FOR DESCRIPTION). PRESENTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS EMBASSY

Directors: Paul Cohen, Martijn van Haale Producers: Margriet Kreulen, Ineke van Gulik Writers: Paul Cohen, Martijn van Haalen Cinematographer: Paul Cohen Editor: Govert Janse Sound: Martiin van Haaler

Dutch Heroes Hollandse Helden

If documentary filmmaking is truth telling at 24 frames per second, sometimes a film can show that truth-telling isn't so obvious. Take the case of Cees Krijnen's family, who are the subjects of this insightful film. Cees is a celebrated contemporary artist as a result of his unique art project. Using documents from his parents' divorce in a gallery setting, his performance piece garnered the prestigious Prix de Rome in 1999. Since then, he and his beloved mother have been feted in galleries from Holland to America. While this stylish duo garners attention in the art press, Cees' father, an oldfashioned sea captain, tries to make sense of what has transpired. Is his truth the right one, even if it isn't fashionable? Marc Glassman. In Dutch with English subtitles. **NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE**

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USA, 2000 1 hr 32 min, Betacam SP

Friday, May 4, 7:00 pm **Bloor Cinema**

Director: George Butler Producer: George Butler Executive Producers: Edward R. Pressman, Terre Malick, Caroline Alexander, Mike Ryan, Paula Apsell Writers: Caroline Alexander, Joseph Dorman Cinematographer: Sandi Sissel Editor: Joshua Waletzky Sound: Margaret Crimmins, Andrew Wiskes, Peter Miller Music: Michael Small

The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition

Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1914-1916 expedition to Antarctica on The Endurance is one of the greatest tales of seamanship and survival ever told. George Butler, the acclaimed director of Pumping Iron and scriptwriter Caroline Alexander, a noted writer and curator on Shackleton, have recreated the famous voyage with aplomb and accuracy. Using the stunning cinematography and photography of Frank Hurley, whom Shackleton had hired to document the journey, this film sends the viewer into the past, when the heroic age of exploration was still extant. Frozen in ice just a day away from making their trip unimpeded, Shackleton and his crew watched helplessly as The Endurance gradually splintered in the crushing pressure of the ice. The 28-man crew survived the interminable winter, finally sailing in three lifeboats to the uninhabited Elephant Island. From there, Shackleton and four others took one of the boats and made a spectacular 800mile journey to civilization. Their epic story is beautifully recounted in what Godfrey Cheshire of the New York Press calls an "extraordinarily powerful film." Marc Glassman. CANADIAN PREMIERE

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T: 617-730-8430 F: 617-730-8131 E: lrosenltd@aol.com Though political conditions in South Africa have changed, the economic realities are still difficult. Zulu laborers who migrate to Cape Town or Johannesburg often find themselves living in hostels while searching for iobs. This film concentrates on Bethwel Mlongo, a singer and guitarist, and three members of his band, Ubuhle Bembali (The Beauty of Flowers) as they prepare for a musical competition among the Zulus. Through songs and dances which Mlongo has composed and choreographed, the group performs the tale of their lives to a cheering crowd. Marc Glassman. In Zoulou with English subtitles.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

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France, 1999 52 min, Betacam SP

Tuesday, May 1, 1:15 pm **Royal Cinema** TO BE SCREENED WITH REMEMBERING

COUNTRY (SEE PAGE 88 FOR DESCRIPTION)



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USA, 2000 1 hr 6 min, 16 mm

Sunday, May 6, 2:45 pm **Bloor Cinema**

Director: Barbara Hamme Producers: Barbara Hammer, Anna Hallberg (Assistant) Executive Producer: Barbara Hammer Writer: Barbara Hammer

Cinematographers: Barbara Hammer

Ann T. Rosetti. Carolyn McCartney Editor: Barbara Hammer

History Lessons

Images of lesbians from the birth of cinema to the 1969 Stonewall uprising are edited together with subversive delight in this radical entry by acclaimed filmmaker Barbara Hammer. Combining experimental and documentary techniques, she exposes, with corrosive wit and kinetic fury, the ways that lesbians were closeted and denigrated before the days of sexual liberation in the late 60s. Newsreel footage of female athletes and soldiers, racy 'blue' movies from the 20s and 30s and, most chilling of all, the so-called 'educational' films of the 50s depicted independent women as marginalized, dangerous creatures. Refashioning that material for her own purposes, Hammer has effectively brought back the past and reclaimed those images for a new generation of freer thinkers. As Dennis Harvey in Variety has noted, History Lessons is "an Atomic Café of archaic screen lesbiana... a fascinating archival dig... Result is a shameless imaginative assertion of Gay Pride throughout the 20th century..." Marc Glassman.

TORONTO PREMIERE

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Australia, Cuba, 2000 10 min, Betacam SP

Sunday, May 6, 5:15 pm

Royal Cinema
TO BE SCREENED WITH ACCELERATED
DEVELOPMENT: IN THE IDIOM OF SANTIAGO ALVAREZ (SEE PAGE 74 FOR DESCRIPTION

Director: Adam Sébire Cinematographer: Wilhelm Wolaños Editor: Bin Li Sound: Adam Sèbire, Arsenio Cadena Music: Tipico de la Habana

How Many Colours? ¿Cuántos Colores?

The cigar industry is one of the few bulwarks in Cuba: it is economically viable and relates well to the country's past. Made as a present by an Australian film student to Cuba, this film explores the subtleties of cigar making. Particularly intriguing to the filmmaker are the different colours of cigars. The cigars and the film's title also refer to Cuba's multi-ethnic society, which is a highly visible element on the island. Marc Glassman. In English and Spanish with English subtitles.

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I Am a Seagull Ia Chaika

Valentina Karavayeva, a beautiful young actress, had her career ruined when her face was injured in a car crash during World War II. After failed comeback attempts and a disappointing sojourn in exile as a diplomat's wife, she retreated to an apartment where she played Chekhov's "The Seagull" and Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina" to her penultimate audience, her own camera. Weaving scenes from Russian war classics, Valentina's personal soliloquies and contemporary footage, director Paradzhanov has created a wonderfully stylish portrait of a quintessential romantic artist. Marc Glassman. In Russian with English subtitles.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Director: Georgy Paradzhanov Producer: Rauf Atamalibekov Cinematographers: Radik Askarov, Ilya Minkovetsky Editor: Anna Pazilova

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Wednesday, May 2, 3:15 pm **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH DUTCH HEROES (SEE PAGE 78 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Jung (War) in the Land of the Mujaheddin Jung (Guerra) Nella Terra Dei Mujaheddin

This fierce and passionately engaged film focuses on an Italian surgeon and a war correspondent who join forces to set up a hospital in Afghanistan, a country that has had to cope with war for the past twenty years. After the Russian invaders left in defeat, the fundamentalist Taliban fought an ugly civil war and now have imposed their extreme religious views on the majority of the society. Women can't wear sandals that expose their feet without fear of reprisal. With mop-up battles still raging, tanks dominate the mountains, soldiers are trigger-happy and the landscape is strewn with mines. which are stepped on every day by countless innocent victims. The new hospital tries to help all of these war victims, but the surgeon gets frustrated at times dealing with the endless calamities. This documentary is interlaced with images of operations and does not spare the spectator. Jung (which means "war" in the language of the Dari) contains a series of shocking scenes. Ally Derks. In Dari, English and Italian with English subtitles.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Music: Mario Crispi

Directors: Fabrizio Lazzaretti, Alberto Vendemmiati Producers: Fabrizio Lazzaretti, Alberto Vendemmiati, Giuseppe Petitto (Line) Executive Producer: Lorenzo Torraca Cinematographer: Fabrizio Lazzaretti Editor: Giuseppe Petitto Sound: Alberto Vendemmiati

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Sunday, May 6, 2:30 pm Royal Cinema

The Komediant Hakomediantim

A poignant documentary look at an acting dynasty and the price children pay for their parents' ambitions. The late Pesach'ke Burstein was one of the most acclaimed Yiddish theatre actors of his day. But his compulsive drive to succeed, supported by his actress wife Lillian Lux, adversely affected his family. Daughter Susan felt compelled to leave the acting profession entirely and Pesach'ke's equally famous son, Mike Burstyn (star of Kuni Lemel films), angered his father when he sought fame beyond the Yiddish theatre. The Komediant also touches on the often-violent clashes between Yiddish speakers and an Israeli state that disdained Yiddish as an unwelcome reminder of the shtetl. Susan Burstein-Roth, Mike Burstyn, Lillian Lux and actor Fyvush Finkel (Boston Public, Picket Fences) are among those interviewed in this fascinating and revealing slice of Jewish history. Shlomo Schwartzberg. In English, Yiddish and Hebrew with English subtitles.

CANADIAN PREMIERE

Sound: Tomer Ilan

Director: Arnon Goldfinger Producer: Amir Harel Executive Producers: Arnon Goldfinger, Oshra Schwartz, Amir Harel Writer: Oshra Schwartz Cinematographer: Yoram Millo Editors: Einat Glazer-Zarhin, Sasha Luscki

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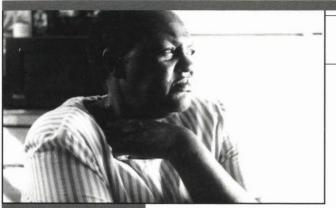
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Israel, 1999 1 hr 22 min, Betacam SP

Monday, April 30, 1:00 pm **Bloor Cinema** CO-PRESENTED WITH THE TORONTO JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL





USA. 2000 1 hr 30 min, Betacam SP

Wednesday, May 2, 7:15 pm **Royal Cinema**

Directors: Susan Froemke, Deborah Dickson, Albert

Producers: Susan Froemke, David Graves (Co-producer) Executive Producer: Sheila Nevins

Cinematographer: Albert Maysles Editor: Deborah Dickson Music: Gary Lucas

Lalee's Kin: The Legacy of Cotton

In the Mississippi Delta, Lalee Wallace, a poor black matriarch, is trying to raise children while educator Reggie Barnes works on repairing the region's dysfunctional school system. A devastating profile of an area and society in crisis, this piece of classic cinéma vérité has been made by the trio of Froemke as director, Dickson as editor and Maysles, whose cinematography won a special prize at the 2001 Sundance Film Festival. Lalee, born of sharecroppers and illiterate, is a study in contradiction: she raises her grandchildren and great grandchildren with love and hope but can't inspire them to get an education. Barnes can, and his efforts to improve the district's school rating is one of the focal points of the film. The film makes it clear that only by raising educational standards can the cycle of poverty and oppression of Blacks in the deep South be broken. Socially engaged, this is a film made with power and conviction. Marc Glassman.

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Production Company:

France, 2000 1 hr 22 min, Betacam SP

Saturday, May 5, 3:15 pm

Bloor Cinema TO BE SCREENED WITH RED RUBBER BOOTS (SEE PAGE 87 FOR DESCRIPTION). PRESENTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE
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Director: Laurent Bécue-Renard Executive Producer: Michel Rotman Writer: Laurent Bécue-Renard Cinematographers: Fikreta Ahmetovic, Camille Cottagnoud, Renaud Personnaz Editor: Charlotte Boigeol Sound: Mathilde Muyard, Olivier Dô Hùu Music: Kudsi Ergune

Living Afterwards Vivre après - Paroles de femmes

Winner of the Peace Film award at the 51st Berlin International Film Festival and the Planet Prize at the Marseilles International Documentary Festival, first-time filmmaker Laurent Becué-Renard's Living Afterwards is a tender and intimate examination of the healing process of numerous survivors of the war in the former Yugoslavia. Focusing on three young Bosnian women, the film follows the courageous Sedina, Jasmina and Senada through a year in a special group home set up by the association Vive Zene to treat women suffering from post-traumatic stress. Arriving from refugee camps, all 15 of the women living in the house have lost their husbands and family members and have witnessed unspeakable atrocities. The film privileges us with access to Sedina, Jasmina and Senada's private sessions, where an incredible psychotherapist gently coaxes them to confront the horrors they experienced and speak the unspeakable. Just as moving as the women's testimonials are the quiet scenes of the every day upkeep of the home. In harmony, the women perform household tasks as if these actions alone could erase their pain. Through Sedina, Jasmina and Senada's inspirational journey to recovery, Living Afterwards offers insight into the everlasting effects of war and the possibilities that lie ahead. Shannon Abel. In Bosnian with English subtitles.

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Israel, 2000 45 min, Betacam SP

Saturday, May 5, 5:45 pm **Bloor Cinema**

Directors: Yoram Zack, Hagai Lapid Producers: Telad, Yoram Zack, Hagai Lapid Cinematographer: Yoram Zack Sound: Avi Ben Simchon

Micronesia - Grass Legend Micronesia - Agadat Deshe

At the United Nations, Israel can always count on the support of two countries, the United States and Micronesia. In this hilarious film, the Micronesians receive help from their friends in Israel when they decide to form a national soccer team. Flying to the rescue is coach Shimon Shinhar, a tough Israeli professional who has to adjust his style to a South Pacific island where attitudes are considerably more laid-back than his own. From planting sod for the field to plotting strategy for the games, the Micronesian-Israeli détente is a wonder to behold. Marc Glassman.

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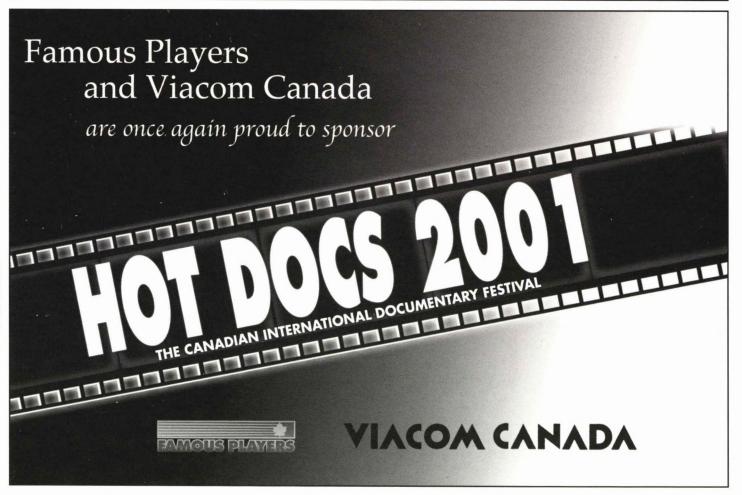
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Not In My Garden

The Arab village of Ramya in Galilee has never been officially recognized by the Israeli government. Carmiel, a modern, hi-tech city built up over the past thirty-five years with an educated Jewish population, now dominates the area. Video '48, a media collective comprised of Jews and Arabs, made this moving film about the marginalization and displacement of the Ramyan villagers by their powerful neighbours. Set during the time of an annual and highly successful dance festival in Carmiel, the film effectively contrasts the prosperity of the new city's residents with the dire poverty (yet resilient nature) of their immediate neighbours. Marc Glassman. In Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Director: Shiri Wilk Producer: Video 48 Executive Producers: Nir Nader, Hitam Naamne Writers: Yonatan-Ben-Efrat, Nir Nader, Shiri Wilk Cinematographer: Shiri Wilk Editor: Gili Meisler Sound: Gili Zimerman

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Israel, 2000 49 min, Betacam SP

Thursday, May 3, 12:30 pm **Royal Cinema** TO BE SCREENED WITH ALONE WITH WAR (SEE PAGE 75 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Pie in the Sky: The Brigid Berlin Story

Pie in the Sky is a fascinating and lively account of the life of Brigid Berlin, one of Andy Warhol's superstars best known as The Duchess, the motormouthed pill-pushing lesbian in Chelsea Girls. Berlin, the daughter of a wealthy Fifth Avenue couple, rebelled against her mother's efforts to make her lose weight and attend the right schools. In her twenties, after marrying a gay window dresser and spending all of her trust fund, she joined the Factory - Andy Warhol's denizen of artists - and started a sizable speed habit. Now 60 years old and 60 pounds lighter, Berlin still lives in Manhattan. Surrounded by her pug collectibles and obsessing about her weight, she reflects with classic Berlin irony and mania on her tit-prints and "trip books," her relationship with Warhol, and her past. The film features taped phone conversations between Berlin and Warhol, clips of Berlin's appearances in Warhol's Bike Boys and Imitation of Christ as well as commentary by John Waters and Patricia Hearst. Shannon Abel.

CANADIAN PREMIERE

Directors: Vincent Fremont, Shelly Dunn Fremont Producers: Vincent Fremont, Shelly Dunn Fremont Cinematographer: Vic Losick Editor: Michael Levine Sound: Tony Pettine, José Torres, David Ryan Music: Chris Stein

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USA, 2000 1 hr 15 min, 35 mm

Saturday, May 5, 7:15 pm **Bloor Cinema**

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Producers: Isri Halpern, Doron Tsabari

Cinematographer: Isri Halpern

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Israel, 2000 52 min, Betacam SP

Saturday, May 5, 11:35 pm Bloor Cinema CO-PRESENTED WITH THE TORONTO JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL. Psychedelic Zion

Rave culture became a huge phenomenon among Israeli youth in the 90s. This fast-paced film focuses on three young Israelis who start a trance dance company called Peace and Love Productions just as the authorities decide to close down these counter-cultural activities. Yoni, Revital and Berto fight back, even attempting to book a dance at the Golan Heights and with Palestinians in Jericho, but all of their efforts are stopped by the police. Indomitable, they go to Parliament and the High Court to plead their case and that of Israel's younger generation. Nili Landesman in Ha'lir has commented on Halpern's stylish film that it "shows the confrontation between the system of oppression and the desire for freedom and makes it clear how local trance has become a mass movement..." Marc Glassman. In Hebrew with English subtitles.

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Red Rubber Boots Crvene Gumene Cizme

Jasna, a Bosnian war widow, has been searching for her lost children since the Serbian army departed. In this tough, compassionate piece of cinéma vérité, she inspects mass grave sites in search of the one clue that will divulge their fate, the red rubber boots that her four year-old son was wearing when he was abducted from her. Shot simply, with minimal production dollars, this is a powerful look at the consequences of war on a civilian population. Marc Glassman. In Bosnian with English subtitles.

CANADIAN PREMIERE

Director: Jasmila Zbanić Producers: Damir Ibrahimović, Sabina Arslanagić, Jasmila Žbanic Cinematographer: Mustafa Mustafic Editor: Miralem Zubčević Sound: Igor Čamo, Bogdan Zurovac

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Saturday, May 5, 3:15 pm **Bloor Cinema** TO BE SCREENED WITH LIVING AFTERWARDS

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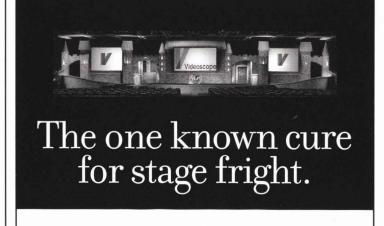


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Australia, 2000 26 min, Betacam SP

Tuesday, May 1, 1:15 pm **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH THE FLOWERS' BEAUTY (SEE PAGE 79 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Director: Kate Gillick Producers: Charlotte Seymour, Harold Furber Executive Producers: Cilla Collins, David Jowsey, Sam Writers: Kate Gillick, Harold Furber Cinematographer: Allan Collins Editor: Reva Childs Sound: Livia Ruzic, Chris West

Remembering Country

For nearly sixty years, the Australian government systematically removed children of mixed aboriginal descent from their families in the Northern Territories, placing them in group homes where they were forcibly integrated into white society. In this moving film, Harold Furber tells of his youth on Croker Island, where he was taken at the age of four to be raised by Methodist missionaries. Using archival footage and still photographs taken during the 50s and 60s, Furber's tale of alienation and entrapment is recalled. Marc Glassman.

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Music: Irine Vela

USA. 2000 1 hr 45 min, 35 mm

Saturday, May 5, 9:15 pm **Bloor Cinema**

Directors: Joe Gantz, Harry Gantz Producers: Joe Gantz, Harry Gantz Executive Producers: Joe Gantz, Harry Gantz Cinematographers: Mike Roth, Kary D'Alessandro Editors: Alysha Cohen, Joe Gantz Sound: Joe Crabb, Mike Lanoue Music: Larry Cohn, Eric Avery

Sex With Strangers

Most documentaries search for defining moments, where people reveal themselves in intimate, personal ways. This extraordinary film is filled with such revelations - as well as bravado, deceit, humour and role-playing. The Gantz brothers, filmmakers who never shirk a confrontation, spent a year with three sets of swingers. Their subjects define themselves not through jobs or politics, but through their sexuality. James and Theresa are classic swingers who aggressively seduce couples wherever they go. Their protégé Calvin attempts to share his sexual freedom with two jealous lovers, Sara and Julie. Psychodrama almost displaces sex for Shannon and Gerard, who aren't sure whether swinging is the way to go to preserve their marriage. By embracing a free sexual lifestyle, all of these swingers have to constantly deal with issues of trust, power, intimacy and love. Sex with Strangers bares emotions as much as bodies: its nakedness is the point of its drama. Marc Glassman.

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Israel, 2000 57 min, Betacam SP

Saturday, May 5, 11:30 am **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH DON'T ASK WHY (SEE PAGE 78 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Directors: Timna Goldstein, Hadar Kleinman Producer: Marek Rozenbaum Writers: Timna Goldstein, Hadar Kleinman Cinematographers: Uri Ackerman, Yoram Ivry, Philippe Editor: Ami Tever Sound: Jane Stewart

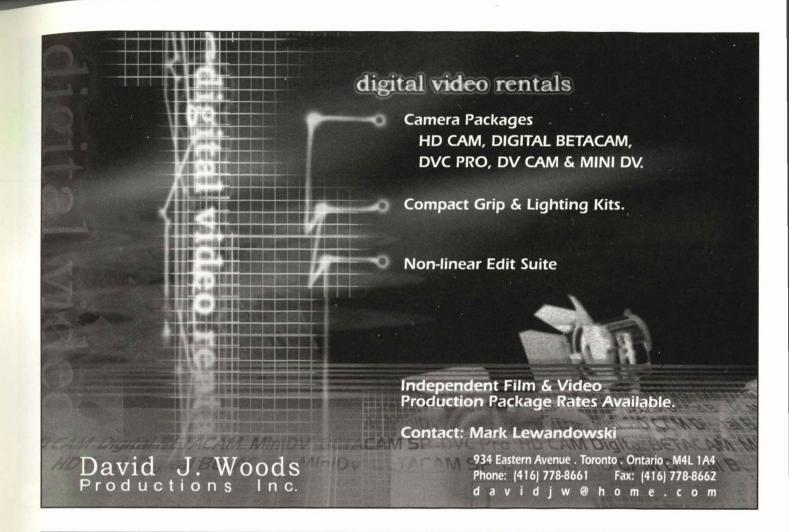
Sister-Wife

In the late 60s, a group of Black-Americans lead by spiritual leader Ben Ammi fled a long history of social inequality and oppression in the US to form a religious community in Dimona, Israel. This group call themselves the African Hebrew Israelites, and follow an ancient Hebrew text that dictates a vegan diet, observance of the Sabbath and Jewish Holy Days and that men may take up to seven wives. This engrossing documentary tells the story of two women about to become "sister-wives." The strong and opinionated Zipora, married for 21 years to Hazriel, who is a prominent member of their community, prepares to welcome Aerela, a woman 14 years her junior to their family. Through delicate observational sequences, the film reveals, despite their spiritual leader's affirmation, how these two women really feel about "Divine Marriage." Shannon Abel. In English and Hebrew with English subtitles. NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

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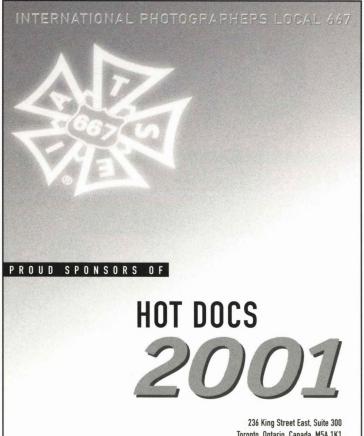
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Southern Comfort

Although Robert Eads proclaims himself to be "hillbilly and proud of it," he has been hiding a secret for many years. This beautifully judged portrait tells the true story of Eads, who was born a woman, and only became a man in his thirties. A transsexual and a mother of two, Robert made all the adjustments to a new life with a down-home Southern charm that suffuses his tragic tale. Diagnosed with ovarian cancer, he couldn't find a doctor willing to treat him until it was too late. Yet Eads refuses to give up on himself and neither does the film. A striking acerbic pipe smoker, Robert falls in love with the glamorous Lola, a man who is becoming a woman, and their lives turn into a love story even as tragedy looms. The winner of the Best Documentary Feature Award at the 2001 Sundance Film Festival, Southern Comfort shines with the luminescent presence of Robert Eads, an exceptional and graceful human being. Marc Glassman.

CANADIAN PREMIERE

Director: Kate Davis
Producers: Kate Davis, Elizabeth Adams
Cinematographer: Kate Davis
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The Internet, computer culture, and most especially dot.com companies have caught the public's attention over the past five years. Veteran documentary filmmaker Chris Hegedus and newcomer Jehane Noujaim have claimed this new turf, creating an impressive *cinéma vérité* portrait of a dot.com firm from its inception to a final, fatal down-turn. As with all great *vérité* projects, the filmmakers had intimate access to the principals, Kaleil Isaza Tuzman and Tom Herman, thanks to Noujaim's friendship with Isaza Tuzman. The film chronicles their firm from the idea stage, as a web-based facility that would interact between government and citizens, through investment from private sources, to a company that requires a staff of 250 to execute its technical plans. At that point, things start to crash, and the Board of Directors pits the two principals against each other. There's only one problem: the two have been best friends since childhood. *Startup.com* is a marvelous mixture of economics and ethics: a truly contemporary film. Marc Glassman. FILM PRESENTED COURTESY OF ODEON FILMS.

CANADIAN PREMIERE

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Monday, April 30, 7:00 pm

Zinat, A Special Day Zinat, une journée particulière

This is Zinat's special day because she is the first female candidate running for a municipal seat since the foundation of the Islamic Republic of Iran. A courageous woman and a nurse, she has been fighting for greater independence since the beginning of her marriage. To be able to receive medical training, she had to take off the veil, a controversial decision in this conventional village community. The filmmakers painstakingly avoid leaving Zinat's house, because they have been told that filming the candidates is illegal. In classic *cinéma vérité* style, the camera follows her while preparing lunch, conversing with different guests who want to persuade her to withdraw her candidacy, and finally hearing the election results later that day. Ally Derks. In Farsi with English subtitles.

CANADIAN PREMIERE

Director: Ebrahim Mokhtari Producers: Mahmoud Chokrollahi, Ebrahim Mokhtari Writer: Ebrahim Mokhtari Cinematographer: Farzin Khosrowshahi Editor: Ebrahim Mokhtari Sound: Mehran Malakooti Production Company: Playfilm 14, rue du Moulin Joly Paris, 75011 France

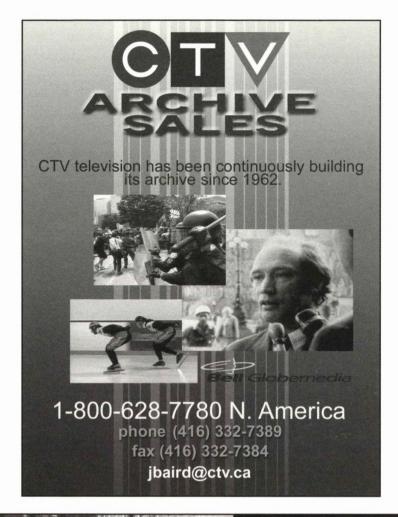
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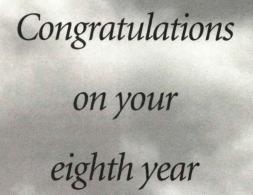






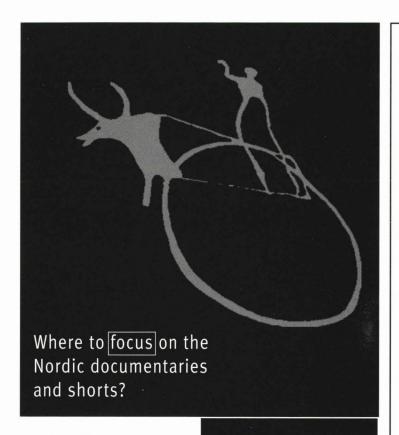
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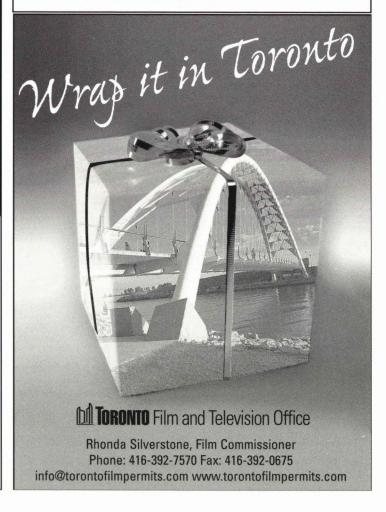




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NORDIC SPOTLIGHT

Each year, Hot Docs selects a country or region to highlight in its National Spotlight programme. For 2001, the festival turns its attention to the Nordic countries, showcasing recent docs from Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Iceland and Finland. Over 130 films were submitted to this Nordic Spotlight, and the final selection of a dozen films represents the exciting work being produced in these countries. While eclectic in form and subject matter, the films share several common elements: they're beautifully produced, with a high degree of creativity and innovation; they all favour a contemplative exploration of their subjects over sensationalism; and they each remain cognizant of the camera's presence, never losing sight of its powers and limitations in representing reality.

The programme formally opens with the Canadian premiere of Danish director Tómas Gislason's Maximum Penalty. In this brilliantly conceived documentary thriller, the camera becomes a valuable tool, helping to unravel the mystery behind the disappearance of two Danish communists in Stalinist Russia. Contrasting lush visual effects with stark eyewitness accounts, the film circumvents a legacy of state censure and "amnesia" to create a visual record where none had existed before.

Other films present an equally cinematic approach to the reconstruction of history. In the exquisitely photographed Vision Man, director William Long of Sweden seamlessly weaves together documentary and dramatic

sequences to bring to life the oral testimony of an aging Inuit hunter living in Northwest Greenland. In Frozen Heart, Norwegian codirectors Stig Andersen and Kenny Sanders make use of rare archival footage to create an arresting portrait of a very different man: the egocentric and blindly ambitious polar explorer, Roald Amundsen.

Several of the films in the programme investigate the role of photography in the construction of individual and collective memory. In the highly poetic My Mother Had Fourteen Children, Swedish director Lars-Lennart Forsberg uses old family snapshots and a surprising absence of moving images to fashion a multi-faceted family portrait. In Wanted, still photographs culled from the archives of the Uppsala Institute for Racial Biology are literally brought to life through Finnish director Mila Moilanen's stunning animation techniques. A stack of documentary photographs also forms the basis of Swedish director Carl Johan De Geer's I Remember Lena Svedberg, a moving tribute to his brilliant but tortured artist friend. And Danish director Bente Milton's Alison's Baby follows the travails of a physically-challenged artist who documents her relationship with her able-bodied baby through a series of startling photographs.

Some of the films reflect the pervasiveness of cinema in our lives. Danish director Katia Forbert Petersen's Von Trier's 100 Eyes explores cinematic imagination through the eyes of renowned Dogma director Lars Von Trier. Following a caravan of film projectionists into the heart of Krgyzstan, Finnish director Arto Halonen's colourful The Stars' Caravan celebrates the power of cinema to reflect a

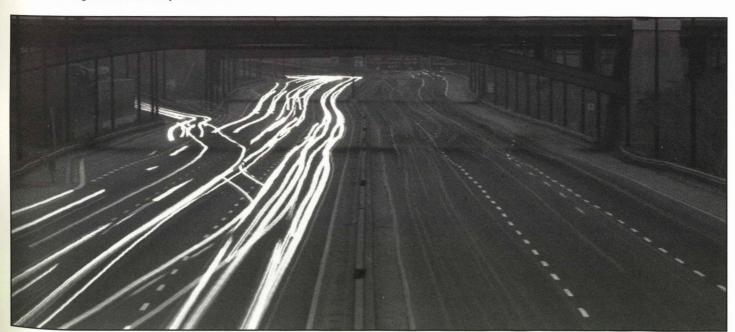
nation's shifting political and social realities. And Tahvo Hirvonen and Simo Rista's Cupping at the Kotiharju Sauna offers up a cinematic slice-of-life, taking viewers behind the scenes at a public sauna in Helsinki.

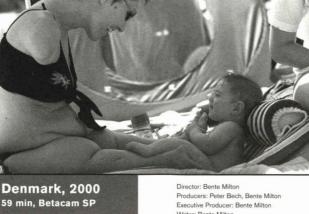
The spotlight is rounded out by a duo of surprising docs that the young-at-heart are sure to enjoy. Thorfinnur Gudnason's Woodmouse - Life on the Run, uses microscopic photography to enter the extraordinary world of a pair of Icelandic mice - creatures whose stories are far too dramatic for Disney. And Klaus Kjeldsen's A Moment presents a charming reflection on the meaning of time, as interpreted by the very young.

The Nordic Spotlight is the culmination of a cultural exchange which began last fall, when Hot Docs accompanied a group of 15 Canadian filmmakers to the Nordisk Panorama in Bergen, Norway. This week, Hot Docs plays host to a large delegation of Nordic filmmakers. It is our hope that through this exchange, new creative partnerships between Canadian and Nordic filmmakers will be forged, resulting in more quality documentary projects. Bon Cinéma.

Karen Tisch Programmer, Nordic Spotlight

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Tuesday, May 1, 5:00 pm **Royal Cinema**

Writer: Bente Milton Cinematographers: Morten Bruus, Guy Feldman Editor: Pernille Bech Christens

Sound: Idris Hyat Music: Rasmus Christenser

Alison's Baby

Born with a truncated body and no arms, successful London painterphotographer Alison Lapper is no stranger to adversity. An exhibition of her nude self-portraits is causing a sensation in British art circles when an unexpected pregnancy places her stable life in jeopardy. Up against a painfully ill-equipped social service system, how will she manage to physically care for her baby and cope with the social stigma attached to being a single, disabled mom? Alison's Baby is a sensitive, straight-up portrait of a woman whose concerns are at once ordinary and extraordinary. This doc was pitched last spring at Hot Docs' inaugural Toronto Documentary Forum. Karen Tisch.

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Finland, 1999 6 min, 35 mm

Sunday, May 6, 12:45 pm **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH VISION MAN (SEE PAGE 101 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Directors: Tahvo Hirvonen, Simo Rista Producers: Anna Heiskanen, Kimmo Helistö, Tero Jartti Writers: Tahvo Hirvonen, Simo Rista Cinematographer: Tahvo Hirvonen Editor: Anne Lakanen

Cupping at the Kotiharju Sauna Kuppausta Kutiharjun saunassa

In the year 2000, Helsinki was named one of Europe's "Cities of Culture." In celebration of this distinction, a series of short films were produced to capture the essence of the city and its people. Set in the last wood-heated public sauna in Helsinki, Cupping at the Kotiharju Sauna follows a middleaged citizen as he undergoes a seemingly archaic, yet fully contemporary Finnish ritual - a sauna, flogging and bloodletting. Karen Tisch. In Finnish with English subtitles.

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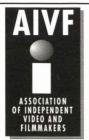
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Frozen Heart

This beautifully-conceived feature-length documentary combines breathtaking archival footage of polar expeditions and personal diary entries to tell the tale of Roald Amundsen, Norway's legendary explorer. The first man to "conquer" the Northwest Passage over Canada in 1911, Amundsen also beat out his competitor, the martyred British officer and sportsman Robert Scott, to become the first explorer to reach the South Pole. In 1926, after various attempts, he successfully traversed the North Pole by plane and was possibly the first man to raise a flag on the North Pole. But, as the film attests, "it wasn't the world he wanted to discover; he wanted the world to discover him." A womanizer who repeatedly set his sights on other people's wives - including the beautiful but elusive "Kiss" Bennett with whom he believed he could communicate telepathically - Amunsden's unabashed thirst for power and glory led him to deceive his brother, abandon his adopted children, and alienate his investors and countrymen. A fascinating historical document, Frozen Heart is also a riveting portrait of a complex and egocentric man. Karen Tisch.

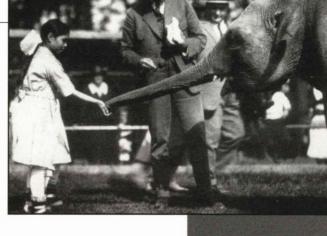


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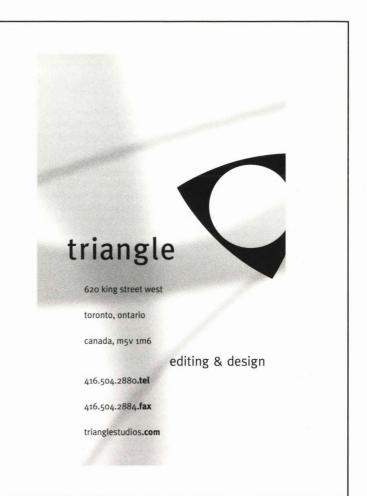
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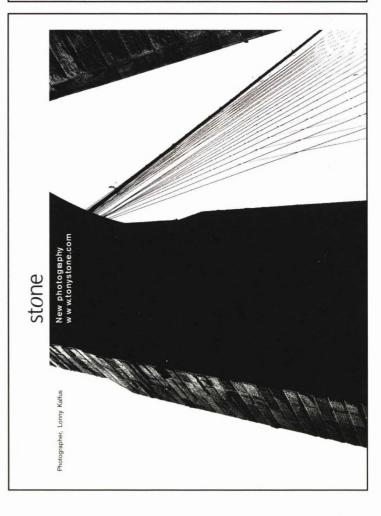
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I Remember Lena Svedberg Jag Minns Lena Svedberg

"Some of the dead keep on living inside you, as pictures. But you never see Lena Svedberg, not even as a reflection in any living person. Lena Svedberg was not like anyone else." A stack of previously undeveloped black and white negatives and the obsessive drawings of the director's artist friend who committed suicide in 1972, form the basis of this moving documentary portrait of a brilliant but tortured young woman. The power - and inadequacy - of documentary photography in capturing memory and preserving life is poetically explored. Karen Tisch. In Swedish with English subtitles.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Director: Carl Johan De Geer Producer: Freddy Olsson Executive Producer: Freddy Olsson Writer: Carl Johan De Geer Cinematographer: Jan Alvermark Editor: Mikael Katzeff Sound: Håkan Linn Music: Terry Riley

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Bloor Cinema TO BE SCREENED WITH VON TRIER'S 100 EYES (SEE PAGE 101 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Friday, May 4, 11:30 pm

Sweden, 2001

6 min, 35 mm



Maximum Penalty Den Højeste Straf

NORDIC SPOTLIGHT OPENING

In 1937, Arne Munch Pedersen, a Danish communist leader and ex-Member of Parliament, mysteriously disappeared in the Soviet Union. Over a half-century later, filmmaker Tómas Gislason follows another prominent Danish communist, Ole Sohn, to Moscow to unravel the tragic fate of Pedersen and his younger colleague, Claus Jensen. Delving into KGB files, Gislason and Sohn retrace the footsteps of their elusive subjects, leading us from the torture chambers of Moscow's infamous Butyrka prison, along the "Death Route" - a railroad built on prisoners' blood - to "The Zone," a Siberian labour camp where untold numbers of Soviets met their end. From August 1937 to August 1938 alone, between 800,000 and one million people were falsely accused of "counter-revolutionary activities" and systematically killed under Stalin's brutal regime. A brilliant and riveting film, Maximum Penalty combines the heart-wrenching eyewitness testimonies of elderly prison camp survivors with innovative cinematic techniques to shed light on one of the 20th Century's darkest moments. The effect is a dramatic and aesthetically rigorous examination of the human cost of totalitarianism. Karen Tisch. In Danish and Russian with English subtitles.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Director: Tomas Gislason Producer: Stine Boe Jensen Writers: Tómas Gislason, Ole Sohn Cinematographers: Niels Hauge, Tómas Gislason, Peter Bech, Jacob Banke Olsen Editors: Pernille Bech Christensen, Jacob Thuesen

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Thursday, May 3, 7:00 pm **Royal Cinema**

Denmark, 2000

1 hr 29 min, 35 mm



Royal Cinema

TO BE SCREENED WITH WOODMOUSE - LIFE

ON THE RUN (SEE PAGE 102 FOR DESCRIPTION)



A Moment Et Øjeblik

In this charming film, youngsters are asked to define "a moment" in time, to great comic effect. What results is an oddly profound rumination on the passage of time as we individually experience it. "I know the clock," asserts one little girl, "but I'm not a specialist." A delightful example of Denmark's strong tradition of quality children's documentaries. Karen Tisch. In Danish with English subtitles.

Editor: Nicolaj Monberg

Sound: Kristian Eidnes Andersen

Music: Nicolaj Egelund

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Sweden, 2000 1 hr 20 min, 35 mm

Friday, May 4, 7:00 pm

Director: Lars-Lennart Forsberg Producer: Lars-Lennart Forsberg Executive Producer: Lars-Lennart Forsberg Writer: Lars-Lennart Forsberg Cinematographers: Lennart Bång, Michael Rosengren Editor: Lars-Lennart Forsberg Music: Lars-Lennart Forsberg

My Mother Had Fourteen Children Min mamma hade fjorton barn

"Every family has its secrets. For a long time I was reluctant to unmask a childhood I hardly remembered. The only thing I have carried through life is an untouched box of photos that, by their sheer existence, have been an appeal to the filmmaker within me to start working, and to the child in me to try to understand." Constructed entirely of old family photographs, this lyrical and poignant film chronicles the director's upbringing in Stockholm's largest family and explores complex themes of memory and repression. What begins as a highly personal domestic drama unfolds into a universal story of familial love and deception. Winner of the Nordic Prize at the Gothenburg Film Festival and the Nordic Documentary Award at the Nordisk Panorama, My Mother Had Fourteen Children paints a vivid cinematic portrait of a singular family, headed by two creative yet conflicted individuals. The absence of moving images creates a deceptively simple and uniquely poetic vision that is at once haunting, beautiful and pure. Karen Tisch. In Swedish with English subtitles.

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The Stars' Caravan Taivasta vasten

Projectionist Zarylbeck has devoted years of his life to Kyrgyzstan's nomadic cinema, leading caravans of mules and horses carrying projectors, screens and film canisters to the wandering tribes. Now, as the country is preparing for the 1000th anniversary of its national hero Manas, Zarylbeck and his young apprentice Murat face a society in transition. With dwindling state funds to bolster their film tours, Soviet propaganda films giving way to American blockbusters, and communist ideologies yielding to revived Islamic beliefs, the projectionists face an uncertain future. Intercut with colourful scenes from the epic adventures of Manas, this impressionistic, creative documentary creates a vivid and lyrical picture of a land and a people coping with massive political, social and economic upheaval. Karen Tisch. In Kirghiz and Russian with English subtitles.



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Finland, 2000 1 hr, 35 mm

Saturday, May 5, 4:45 pm **Royal Cinema**

TO BE SCREENED WITH WANTED (SEE PAGE 102 FOR DESCRIPTION) Writer: Arto Halonen Cinematographer: Pini Hellstedt Sound: Jyrki Rahkonen, Jussi Olkinuora Music: Edward Vesala, Iro Haarla

Director: Arto Halonen

Shot in the glorious icy landscape of North-West Greenland, this lushly cinematic cultural and ecological documentary brings to life the illustrious past of Utuniarsuak Avike, an 87 year-old Inuit hunter. Now confined to a prefabricated cabin, Utuniarsuak recalls a time when his native culture and language flourished and he possessed the strength and sharp wits to hunt a polar bear or harpoon a walrus single-handedly. Winner of over 30 international awards, including the Audience Award at the International Documentary Filmfestival Amsterdam and the Best of the Festival Award at the Banff Television Festival, this stunning documentary is at once a tribute to a traditional way of life and a poignant comment on the loss of vision experienced by contemporary youth detached from their culture, history and roots. Karen Tisch. In Thule Dialect with English subtitles.

TORONTO PREMIERE

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Royal Cinema
TO BE SCREENED WITH CUPPING AT THE KOTIHARJU SAUNA (SEE PAGE 96 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Sweden, 1998 51 min, 35 mm

Sunday, May 6, 12:45 pm

Von Trier's 100 Eyes Von Triers 100 Øine

With this lively portrait-of-an-artist, veteran Danish documentarian Katia Forbert Petersen has created a "behind the scenes" look at the making of Dogma director Lars Von Trier's Palme d'Or-winning musical Dancer In the Dark, starring the charismatic but temperamental Icelandic pop star Bjørk and the exquisite, chain-smoking French screen goddess, Catherine Deneuve. With candour and humour, Von Trier describes his mythological vision of America, his hands-on approach to directing, his technical innovations (including the 100 cameras referred to in the film's title), his insecurities around women and his complex relationship to directing actors. A power struggle between he and Bjørk threatens to scuttle the production. Karen Tisch. In English and Danish with English subtitles.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Director: Katia Forbert Peterser Producers: Carsten Holst, Marie Cecilie Gade Writer: Katia Forbert Petersen Cinematographers: Katia Forbert Petersen, Karsten Anderser Editor: Steen Johannessen

Sound: Anne Jensen Music: Camille Saints-Saens, Max Bruch, Bjørk, Rodgers & Hammerstein

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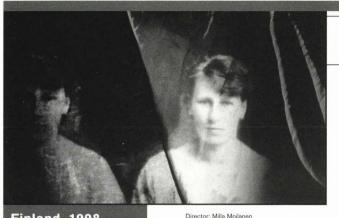
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Friday, May 4, 11:30 pm **Bloor Cinema** TO BE SCREENED WITH I REMEMBER LENA

SVEDBERG (SEE PAGE 99 FOR DESCRIPTION)







Producer: Outi Rousu

Writer: Milla Moilanen

Editor: Raimo Llunila

Cinematographer: Pentti Keskimäki

Sound: Antti Hytti, Jone Takamäki, Epa Tamminen

Music: Antti Hytti, Jone Takamäki, Epa Tamminen

Finland, 1998 11 min, 35 mm

Saturday, May 5, 4:45 pm Royal Cinema

TO BE SCREENED WITH THE STARS' CARAVAN (SEE PAGE 100 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Wanted

Until the 60s, countless Inuit, African and Asian individuals were subjected to racial testing by the Uppsala Institute of Racial Biology in Sweden. In this beautifully-crafted animated film, archival photographs of these human "specimens" are brought to life in a haunting dance of faces and limbs. Drawing parallels between the now-debunked "science" of racial biology and the current practice of genetic engineering, Finnish director Moilanen fashions a disturbing look at the unsavoury effects of scientific research on human life. Karen Tisch.

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Iceland, 2000 52 min, Betacam SP

Sunday, May 6, 11:00 am

TO BE SCREENED WITH **A MOMENT** (SEE PAGE 100 FOR DESCRIPTION)

Director: Thorfinnur Gudnason
Producer: Thorfinnur Gudnason
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Cinematographer: Thorfinnur Gudnason
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Thor Fridriksson Sound: Kjartan Kjartansson Music: Thorolfur Eiriksson

Woodmouse – Life on the Run Med lifid i lukunum

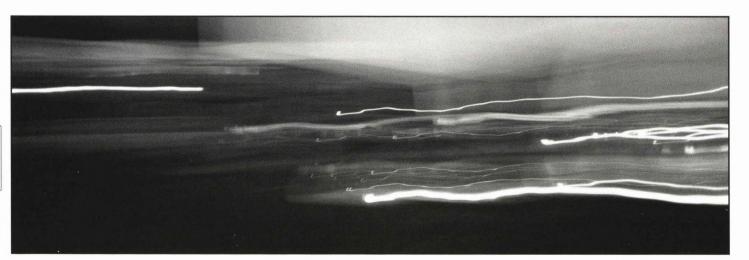
In this highly original and action-packed docu-thriller, Oscar, a feisty woodmouse, must utilize all of his field knowledge and strength to outrun a host of vicious predators and endure the harshness of an Icelandic winter. When sidekick/romantic interest Helga appears, Oscar takes on new responsibilities, creating a safe haven for his young wife and family. But the threat of an attack is always looming... Extraordinary microscopic photography in the tradition of films such as *Microcosmos*, meld with a clever narration to make this nature doc a non-stop thrill ride! (Warning, this film has some scenes that young children may find frightening.) Karen Tisch.

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