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Same day tickets are available online, by phone and at the CraveTV Hot Docs Box Office until one hour before screening time.
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RUSH Tickets
If a screening’s advance ticket block is sold out, a limited number of rush tickets may be available at the screening venue’s box office 10 minutes before the film begins. Line-ups for rush tickets form roughly one hour before the start time.

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Seniors (60+) and students with valid ID can take advantage of free admission to films that start before 5pm. Pick up your tickets at the screening venue’s box office on the day of the screening, subject to availability.
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$60–150 Food & Film Events

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UNDER 30/SENIOR 6-PACK: $99
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Ticket package holders can redeem their tickets online at www.hotdocs.ca, by phone or in person at the CraveTV Hot Docs Box Office.

Passes
Access screenings without having to select films or book tickets in advance. Simply show your pass at the screening venue to obtain your ticket. Passes are non-transferrable.

PREMIUM PASS: $349
• One ticket to every Festival screening

Passholders can visit the screening venue’s box office on the day. A block of tickets will be held for passholders, subject to availability.

* All prices include HST. All prices exclude online service fees. No refunds or exchanges. Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema Members receive a discount of up to 20%. See www.hotdocsincinema.ca for details.

Accessible Screenings

The above icons indicate feature film screenings at Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema, TIFF Bell Lightbox and Scotiabank Theatre that offer closed captioning or described sound (audio description), subject to equipment availability. In addition, hearing assist devices are available for all screenings at the TIFF Bell Lightbox and Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema, subject to equipment availability. Accessible screenings are presented by Accessible Media Inc. with additional support by The Catherine & Maxwell Meighen Foundation and the Government of Ontario.
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

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**Food & Film Events**

Join us for intimate events with special guests from our Food & Film spotlights. Separately ticketed events. Limited tickets available.

**Saturday, April 29**

**DINNER & DIALOGUE**

Following the 5:00PM screening of City of Ghosts (p. 6), unpack this thought-provoking film with an evening of community, conversation, food and hope at Dish Cooking Studio.

**Wednesday, May 3**

**CALLING ALL AGENTS**

Your mission: Dress to mingle. Bowties and 007 martinis; full briefing upon arrival. Join us for a pre-film cocktail at Attico, followed by a screening of Becoming Bond (p. 27) at 8:30PM.

**Saturday, May 6**

**I ♥ RAMEN**

Following the 10:45AM screening of Ramen Heads (p. 19), slurp away with fellow food lovers at NIKAI, Momofuku, and learn what makes Momofuku’s broth so famous and addictive.

**Saturday, May 6**

**MEAT AT THE TABLE**

Following the 4:00PM screening of New Chefs on the Block (p. 27), join Toronto’s beloved Chef Anthony Rose at Big Crow for a private dinner as he shares what it’s like to go from being a new chef on the block to king of the block.

Tickets: $60–150 (includes film and special event)

Discounts for HDTRC memberships do not apply. Not redeemable on festival passes.

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**FREE EVENTS**

Free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis at the venue one hour before screening.

**The Charter at 35**

A Curious Minds–style conversation featuring brilliant political influencer and former justice of the Supreme Court of Canada Mr. Ian Binnie, unravelling Canada’s Charter of Rights and Freedoms, focusing around pressing issues facing Canadians today and highlighting an exclusive trailer release of In the Name of All Canadians, Hot Docs’ feature compilation of short films on the Charter, funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

**Rogers Audience Award for Best Canadian Documentary**

**Announcement and Screening**

On the Festival’s final night, join us to celebrate our Canadian filmmakers and to announce the winner of the Rogers Audience Award for Best Canadian Documentary. Determined by audience ballot, the director(s) of the winning film will be presented with a generous $50,000 cash prize, courtesy of the Rogers Group of Funds. The winning film will also receive a special encore screening to help close out the Festival.

**Docs at Dusk**

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE SCOTIABANK BIG IDEAS SERIES

CITY OF GHOSTS
Featuring director Matthew Heineman and a special guest.
Meet Academy Award–nominated filmmaker Matthew Heineman and a special guest as they discuss the power of citizen journalism as seen in City of Ghosts (p. 6) and the dangers of reporting from within a country under siege.
FRI, APR 28  6:30 PM  HOT DOCS CINEMA  TICKETS: $22

NOBODY SPEAK: TRIALS OF THE FREE PRESS
Featuring director Brian Knappenberger and Executive Editor, Special Projects Desk, Gizmodo Media Group John Cook.
Delve into the increasingly perilous situation faced by independent media in an age of inequality, big money and fake news with Nobody Speak (p. 7) director Brian Knappenberger and John Cook.
SUN, APR 30  6:30 PM  HOT DOCS CINEMA  TICKETS: $22

CHASING CORAL
Featuring director Jeff Orlowski and Founding Partner of The Ocean Agency Richard Veevers.
Is it too late to save the coral reefs? Dig into the realities of climate change and get the big picture on our aquatic future with Chasing Coral (p. 6) director Jeff Orlowski and Richard Veevers.
MON, MAY 1  6:30 PM  HOT DOCS CINEMA  TICKETS: $22

BILL NYE: SCIENCE GUY
Featuring directors David Alvarado and Jason Sussberg, and Bill Nye.
Meet Bill Nye, along with Bill Nye: Science Guy (p. 6) directors David Alvarado and Jason Sussberg, as he discusses taking on anti-science crusaders, the importance of science in public life and his role as CEO of The Planetary Society.
TUE, MAY 2  6:30 PM  HOT DOCS CINEMA  TICKETS: $22

JOSHUA: TEENAGER VS. SUPERPOWER
Featuring director Joe Piscatella and Joshua Wong.
Join Joshua Wong, the fiery student who lit the match of protest that flamed into Hong Kong’s Umbrella Revolution, and Joshua: Teenager vs. Superpower (p. 7) director Joe Piscatella, as they discuss the power of protest under pressure.
WED, MAY 3  6:30 PM  HOT DOCS CINEMA  TICKETS: $22

THE LAST ANIMALS
Featuring director Kate Brooks, Director of the Center for Conservation Biology Dr. Sam Wasser and Executive Director, The Satao Project Gretchen Peters.
Learn about the dire plight of the Northern White rhinoceros and African elephant, and what conservationists, scientists and activists are doing to take action against the poaching epidemic, with The Last Animals (p. 7) director Kate Brooks, Dr. Sam Wasser and Gretchen Peters.
THU, MAY 4  6:30 PM  HOT DOCS CINEMA  TICKETS: $22

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OPENING NIGHT FILM—WORLD PREMIERE

**BEE NATION**

D: Lana Šležic | Canada | 78 min

Students in Saskatchewan compete in the first province-wide First Nations Spelling Bee, trying to make their way to the national championship. There’s only one way to spell success and many ways to define it in this emotional and captivating film.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**BROTHER’S KEEPER**

D: Joe Berlinger, Bruce Sinofsky | USA | 1992 | 104 min

A 25th anniversary screening of the groundbreaking true-crime story of the Ward brothers, one of whose death sparked a media sensation amid accusations of coerced confessions, political pressure and a miscarriage of justice.

SAT, APR 29 3:30 PM TBLB

**INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE**

**CHASING CORAL**

D: Jeff Orlowski | USA | 93 min

From the director of *Chasing Ice* comes this breathtaking cinematic journey below the world’s oceans to its coral reefs. Spectacular time-lapse footage reveals the devastating impact of climate change, which threatens to eradicate this marvelous ecosystem—within our lifespan.

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SUN, MAY 7 8:45 PM BADER

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**CITY OF GHOSTS**

D: Matthew Heineman | USA | 91 min

Academy Award–nominee Matthew Heineman captures the extraordinary story of “Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently,” a fearless group of citizen journalists who risk their lives to document and expose the atrocities of ISIS in their home city.

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**INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE**

**THE DEPARTURE**

D: Lana Wilson | USA | 86 min

A Japanese punk rocker assumes a new role as a Buddhist priest, helping suicidal people find hope in the depths of their despair. But his wholehearted dedication to their suffering starts to erode his own well-being.

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THU, MAY 4 9:00 PM TBLB
FRI, MAY 5 3:30 PM TBLB

**INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE**

**DOLORES**

D: Peter Bratt | USA | 98 min

Often overshadowed by her United Farm Workers co-founder Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta was a powerhouse activist who defied 1950s gender conventions as she unflinchingly fought to protect women and people of colour in her push for social change.

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**INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE**

**ELIÁN**

D: Tim Golden, Ross McDonnell | Ireland, USA | 105 min

When five-year-old Elián González was plucked from the ocean near Miami in 1999, it sparked a flashpoint for simmering US-Cuban tensions. Decades later, with relations warming, the media firestorm and ensuing international custody saga is revisited.

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**INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE**

**GILBERT**

D: Neil Berkeley | USA | 96 min

The bluest jokes and the shrillest whine delivered with a perpetual squint—what’s not to love about Gilbert Gottfried? Publicly polarizing yet intensely private, the scandalous comic opens his peculiar life and process to cameras.

MON, MAY 1 9:30 PM HOT DOCS CINEMA
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SUN, MAY 7 9:00 PM HART

**NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE**

**BECOMING WHO I WAS**

D: Chang-Yong Moon, Jin Jeon | South Korea | 96 min

An impoverished young boy discovers he’s the reincarnation of an esteemed, high-ranking Tibetan monk. Displaced from his past self’s monastery and denied the privilege of that position, he struggles with his identity amid growing doubts.

SAT, APR 29 9:30 PM HART
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**INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE**

**BILLY NYE: SCIENCE GUY**

D: David Alvarado, Jason Sussberg | USA | 101 min

In the 90s, Bill Nye’s infectious enthusiasm for science inspired a generation of kids, but with his position, he struggles with his identity amid many ways to define it in this emotional and captivating film.

**REVUE**

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### INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

**HELL ON EARTH: THE FALL OF SYRIA AND THE RISE OF ISIS**  
D: Sebastian Junger, Nick Quested | USA | 99 min  
The fall of Syria, the rise of ISIS and the alarming role played by the West is powerfully dissected in this hard-hitting, compelling look at the political and social consequences of this ongoing humanitarian catastrophe.  

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### INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

**HONDROS**  
D: Greg Campbell | USA | 93 min  
Driven by a commitment to capturing the heart-wrenching realities of war, award-winning conflict photographer Chris Hondros, killed in combat in 2011, shed light on world events with his arrestingly powerful imagery, and changed lives with his definitive work.  

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### INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

**INTENT TO DESTROY**  
D: Joe Berlinger | USA | 115 min  
The truth about the Armenian Genocide and the shocking tactics of the Turkish government to suppress history are both revealed in this thoroughly original film-within-a-film exposé by legendary documentarian Joe Berlinger.  

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### INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

**JOSHUA: TEENAGER VS. SUPERPOWER**  
D: Joe Piscatella | USA, Hong Kong | 78 min  
China’s government meets its fiery match in young Joshua Wong. Rallying thousands of fellow students to skip school and occupy the streets in support of Hong Kong’s autonomy, he becomes one of his country’s most notorious—and unlikely—dissidents.  

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### INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

**THE LAST ANIMALS**  
D: Kate Brooks | USA, UK | 85 min  
From Africa’s frontlines to Asian markets to European zoos, this animal-rights thriller follows the conservationists, scientists and activists battling poachers and transnational trafficking syndicates to protect the last of the world’s elephants and rhinos from extinction.  

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### INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

**MOMMY DEAD AND DEAREST**  
D: Erin Lee Carr | USA | 82 min  
After an ailing, wheelchair-bound girl goes missing and her devoted mother is found dead in their home, dark family secrets are revealed as the girl becomes the prime suspect in the grisly murder.  

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**NO STONE UNTAXED**  
D: Alex Gibney | Northern Ireland, USA | 110 min  
Academy Award–winner Alex Gibney delves into the unsolved 1994 murder of six men in a rural pub in Northern Ireland, uncovering a web of collusion, cover-up and explosive allegations, in this stunning real-life thriller.  

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### INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

**NOBODY SPEAK: TRIALS OF THE FREE PRESS**  
D: Brian Knappenberger | USA | 93 min  
The trial between wrestler Hulk Hogan and Gawker Media pitted privacy rights against freedom of the press, but ended up as a case study in how big money can silence media through legal means.  

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WORLD PREMIERE
PLAYING GOD
D: Karin Jurschick | Germany, Netherlands | 95 min
Witness firsthand the struggle of the charismatic and controversial US attorney who, since 9/11, has been charged with the impossible task of assigning a dollar value to life when compensating victims of America’s most tragic events.

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WORLD PREMIERE
PRE-CRIME
D: Matthias Heeder, Monika Hielscher | Germany | 90 min
Science fiction turns into disturbing fact as forecasting software, algorithms and databases quickly become the new fortune-tellers for future crimes, driving us to ask: how much are we willing to abandon for the sake of security?

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RUMBLE: THE INDIANS WHO ROCKED THE WORLD
D: Catherine Bainbridge, Alfonso Maiorana | Canada | 103 min
The sound of rock ‘n’ roll was forever changed by Link Wray’s distorted guitar. Decades later, his legacy—and that of other Native Americans who shaped popular music—is given overdue recognition in this Sundance award winner.

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SCHOOL LIFE
D: Neasa Ni Chianáin, David Rane | Ireland, Spain | 99 min
A heartfelt look at the lives of two soon-to-be-retired educators—and married couple of almost 50 years—whose passion and idiosyncratic teaching styles inspire and challenge the young students of Ireland’s last primary-age boarding school.

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INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
STEP
D: Amanda Lipitz | USA | 83 min
Meet the fierce and inspiring “Lethal Ladies” of the Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women, a dynamic step dance team battling the odds to make it to the championship and become the first in their families to go to college.

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STRONG ISLAND
D: Yance Ford | USA, Denmark | 107 min
Twenty years after an unarmed African-American was shot during an altercation with a young white mechanic, his brother revisits the circumstances that left his sibling dead and the killer uncharged in this powerful investigation of love, loss and justice.

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WHITNEY “CAN I BE ME”
D: Nick Broomfield, Rudi Dolezal | UK | 100 min
A troubled pop star, a brilliant vocalist or just a normal girl from Newark, New Jersey? Whitney Houston was a lot of things at once. Get to know the real woman and her struggle in this all-access look.

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WINNIE
D: Pascale Lamche | France, Netherlands, South Africa | 98 min
Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is one of the most misunderstood and intriguingly powerful female political figures in modern history. Her rise, reckoning and legacy as “the mother of the nation” are detailed in this compelling film.

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THE WORKERS CUP
D: Adam Sobel | UK | 92 min
On the backs of 1.6 million migrant workers, Qatar will host the 2022 FIFA World Cup. But far from the roaring crowds and media spectacle, 24 construction companies compete for glory and the thrill of hoisting the Workers Cup.

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A BETTER MAN
D: Attiya Khan, Lawrence Jackman | Canada | 79 min
Attiya’s years as a counsellor shape her radical approach to confronting her own decades-old past as a victim of domestic violence. Sitting across from her abuser, they together delve into their turbulent history, uncovering its root causes with compassion.

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WORLD PREMIERE

BIRTH OF A FAMILY
D: Tasha Hubbard | Canada | 79 min
Over several decades, at least 20,000 Indigenous children were forcibly taken from their homes in Canada and adopted out to non-Indigenous families. Now, four siblings come together for the first time to build the family ties they were once denied.

Screening with

SWEAT
D: Kristin Snowbird | Canada | 5 min

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WORLD PREMIERE

HOPE
D: Alan Zweig | Canada | 76 min
After surviving cancer, running across Canada and becoming a national hero at 19, Steve Fonyo turned to theft, larceny and drugs. Now in his 50s, he’s trying to retake control of his life in this follow-up to the award-winning *Hurt*.

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INTEGRAL MAN
D: Joseph Clement | Canada | 62 min
A Renaissance man, Jim Stewart—violinist, calculus professor, philanthropist, LGBT activist and the most published mathematician since Euclid—took 10 years to realize his dream: a private Toronto residence cum concert hall hailed as an architectural masterpiece.

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WORLD PREMIERE

LET THERE BE LIGHT
D: Mila Aung-Thwin, Van Royko | Canada | 80 min
Scientists are working to build a small sun on Earth, which would unleash perpetual, cheap, clean energy. After many failed attempts, a massive push is now underway to crack the holy grail of energy.

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WORLD PREMIERE

MANIC
D: Kalina Bertin | Canada | 84 min
Desperate to understand her siblings’ struggles with bipolar disorder, the director delves into the mysterious life of her murdered father—known alternatively as a cult leader and a scam artist—believing it holds some answers.

Screening with

HOTEL MOON
D: Derek Howard | Canada | 7 min

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WORLD PREMIERE

MERMAIDS
D: Ali Weinstein | Canada | 76 min
In this tribute to the eternal allure of an ancient myth, colourful fins and swimming pools fill the lives of five modern-day women who strive to embody the mysterious siren as part of a growing “mermaiding” subculture.

Screening with

BEING BATMAN
D: Ryan Freeman | Canada | 7 min

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NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

A MOON OF NICKEL AND ICE
D: François Jacob | Canada | 110 min
Explore the tragic history of Norilsk, a major Russian mining centre in the Siberian Arctic, through the eyes of the weary miners and restless teenagers seeking to escape its desolate wind-battered landscape awash with industrial pollution.

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WORLD PREMIERE

MOTEL
D: Jesse McCracken | Canada | 57 min
Eight years ago, in the honeymoon capital of the world, a small motel was converted into affordable housing—a haven for people in need. Niagara Falls provides a cinematic backdrop to a marginalized community making the most of their circumstances.

Screening with

BABE, I HATE TO GO
D: Andrew Moir | Canada | 18 min

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MON, MAY 1 4:30 PM  TBLB
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### WORLD PREMIERE

#### MY ENEMY, MY BROTHER

**D:** Ann Shin | Canada | 88 min

By fateful chance, two former enemies from the Iran-Iraq War meet in Vancouver 25 years later. Together, now as brothers, they return to their conflict-ridden homelands to reassemble the pieces of their interrupted lives.

**Screening with**

**CONVERSATION WITH ZIAD**

**D:** Juliette Guérin | Canada | 7 min

**SAT, APR 29**

- 9:00 PM | TBLB

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#### THE QUIET ZONE

**D:** Elisa Gonzalez, Daniel Froidevaux | Canada | 45 min

The National Radio Quiet Zone in remote West Virginia, home to the world’s largest steerable radio telescope, is ironically both a centre for scientific discovery and a growing refuge for those suffering extreme electrical sensitivity who’ve fled technology.

**Screening with**

**SILENTLY STEAL AWAY**

**D:** Andrew Swant | USA | 20 min

**WED, MAY 3**

- 6:30 PM | Scotia

**FRI, MAY 5**

- 11:55 AM | TBLB

**SAT, MAY 6**

- 10:30 AM | TBLB

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#### RESURRECTING HASSAN

**D:** Carlo Guillermo Proto | Canada, Chile | 100 min

A family of blind Montreal buskers, haunted by the loss of their second child and the only seeing member of their group, seek the help of a mystical Russian healer to resurrect him from the dead.

**SUN, APR 30**

- 2:45 PM | Scotia

**TUE, MAY 2**

- 12:30 PM | TBLB

**FRI, MAY 5**

- 3:30 PM | TBLB

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#### THE ROAD FORWARD

**D:** Marie Clements | Canada | 101 min

A feast for your eyes and ears, this genre-bending musical documentary gives a voice to Canada’s top Indigenous artists and celebrates the activists, historians and musicians who work to keep their community’s sense of identity alive.

**SUN, APR 30**

- 9:30 PM | TBLB

**MON, MAY 1**

- 12:45 PM | Scotia

**SAT, MAY 6**

- 8:45 PM | Scotia

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#### RUE DE LA VICTOIRE

**D:** Frédérique Cournoyer Lessard | Canada | 65 min

A gifted performer leaves post-revolution Tunisia after the closure of his circus school to continue training and taste independence in France. He returns home to realize the two things closest to his heart, his career and community, cannot coexist.

**Screening with**

**THE BOTANIST**

**D:** Maxime Lacoste-Lebuis, Maude Plante-Husaruk | Canada | 20 min

**SAT, APR 29**

- 9:00 PM | Scotia

**SUN, APR 30**

- 1:00 PM | Scotia

**SUN, MAY 7**

- 10:45 AM | TBLB

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#### SHINERS

**D:** Stacey Tenenbaum | Canada | 78 min

Walk a mile in the shoes of those who shine them around the world to discover the age-old trade that hasn’t lost its lustre and the colourful characters who bring pride and passion to a global profession.

**Screening with**

**HE WHO DANCES ON WOOD**

**D:** Jessica Beshir | USA | 6 min

**SAT, APR 29**

- 7:30 PM | Bavardi

**SUN, APR 30**

- 10:00 PM | Hart

**THU, MAY 4**

- 9:30 PM | Hart
WORLD PREMIERE

UNARMED VERSES
D: Charles Officer | Canada | 86 min
A remarkably astute and luminous 12-year-old girl’s poignant observations about life, the soul and the power of art give voice to a Toronto community facing imposed relocation, and speak to our universal need for self-expression and belonging.

MON, MAY 1 6:30 PM BADER
TUE, MAY 2 3:00 PM SCOTIA
SAT, MAY 6 3:15 PM TBLB

WHO IS ARTHUR CHU?
D: Yu Gu, Scott Drucker | USA, Canada | 90 min
This 11-time winner hacked Jeopardy! and won big, becoming one of the show’s most controversial contestants. Now, he’s using his new found celebrity to battle dark forces on the Internet as a blogger and cultural pundit.

FRI, APR 28 9:00 PM SCOTIA
SAT, APR 29 1:30 PM TBLB
FRI, MAY 5 10:00 AM TBLB

FOCUS ON MAYA GALLUS

DERBY CRAZY LOVE
D: Maya Gallus, Justine Pimlott | Canada | 2013 | 62 min
Amazonian roller derby warriors—with names like Smack Daddy, Apocalipstick and Suzy Hotrod—embrace their love of this aggressive, kick-ass sport as they compete in a no-holds-barred championship quest.

FRI, APR 28 12:45 PM TBLB

DISH: WOMEN, WAITRESSING & THE ART OF SERVICE
D: Maya Gallus | Canada | 2010 | 70 min
From Toronto’s diners to Montreal’s “sexy restos,” Paris’s haute eateries to Tokyo’s fantasy “maid cafés,” waitresses around the world dish the dirt on gender, power and the art of service.

SAT, MAY 6 3:45 PM TBLB

ELIZABETH SMART: ON THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS
D: Maya Gallus | Canada | 1991 | 59 min
Focusing on the turbulent life and loves of celebrated Canadian poet and author of By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept, this provocative, award-winning film beautifully captures the conflicts between passion, responsibility and art.

Screening with
THE MYSTERY OF MAZO DE LA ROCHE
D: Maya Gallus | Canada | 2011 | 52 min
Before Laurence, Munro and Atwood, another Canadian woman took the literary world by storm. Weaving biography with speculative fiction, this lush and intelligent film imagines the private life of the writer of the Jalna novels with her longtime female companion.

TUE, MAY 2 1:15 PM SCOTIA
MON, MAY 1 2:30 PM SCOTIA

EROTICA: A JOURNEY INTO FEMALE SEXUALITY
D: Maya Gallus | Canada | 1997 | 75 min
This rare 20th anniversary screening presents explicit and often outrageous erotica made by women artists and writers who broke the taboos that suppressed their imagination—and it captures the complexities of representing sex through the female gaze.

THU, MAY 4 9:15 PM SCOTIA

GIRL INSIDE
D: Maya Gallus | Canada | 2007 | 70 min
Madison, a sweet 26-year-old transitioning from male to female, gets lessons on all things feminine from her martini-drinking grandmother and unexpectedly finds love with her best friend.
**INTERNATIONAL SPECTRUM**

**FILMS IN JURIED COMPETITION**

**NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE**

**69 MINUTES OF 86 DAYS**
D: Egil Håskjold Larsen | Norway | 70 min
From an unfamiliar Greek port to the quiet streets of Uppsala, Sweden, a brave 3-year-old Syrian refugee makes the long journey through Europe with her family to find comfort and a fresh start in a new home.

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SUN, APR 30 12:30 PM  SCOTIA
SUN, MAY 7  3:30 PM  AGA KHAN

**WORLD PREMIERE**

**A CAMBODIAN SPRING**
D: Chris Kelly | UK | 121 min
A chaotic and violent wave of change is shaping modern-day Cambodia, where citizens have become land-rights activists. An alarming portrait of corruption and its insidious effects on trust and truth, from individuals to institutions.

WED, MAY 3  6:00 PM  SCOTIA
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SUN, MAY 7  6:15 PM  TCA

**NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE**

**EVERY OTHER COUPLE**
D: Mia Halme | Finland | 77 min
Reflecting on their decisions to divorce and the complicated dynamics that emerge, three ex-couples learn to accept pain and sorrow as they navigate their new realities and redefine what it means to be a family.

TUE, MAY 2  6:30 PM  TBLB
THU, MAY 4  3:15 PM  SCOTIA
SUN, MAY 7  4:15 PM  TBLB

**NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE**

**THE GIRL DOWN LOCH ÄNZI**
D: Alice Schmid | Switzerland | 87 min
A 12-year-old living in the Swiss mountains whose closest relationship is with her diary finds a deep fascination and connection with the mysterious legend of a girl who allegedly disappeared in a valley within her village.

MON, MAY 1  7:00 PM  TBLB
TUE, MAY 2  1:00 PM  TBLB
SUN, MAY 7  1:15 PM  TBLB

**INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE**

**I AM ANOTHER YOU**
D: Nanfu Wang | USA | 85 min
When a Chinese filmmaker is inspired to film the exotic Floridian landscape, her intentions take a radical shift when she meets a young charismatic drifter whose pursuit of freedom unveils a complicated past he is trying to escape.

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MON, MAY 1  12:30 PM  TBLB
SAT, MAY 6  7:00 PM  TBLB

**NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE**

**IN TIME TO COME**
D: Tan Pin Pin | Singapore | 62 min
Smart camera angles and sly transitions transform what should be frenetic city scenes into serene tableaux. Oddities of daily life—like empty malls or pin-drop quiet schoolchildren—are artfully assembled into a timeless time capsule by Singapore’s preeminent documentarian.

Screening with

**THE WATCHMAKER**
D: Marie-Cécile Embleton | UK | 9 min

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WED, MAY 3  6:30 PM  TBLB
THU, MAY 4  9:15 PM  TBLB
NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE
MAMA COLONEL
D: Dieudo Hamadi | France, Democratic Republic of the Congo | 72 min
For 15 years, a determined female colonel led a unique brigade against sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Relocated to a new city, she must now grapple with the unexpected horrors women faced in a long-forgotten war.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE
A MEMORY IN KHAKI
D: Alfoz Tanjour | Qatar | 104 min
One of the year’s most poetic visualizations of the Syrian crisis, this evocative essay weaves together the dreams, memories and terrors of five characters forced into exile. Be immersed in their longing, at once quiet and raging.

WORLD PREMIERE
MY LIFE WITHOUT AIR
D: Bojana Burnać | Croatia | 73 min
A Croatian world-champion free-diver and sleep apnea sufferer tests his breath-holding limits in sport and while asleep. This dreamy look at his training reveals the depths of his death-defying talent and traumatic past.

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL
D: Pau Ortiz | Spain | 68 min
Their mother sentenced to prison, two teenaged Honduran immigrants unable to work in Mexico suddenly become the sole providers for their younger siblings, and must watch their adolescent dreams fade while struggling with the burden of adult responsibilities.

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
THE SILENT TEACHER
D: Maso Chen | Taiwan | 72 min
Defying Taiwanese customs, Mr. Lin donates his deceased wife’s body for medical research. As he and his family make their emotional goodbyes, the uneasy medical students prepare to accept the gift as their silent teacher.

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
THANK YOU FOR THE RAIN
D: Julia Dahr, Kisilu Musya (co-director) | UK, Norway | 87 min
Convinced that planting trees is the answer to counteract climate change, a Kenyan farmer whose livelihood is threatened by flash floods and devastating droughts takes his message all the way to the UN. But is anyone listening?
INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

20TH CIRCUIT SUSPECTS
D: Hesam Eslami | Iran | 73 min
An unlikely friendship forms between the filmmaker and a Tehrani youth gang after they break into his car. Over the next six years, the plot deepens as the pack’s cat-and-mouse games escalate with the police.

THU, MAY 4 6:45 PM TBLB
FRI, MAY 5 6:30 PM TBLB
SAT, MAY 6 9:30 PM TBLB

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

ALL THAT PASSES BY THROUGH A WINDOW THAT DOESN’T OPEN
D: Martin DiCicco | USA, Qatar | 70 min
Embark on a mesmerizing railway journey through the Eurasian expanse where Azerbaijani men labour, dance, dream and wait for a more fruitful life while building the “new Silk Road.”

Screening with
GORAN THE CAMEL MAN
D: Marcin Lesisz | Poland | 17 min

TUE, MAY 2 5:30 PM TBLB
THU, MAY 4 12:45 PM SCOTIA
SAT, MAY 6 3:30 PM SCOTIA

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

A BASTARD CHILD
D: Knutte Wester | Sweden, Norway | 57 min
A remarkable mix of haunting watercolour animation and archival footage brings to life the moving story of an illegitimate girl in early 20th century Sweden. Raised in orphanages and foster care, she defies the conservative mores of her time.

Screening with
GUSLA OR THE SPIRITS
D: Adrienne Nowak | France | 9 min

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NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

DEATH IN THE TERMINAL
D: Asaf Sudry, Tali Shemesh | Israel | 53 min
Told through multiple eyewitness perspectives and video surveillance footage, this tense reconstruction of a terrorist attack in an Israeli bus terminal reveals how uncontrolled fear and racial prejudice can have fatal consequences.

Screening with
DIGILANTE
D: Mike Nayna | Australia | 29 min

WED, MAY 3 8:45 PM INNIS
FRI, MAY 5 1:30 PM SCOTIA

BRIMSTONE & GLORY
D: Viktor Jakovleski | USA | 70 min
Dangerously beautiful cinematography captures a small Mexican town’s hazardous preparations for their annual pyrotechnic festival, which attracts thousands of celebrants who believe exposing themselves to the flames will provide protection for the year to come.

Screening with
SUNRISE ON THE TOTAL CHAOS
D: Craig Norris | Canada | 5 min

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SAT, MAY 6 2:00 PM TBLB

DEVIL’S FREEDOM
D: Everardo González | Mexico | 73 min
Victims of Mexico’s devastating drug wars reveal their stories of loss, corruption and heinous atrocities in this unflinching Berlinale Amnesty International Prize–winner. Their masks may conceal their identities, but they do little to hide their lasting grief.

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FRI, MAY 5 6:00 PM INNIS

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

DO DONKEYS ACT?
D: David Redmon, Ashley Sabin | UK | 72 min
In entrancingly rhythmic prose, Willem Dafoe narrates this strange and surprisingly beautiful portrait of a group of donkeys recovering from neglect in a sanctuary, arousing deep sympathy for the often-misunderstood and disparaged animal.

FRI, APR 27 7:00 PM INNIS
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SUN, MAY 7 8:30 PM SCOTIA

COMMUNION
D: Anna Zamecka | Poland | 72 min
Fourteen-year-old Ola looks after a useless father and raises her autistic brother on her own. If only she can make her sibling’s First Communion perfect, maybe their mercurial mother will come back home to them in this award-winning family tale.

Screening with
BLUEBERRY SPIRITS
D: Astra Zoldnere | Latvia | 13 min

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COMMUNICATION
D: Froukje van Wengerden | Netherlands | 12 min

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WORLD SHOWCASE
Sponsored by Delta Air Lines
FOR AHKEEM
D: Landon Van Soest, Jeremy S. Levine | USA | 90 min
Surrounded by poverty and violence, a black teenager in north St. Louis discovers she’s pregnant as the tragedy in Ferguson erupts, leaving her to question her family’s future in a racist system so stacked against them.

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FORBIDDEN GAMES
D: Adam Darke, Jon Carey | UK | 87 min
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FRI, MAY 5 9:00 PM SCOTIA

THE FORCE
D: Peter Nicks | USA | 90 min
A stunningly intimate fly-on-the-wall account of the beleaguered Oakland Police Department as it battles to regain public confidence in the face of scandal, an exasperated mayor and an increasingly fed up community.

FRI, APR 28 4:00 PM TBLB
SUN, APR 30 1:00 PM HOT DOCS CINEMA
SUN, MAY 7 1:30 PM BADER

THE FRUITLESS TREE
D: Aicha Macky | France, Niger | 52 min
Married but childless—an unacceptable circumstance in Niger—Aicha draws from personal experience to delicately address the taboo of infertility, and the private suffering and public stigma that women like her endure.

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D: Mária Rumanová | Slovakia | 49 min
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D: Jiska Rickels | Netherlands | 58 min
Desperate to save his seriously ill daughter, a Syrian father flees his war-torn country for the Netherlands—leaving the rest of his family behind. This powerful observation of the asylum process acutely captures the harrowing limbo of countless refugees.

LIBERA NOS
D: Federica Di Giacomo | Italy, France | 90 min
Responding to a rise in alleged demonic possession, Italy’s Catholic Church trains more and more priests to perform the ancient rite of exorcism for those seeking to be “delivered from evil” in our modern world.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

MAISON DU BONHEUR
D: Sofia Bohdanowicz | Canada | 64 min
The daily rhythms and pleasures of a vibrant retired French astrologer are revealed in 30 carefully constructed segments, offering an ode to the beauty of everyday life.

MACHINES
D: Rahul Jain | India, Germany, Finland | 75 min
Trapped in an oppressive cycle of poverty, exhausted Indian labourers remain stoic in the face of harrowing working conditions deep in the bowels of a labyrinthine textile factory, their plight illuminating the dehumanizing impact of rapid and unregulated industrialization.

LAST MEN IN ALEPPO
D: Feras Fayyad | Denmark | 104 min
As the Syrian conflict intensifies, residents of Aleppo prepare for a siege, becoming increasingly reliant on the selfless bravery of the White Helmets, a volunteer search-and-rescue group risking their lives to save others.

LIFE TO COME
D: Claudio Capanna | Belgium | 75 min
Born dangerously premature, a pair of twins spend their earliest days in a cold, sterile hospital, fighting to live. Surrounded by loud instruments and a whirlwind of doctors, their young mother struggles to form a life-saving bond.

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

THE LAST RESORT
D: Thanos Anastopoulos, Davide Del Degan | Italy, Greece, France | 119 min
Sun worshippers in Trieste, Italy, flock to the last segregated European beach where women and men are separated by a concrete wall. Bask in the deep bronze of bygone bodies and eras in this languid observation of fading cultural traditions.

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NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

LOVING LORNA
D: Annika Karlsson, Jessica Karlsson | Sweden | 60 min
The fierce spirit of an impoverished Irish community and its deep-rooted horse culture is embodied in a 17-year-old who spends her summer training to become a farrier despite the constant back pain that threatens to thwart her dreams.

Screening with

URBAN COWBOYS
D: Pawel Ziemiński | Poland | 30 min
MUHI – GENERALLY TEMPORARY
D: Rina Castelnouvo-Hollander, Tamir Elterman | Israel | 86 min
A seven-year-old child from Gaza and the son of a wanted Hamas member has spent his entire life confined to an Israeli hospital. Separated from family, he is cared for by his “people’s enemy” in this deeply human tug-of-war.

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WORLD PREMIERE
OUT OF THIN AIR
D: Dylan Howitt | UK, Iceland | 85 min
This jaw-dropping doc explores a notorious Icelandic murder mystery that gripped the tiny nation for 40 years, and features corrupt investigators, psychological torture, false confessions, lots of hippies and spectacular scenery.

MON, MAY 1 8:45 PM SCOTIA
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INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
PASSE-PARTOUT
D: Tim De Keersmaecker | Belgium | 53 min
In his dilapidated van, a larger-than-life Congolese immigrant delivers newspapers around Belgium. Resisting the Kafkaesque system in which he works, he refuses to see his dignity denied by authorities while humorously confronting white Belgians about their colonial past.

Screening with
SOVDAGARI
D: Tamta Gabrichidze | Georgia | 22 min

TUE, MAY 2 9:15 PM SCOTIA
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INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
QUEST
D: Jonathan Olshefski | USA | 105 min
Set against the backdrop of a country now in turmoil, Quest is an intimate, tender depiction of an African-American family in North Philadelphia whose home music studio serves as a creative sanctuary from the strife that grips their neighbourhood.

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INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
RECRUITING FOR JIHAD
D: Adil Farooq, Ulrik Rolfsen | Norway | 67 min
Over the course of three years, a well-known Norwegian Islamist gives rare, unvarnished access to his everyday life as a missionary, inspirational trips around Europe and radical opinions, until he is arrested for recruiting jihadists for ISIS.

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INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
A RIVER BELOW
D: Mark Grieco | USA, Colombia | 85 min
Across the vast Amazon basin, the mythical pink river dolphin is on the edge of extinction and a scandal is brewing that could destroy those trying to save them.

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NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE
SECONDO ME
D: Pavel Cuzuioc | Austria | 79 min
Glimpse into the lives of cloakroom attendants at prestigious opera houses in Vienna, Milan and Odessa, where their day-to-day life out of the spotlight sharply contrasts the grandeur playing out on the stage.

THU, MAY 4 6:45 PM SCOTIA
FRI, MAY 5 7:00 PM TBLB
SUN, MAY 7 3:45 PM SCOTIA

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE
SHINGAL, WHERE ARE YOU?
D: Angelos Rallis, Hans Ulrich Goss (co-director) | Greece, Belgium, Austria | 103 min
When ISIS conquered a Yazidi city in northern Iraq, roughly 3,000 women and girls were kidnapped and forced into sexual slavery. Now, one broken family desperately tries to secure the return of their daughter from her captors.

SUN, APR 30 6:45 PM TBLB
MON, MAY 1 1:45 PM TBLB

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
SPETTACOLO
D: Jeff Malmberg, Christina Shellen | USA | 89 min
A small hilltop town in Tuscany has maintained a long-standing tradition of confronting their issues by coming together as a community to write, direct and perform a play about their lives—where every villager, no matter their age, takes part.

SUN, APR 30 8:30 PM SCOTIA
TUE, MAY 2 12:30 PM SCOTIA
SAT, MAY 6 12:45 PM SCOTIA
WORLD SHOWCASE

SUNDAY BEAUTY QUEEN
D: Baby Ruth Villarama | Hong Kong, Philippines, Japan | 95 min
Toiling for a pittance in the shadows of Hong Kong’s glittering façade, colourful and confident Filipina workers use their only day off to reclaim their dignity, exercising grace and beauty in a pageant unlike any other.

SAT, APR 29 9:45 PM  BADER
SUN, APR 30  10:30 AM  BADER
SUN, MAY 7  1:00 PM  TBLB

WORLD PREMIERE
THIS COLD LIFE
D: Darren Mann | USA | 88 min  
Threats from impending economic collapse and climate change don’t dampen the resolve of the colourful inhabitants of the world’s northernmost town, where polar bears outnumber the humans who have gathered there from 40 different countries.

THU, APR 27  6:00 PM  TBLB
MON, MAY 1  3:30 PM  SCOTIA
SAT, MAY 6  9:15 PM  TBLB

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE
TONGUE CUTTERS
D: Solveig Melkeraaen | Norway | 85 min
Following Norwegian fishing tradition, nine-year-old Ylva travels from Oslo to the far north to join other children working as cod tongue cutters, but her money-making venture quickly becomes a heartfelt story of the innocent and hopeful dreams of youth.

Screening with  
FISH STORY
D: Charlie Lyne | UK | 13 min

SAT, APR 29  9:15 PM  TBLB
SUN, APR 30  12:30 PM  TBLB
SAT, MAY 6  4:15 PM  TBLB

UNREST
D: Jennifer Brea | USA | 97 min
A PhD student with a bright future recounts her struggles with the widely misunderstood Chronic Fatigue Syndrome that left her bed-ridden, and helps tell the stories of others fighting the disease.

SAT, APR 29  2:45 PM  HART
MON, MAY 1  10:45 AM  BADER
FRI, MAY 5  4:00 PM  HOT DOCS CINEMA

WORLD PREMIERE
WEAVING
D: Yang Wang | China | 97 min
When two elderly Chinese couples are forced to relocate, negotiations around compensation, inheritance and the future reveal the dysfunctional dynamics with their adult children, and expose troubling sibling rivalry, greed, sexism and neglect.

MON, MAY 1  8:30 PM  SCOTIA

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
...WHEN YOU LOOK AWAY
D: Phie Ambo | Denmark | 84 min
When a child insists she’s sometimes human, sometimes animal, her mom—the filmmaker—probes whether alternate consciousnesses are possible. Mind-boggling arguments from leading minds, including the father of string theory and a Buddhist monk, may just alter your reality.

WED, MAY 3  9:30 PM  TBLB
THU, MAY 4  4:15 PM  SCOTIA
FRI, MAY 5  5:45 PM  SCOTIA

WORLD WITHOUT END
(NO REPORTED INCIDENTS)
D: Jem Cohen | UK, USA | 57 min
In this poetic reflection on foggy beaches and everyday wisdom, master filmmaker Jem Cohen transports the viewer into the quiet rhythm of Southend-on-Sea, an English town on the Thames Estuary that seemingly breathes with the tide.

Screening with  
HEART OF THE LAND
D: Kaisa Astikainen | Finland | 30 min

THU, APR 27  9:00 PM  TBLB
FRI, APR 28  3:45 PM  SCOTIA

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE
ZAINEB HATES THE SNOW
D: Kaouther Ben Hania | Tunisia, France, Qatar, Lebanon, UAE | 94 min
When her mother remarries and her newly blended family moves to Canada, a 9-year-old Tunisian girl’s life takes a profound turn as she struggles to find her place and maintain her Muslim identity in a new land.

FRI, APR 28  6:00 PM  TBLB
SAT, APR 29  1:15 PM  TBLB
SAT, MAY 6  8:30 PM  SCOTIA
ABOUT MY LIBERTY
D: Takashi Nishihara | Japan | 165 min
A group of millennial students plan protests unlike any Japan has ever seen—loud, well-marketed and fun—against President Abe’s plan to pass a security bill that will change the constitution’s commitment to peace and pacifism.

ABOUT MY LIBERTY
D: Ryüichi Hirokawa | Japan | 99 min
A newly retired photojournalist disregards doctor’s orders and decides to revisit the sites and stories that defined his career and character. From Palestine to Chernobyl to Fukushima, his past reveals a full-circle journey.

RAISE YOUR ARMS AND TWIST, DOCUMENTARY OF NMB48
D: Atsushi Funahashi | Japan | 95 min
Osaka’s supergroup NMB48 and its revolving lineup of singing and dancing dervishes offers a backstage pass to Japan’s pop idol craze in this fascinating immersion into pecking order, competition, individuality and empowerment through adulation—all set to a dance beat.

RAMEN HEADS
D: Koki Shigeno | Japan | 93 min
Japan’s reigning king of ramen takes us into his kitchen, where recipes, trade secrets and flavour philosophies are shared. A mouthwatering record of the famous dish—a perfect combination of broth and noodles—and its master chefs and legions of devoted fans.

RAMEN HEADS
D: Toku Tokikawa | USA, Japan | 96 min
Despite being a generation apart, a Canadian craftsman and an American illustrator work together to reinvigorate the ancient art of Japanese woodblock prints by combining traditional craft with pop cultural references from Super Mario to Pokémon.

A ROOM OF HER OWN: REI NAITO AND LIGHT
D: Yuko Nakamura | Japan | 87 min
A Japanese artist shrouded in mystery is revealed in creative ways without ever appearing on camera. A cast of women share stories of fear and fragility that reflect the work, capturing the invisible-made-visible essence of her sculptures and installations.

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**Performances and Live Events**

**WORLD PREMIERE**

**AFRICVILLE IN BLACK AND WHITE**

D: Cyrus Sundar Singh | Canada | 90 min

An interactive and collaborative live documentary set inside a church, which traces the legacy, spirit and resilience of an Africanadian community torn from their homes and forced to seek refuge within their own country.

**WED, MAY 3 7:00 PM  CHURCH  TICKETS: $22**

**CANADALAND GUIDE TO CANADA**

Canada | 75 min

*Canadaland* host Jesse Brown and guests debut this nationally touring, multimedia stage show that aims to spoil Canada's sesquicentennial through stories, music, history, vulgarity and video.

**SAT, MAY 6 7:00 PM  HOT DOCS CINEMA  TICKETS: $24**

**NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE**

**THE MARIBOR UPRISINGS: A LIVE PARTICIPATORY FILM**

D: Maple Razsa, Milton Guillén | Slovenia, USA | 90 min

Political protest turns into street-level uprising in Slovenia, and audiences get a chance to understand and experience how public outrage can quickly ignite in this participatory live documentary experience.

**TUE, MAY 2 6:00 PM  INNIS  TICKETS: $17**

**Virtual Reality**

Free at Brookfield Place, Sam Pollock Square (181 Bay Street)

**Hours of Operation:**

- Fri, April 28–Sat, May 6: 10AM–6PM
- Sun, May 7: 10AM–2PM

**CHASING CORAL: THE VR EXPERIENCE**

D: Jeff Orlowski | USA | 6 min

This exclusive underwater experience tied in with the feature film *Chasing Coral* (p. 6) follows Zackery Rago, a passionate scuba diver and researcher, as he documented the unprecedented 2016 coral bleaching event within the Great Barrier Reef.

**DREAMS OF ‘O’**

D: Félix Lajeunesse, Paul Raphaël | Canada | 12 min

Submerge yourself in a virtual reality universe composed of aerial acrobatics, daring dives, fire, and the surreal amphibious characters of the breathtaking aquatic masterpiece *O* by Cirque du Soleil.
WORLD PREMIERE

THE FASTEST RIDE
D: Jessica Edwards | USA | 14 min
Follow cyclist Denise Mueller as she journeys to the historic Bonneville Salt Flats and attempts to break the land speed record by becoming the fastest woman ever on bicycle.

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

FISTFUL OF STARS
D: Eliza McNitt | USA | 5 min
Drift through the cosmos alongside the Hubble telescope as you find yourself immersed over a thousand light-years away within the Orion Nebula in this symphonic tribute to the origins of humanity within our universe.

THE PEOPLE’S HOUSE: INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE WITH BARACK AND MICHELLE OBAMA
D: Félix Lajeunese, Paul Raphaël | Canada | 22 min
An intimate tour of the White House that gives the viewer extraordinary access to explore the iconic institution’s profound history—from the past eight years of the Obama administration to defining events of the last two centuries.

WORLD PREMIERE

POLARMAN
D: Ryan Oliver, Polaraman | Canada | 5 min
The stories of Iqaluit’s first real-life superhero are lovingly portrayed through original drawings and interpretations by three different artists.

THIS IS WHAT THE FUTURE LOOKED LIKE
D: Sam Green, Gary Hustwit | USA | 6 min
A virtual reality ode to Buckminster Fuller and his singular creation: the geodesic dome. Shot on location at the many domes around the world (including the Expo 67 dome in Montreal), we get to experience a meditation on a utopia that could have been.

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

A TRIBE CALLED RED: INDIAN CITY 360°
D: Jon Riera | Canada | 3 min
Traditional Indigenous dancers and modern street dancers unite in historic Fort York to perform their interpretations of music by Juno Award–winning group A Tribe Called Red.

UNREST VR
D: Jennifer Brea | USA, France, UK | 15 min
This visceral personal virtual reality project based on the feature film Unrest (p. 18) gives audiences a better understanding of chronic illness through an artistic and informative sensory experience.

WORLD PREMIERE

WELCOME TO WACKEN
D: Sam Dunn | Canada | 30 min
Welcome to Wacken is an interactive virtual reality documentary from Secret Location and Banger Films. Told in five parts, the film takes viewers deep inside Germany’s Wacken Open Air, the biggest heavy-metal festival on Earth.
WORLD PREMIERE

32 PILLS: MY SISTER’S SUICIDE
D: Hope Litoff | USA | 85 min
A talented, gorgeous and well-loved New York artist and photographer kills herself in a strikingly peculiar fashion. Years later, the director—her sister—combs through her belongings to painstakingly uncover her motives in this refreshingly witty and brave quest.

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TUE, MAY 2
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FRI, MAY 5
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SUN, MAY 7
3:30 PM
TBLB

BLURRED LINES: INSIDE THE ART WORLD
D: Barry Avrich | Canada | 80 min
Damien Hirst’s record-breaking 2008 Sotheby’s auction signalled that despite banks faltering and stocks plunging, contemporary art seemed impervious to turbulent market forces. Dealers, collectors and artists share their trading secrets of these colourful commodities.

FRI, APR 28
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SAT, APR 29
1:00 PM
HOT DOCS CINEMA
SUN, MAY 7
11:00 AM
BADER

BOBBI JENE
D: Elvira Lind | Denmark, Sweden | 95 min
After a decade of stardom at Israel’s world-renowned Batsheva Dance Company, an American performer boldly decides to leave her coveted position and venture back home to create her own evocative and powerful artistic practice.

SUN, APR 30
3:45 PM
BADER
THU, MAY 4
3:15 PM
TBLB
SAT, MAY 6
6:45 PM
HART

CHAVELA
D: Catherine Gund, Daresha Kyi | USA | 90 min
With a fierce and haunting persona, lauded majestic chanteuse Chavela Vargas was an out lesbian songstress who revolutionized music in Mexico, challenged cultural norms and played lover to legends like Frida Kahlo.

WED, MAY 3
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THU, MAY 4
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FRI, MAY 5
6:15 PM
TBLB
SAT, MAY 6
1:00 PM
HART

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
FLAMES
D: Zefrey Throwell, Josephine Decker | USA | 86 min
Two New York City artists simmer in the white-hot apocalypse of first love until a spontaneous trip ignites colossal highs and crushing emotional lows that leave them asking: is this real love or is it all just a performance?

SUN, APR 30
9:15 PM
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MON, MAY 1
12:30 PM
HART
FRI, MAY 5
9:15 PM
TBLB

GIVE ME FUTURE
D: Austin Peters | USA, Cuba | 85 min
A year after US-Cuban relations relaxed, famed electronic dance music trio Major Lazer descend on Havana for an epic free concert. Beyond the music, discover the inspiring youth culture driving a country on the brink of change.

TUE, MAY 2
9:45 PM
HOT DOCS CINEMA
THU, MAY 4
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FRI, MAY 5
8:30 PM
SCOTIA

*Free outdoor screening, p. 4

ARTSCAPES
CREATIVE MINDS, ARTISTIC PURSUITS & INVENTIVE FILMMAKING
ARTSCAPES

WORLD PREMIERE

MORE ART UPSTAIRS
D: Jody Hassett Sanchez | USA | 76 min
The world’s most attended art competition with the largest cash prize isn’t held in Paris or Berlin, but Grand Rapids, Michigan. At ArtPrize, artists must court the jury and voting public in a groundbreaking contest that’s upending the establishment.

MORE ART UPSTAIRS

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

SHADOWMAN
D: Oren Jacoby | USA | 83 min
More famous than his friends Jean-Michel Basquiat and Keith Haring, and the forerunner to Banksy, New York City street art pioneer Richard Hambleton is a just-barely living legend. Can this notorious addict and recluse survive a comeback?

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

A STORY OF SAHEL SOUNDS
D: neopankollektiv | Germany | 82 min
A hipster vinyl-record nerd or a trailblazing industry disrupter? This American indie distributor scours Niger’s electrifying music scenes for new artists. Cell phone recordings, fair contracts and arresting performances are the tools of a new Saharan trade.

STILL TOMORROW
D: Jian Fan | China | 88 min
A rural Chinese woman with cerebral palsy becomes an overnight phenomenon when her poem goes viral. Sudden fame and fortune affords her a long-desired opportunity: freedom from her 20-year marriage.

STRAD STYLE
D: Stefan Avalos | USA | 104 min
Through the magic of social media, a recluse in rural Ohio with an obsession for violins convinces a famous European virtuoso that he can construct a copy of the most valuable violin in the world. Now he has to learn how.

WHITE WALLS SAY NOTHING
D: Jonny Robson, Gates Bradley | Argentina, USA | 70 min
In a city that has faced oppression, economic disaster and dictatorship, generations of Buenos Aires muralists have turned blank walls into powerful and symbolic canvases to chronicle their turbulent history and memorialize their political resistance.
INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
ISLAND SOLDIER
D: Nathan Fitch | USA | 85 min
A remote western Pacific island nation is a “recruiter’s paradise” for the US military, and the Nena family has served for generations. They are not American citizens and cannot vote, yet they die for a country not their own.

WED, MAY 3 9:00 PM TBLB
THU, MAY 4 8:30 PM SCOTIA
SAT, MAY 6 3:30 PM HART

KIM DOTCOM: CAUGHT IN THE WEB
D: Annie Goldson | New Zealand | 108 min
Remarkable access to infamous digital pirate Kim Dotcom in his adopted home of New Zealand anchors this doc that features intense extradition efforts by SWAT teams, the US government and media titans battling over ownership and privacy in the digital age.

TUE, MAY 2 9:30 PM HART
THU, MAY 4 10:45 AM TBLB
SAT, MAY 6 5:45 PM TBLB

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
MEUTHEN’S PARTY
D: Marc Eberhardt | Germany | 92 min
Ultra nationalist right-wing parties are on the rise in Germany again. As a polite economics professor campaigns as an Alternative for Germany candidate in the state parliamentary election, frontline access exposes the startling reach of his seemingly rational rhetoric.

SAT, APR 29 3:30 PM HOT DOCS CINEMA
SUN, APR 30 10:00 AM TBLB

WORLD PREMIERE
PACMEN
D: Luke Walker | USA, Australia | 82 min
Dr. Ben Carson's campaign for the Republican nomination and the Super PAC behind it are exposed as rare insider access reveals the millions of dollars—and millions of prayers—that fuel dreams for the POTUS.

TUE, MAY 2 7:00 PM TBLB
WED, MAY 3 3:30 PM HART
FRI, MAY 5 11:00 AM TBLB
SAT, MAY 6 12:30 PM FOX

WORLD PREMIERE
STATE OF EXCEPTION
D: Jason O’Hara | Canada, Brazil | 88 min
When communities in Rio de Janeiro are threatened with forced eviction for the 2014 FIFA World Cup and 2016 Olympics, residents unite to defend their constitutional rights, which are temporarily suspended under a “state of exception.”

Screening with
HEADDRESS
D: JJ Neepin | Canada | 6 min

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
WHAT LIES UPSTREAM
D: Cullen Hoback | USA | 87 min
Smelly tap water in West Virginia quickly leads the filmmaker to corrupt chemical companies and a worsening stench emanating from the highest levels of government in this unsettling exposé of America’s drinking water.

TUE, MAY 2 9:30 PM BADER
WED, MAY 3 12:30 PM TBLB
FRI, MAY 5 9:30 PM TBLB
SAT, MAY 6 3:00 PM FOX

WORLD PREMIERE
YOU’RE SOAKING IN IT
D: Scott Harper | Canada | 75 min
The ad game’s “mad men” have become “math men,” rooting their decisions—which impact everything from consumer habits to political campaigns—in big data and hard science. Industry leaders share their secrets as their sector becomes more potent and personal.

Screening with
CANADA THE GOOD?
D: Tess Girard | Canada | 5 min

YOU’RE SOAKING IN IT
MAGNIFICENT OBSESSIONS
FOLLOW YOUR BLISS AND MAKE YOUR MARK

WORLD PREMIERE
AVEC L’AMOUR
D: Iljia Cvetkovski | Macedonia | 66 min
An aging teacher is set to retire and devote himself not to his hard-grafting wife, but to his first love: collecting rust-bucket cars. Find delight in one man’s compulsive drive to live his lifelong dream.

Screening with
CAFÉ-NATION
D: Laura O’Grady | Canada | 18 min

TUE, MAY 2  8:15 PM  TBLB
THU, MAY 4  3:30 PM  SCOTIA
SUN, MAY 7  9:15 PM  SCOTIA

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE
BRING THE JEWS HOME
D: Eefje Blankevoort, Arnold van Bruggen | Netherlands | 56 min
Want to hasten the return of Jesus Christ? Flemish Christian activist Koen Carlier can help. He travels through Ukraine, seeking out Jews to “send back” to Israel, in this tragicomic look at the absurdity of fanaticism.

Screening with
SEARCHING FOR WIVES
D: Zuki Juno Tobgye | Singapore | 12 min

MON, MAY 1  7:00 PM  HART
TUE, MAY 2  3:45 PM  HART
SUN, MAY 7  4:15 PM  BABER

THE CHALLENGE
D: Yuri Ancarani | France, Italy | 70 min
In Qatar’s scenic desert, among SUVs and private jets, wealthy Arabs prepare for a falconry competition, an ancient tradition stretching back over 400 years that has become a pastime, absurdly at odds with their otherwise ultra-modern indulgences.

Screening with
VOLTE
D: Monika Kotecka, Karolina Poryzała | Poland | 14 min

SAT, APR 29  6:15 PM  SCOTIA
WED, MAY 3  3:30 PM  INNIS
FRI, MAY 5  8:15 PM  INNIS

DONKEYOTE
D: Chico Pereira | UK | 86 min
Against his doctor’s advice, an aging man decides to travel from his home in Spain to fulfill his lifelong dream of walking the 2200-mile Trail of Tears in America, but he won’t do it without his beloved pet donkey.

Screening with
SIT
D: Yoko Okumura | USA | 12 min

TUE, MAY 2  8:30 PM  SCOTIA
THU, MAY 4  8:45 PM  SCOTIA
SUN, MAY 7  6:15 PM  SCOTIA

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE
HOBBYHORSE REVOLUTION
D: Selma Vilhunen | Finland | 90 min
Once the exclusive playingth of children, the hobbyhorse now inspires Finland’s brave and bullied teens. Competitions, flash mobs and shared online videos celebrate their love of a stick with a horse’s head, and upend expectations of age appropriateness.

INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE
LIVING THE GAME
D: Takao Gotsu | Japan | 88 min
The skillful Japanese gamers who play Street Fighter on the world stage match their technical precision against flashier, more memorable players in a game of large audiences and larger prize money. In this bigger-is-better world, can exacting compete with exciting?

Screening with
HOBBSHORSE REVOLUTION
MAGNIFICENT OBSESSIONS

SHORTS PROGRAM

Whether it’s a calling or a compulsion, our passions reveal us... or ruin us. A collection of shorts that chase ice and world records, fleeting encounters and lasting legacies.

Balloonest
D: Nathan Truesdell | USA | 6 min

A Home in Memory
D: Helena Oest | Finland | 23 min

Invading Giants
D: Kevin Fraser | Canada | 12 min

The Monster
D: Lisa Gustafsson, Johan Palmgren | Sweden | 29 min

Our Skin
D: João Queiroga | USA, Portugal | 16 min

WORLD PREMIERE

Pecking Order
D: Slavko Martinov | New Zealand | 88 min

With a cluck cluck here and a power grab there, welcome to the fry-hard world of competitive chicken pageantry. Enjoy the comedic scratches and peckish infighting in the run-up to New Zealand’s National Poultry Show.

Sat, Apr 29
6:00 PM
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Sun, Apr 30
10:30 AM
HOT DOCS CINEMA

Sat, May 6
10:00 AM
TBLB

Tokyo Idols
D: Kyoko Miyake | UK, Canada | 88 min

Young Japanese girls dream of becoming “idols” as members of all-girl bands or as young screen starlets. An aspiring pop singer and her fans expose this cultural phenomenon that’s driven by an obsession with female sexuality.

Mon, May 1
9:15 PM
SCOTIA

Wed, May 3
10:30 AM
TBLB

Sun, May 7
10:00 AM
TBLB

North American Premiere

Woman and the Glacier
D: Audrius Stonys | Lithuania | 57 min

Surrounded by silence and majestic mountains, an enigmatic Lithuanian scientist has spent 30 years religiously working in a remote glaciological station in Kazakhstan. Without regret for the civilization she left behind, she keeps watch over the planet in self-imposed solitude.

Screening with

Cargo
D: Marina Meijer | Netherlands | 25 min

Tue, May 2
6:15 PM
SCOTIA

Wed, May 3
3:30 PM
SCOTIA

Sun, May 7
6:45 PM
SCOTIA
World Premiere

**Ask the Sexpert**

D: Vaishali Sinha | USA | 75 min

Sex may be taboo in India, but millions in Mumbai religiously read an outrageous sex advice column written by a 90-year-old doctor. Watch him prescribe pleasure, consent and gender equality in strong doses. Side effects include: laughter, controversy.

Screening with

*“The Talk” True Stories About the Birds & the Bees*

D: Alain Delannoy | Canada | 9 min

Mon, May 1
9:00 PM
TBLB

Tue, May 2
4:30 PM
TBLB

Wed, May 3
3:00 PM
TBLB

International Premiere

**Becoming Bond**

D: Josh Greenbaum | USA | 90 min

Lazenby, George Lazenby. The only man to play James Bond just once shares the stranger-than-fiction story of how he lucked into the iconic role and then walked away from one of the world’s biggest film franchises.

Wed, May 3
8:30 PM
TBLB*

Thu, May 4
3:45 PM
BADER

Fri, May 5
7:00 PM
TBLB

International Premiere

**The Divine Divas**

D: Leandra Leal | Brazil | 110 min

A famed Brazilian cabaret in the 60s showcased some of the first transvestite artists who challenged the morals of a country at the height of a rigid military dictatorship. Now, 50 years into their careers, they return to the stage.

Sat, Apr 29
6:30 PM
HART

Sun, Apr 30
3:30 PM
SCOTIA

Fri, May 5
8:45 PM
TBLB

International Premiere

**Grey Violet – Odd One Out**

D: Reetta Aalto | Finland | 54 min

Driven out of Moscow by police persecution and far-right fundamentalism, a queer artist and activist seeks asylum in Finland, offering a fascinating perspective on dissidence in the face of authoritarianism.

Sat, Apr 29
4:00 PM
TBLB

Sun, Apr 30
9:30 PM
SCOTIA

Sat, May 6
4:00 PM
BADER*

International Premiere

**The Lives of Thérèse**

D: Sébastien Lifshitz | France | 55 min

Approaching the end of her life, one of France’s fiercest feminist and LGBT activists asks for her final months to be filmed so she can confront yet another taboo, aging and death, in this deeply empathetic film.

Sat, Apr 29
4:00 PM
TBLB

Sun, Apr 30
9:30 PM
SCOTIA

Intenses

**New Chefs on the Block**

D: Dustin Harrison-Atlas | USA | 96 min

Two young chefs in Washington, D.C., tackle opening their first restaurants, attempting to defy the odds in the intense and volatile world of restaurateurs. One becomes world famous, while the other must redefine success.

Sat, Apr 29
9:45 PM
TBLB

Sun, Apr 30
4:00 PM
TBLB

Sat, May 6
4:00 PM
BADER*

*Sponsorship by Fossil

House of Z

D: Sandy Chronopoulos | USA, Canada | 87 min

Take a front-row seat in the life of wunderkind designer Zac Posen with this stylish account of the meteoric rise, sudden demise and budding comeback of one of the fashion world’s darlings.

Wed, May 3
9:30 PM
HOT DOCS CINEMA

Thur, May 4
1:45 PM
TBLB

La Chana

D: Lucija Stojevic | Spain, Iceland, USA | 86 min

At the height of her career, a flamenco legend mysteriously disappears from the spotlight. Decades later she makes her dramatic return for a triumphant final performance, and reveals the terrible secret that’s kept her from the stage.

Mon, May 1
9:15 PM
HART

Wed, May 3
11:00 AM
TBLB

Thu, May 4
9:30 PM
TBLB

*Food & Film pre-screening event, p. 4

*Food & Film post-screening event, p. 4
REBELS ON POINTE
D: Bobbi Jo Hart | Canada | 90 min
Follow “the Trocks”—the world-famous drag ballerinas with a cult-like following—on their tour to meet adoring fans in Japan, Canada and across Europe, and get to know the talented men behind the makeup and tutus.

THU, MAY 4 6:00 PM TBLB
FRI, MAY 5 12:30 PM SCOTIA

SINGULAR SENSATION(S)
SHORTS PROGRAM
A short film celebration of ordinary people doing extraordinary things, one-of-a-kind personalities who put the “I” in individual and laser-focused risk-takers who stake everything on their remarkable talent, creativity and bravery.

THE ARIA OF BABYFACE CAULIFLOWER BROWN
D: Tim Grant | USA | 4 min
EYE, CAMERA
D: Brittney Shepherd | USA | 17 min

SINGULAR SENSATION(S)
FORBIDDEN LOVE: THE UNASHAMED STORIES OF LESBIAN LIVES
D: Lynne Fernie, Aeryl Weissman | Canada | 1992 | 84 min
This genre-bending doc is a cornerstone of lesbian oral history, featuring interviews with 10 women across Canada about their love lives in the 1940s, 50s and 60s and infused with a seductive—and timeless—humour.

SUN, APR 30 1:15 PM TBLB

MOHAWK GIRLS
D: Tracey Deer | Canada | 2005 | 62 min
Framed through the filmmaker’s own coming-of-age experiences a decade earlier, this doc exploring the lives of teenage girls on the Kahnawake reserve is both deeply intimate and powerfully political.

Screening with
CHRISTMAS AT MOOSE FACTORY
D: Alanis Obomsawin | Canada | 1971 | 13 min
and
NIMMIKAAGE (SHE DANCES FOR PEOPLE)
D: Michelle Latimer | Canada | 2015 | 3 min

WED, MAY 3 1:15 PM SCOTIA

P4W: PRISON FOR WOMEN
D: Janis Cole, Holly Dale | Canada | 1981 | 82 min
Canada’s iconic filmmaking duo takes us behind the walls of the women’s prison in Kingston, Ontario, turning the camera on five incarnated women who share stories and affirm the complexities of humanity with their poignant and humorous frankness.

Screening with
AUGUSTA
D: Anne Wheeler | Canada | 1976 | 16 min

SAT, APR 29 10:15 AM TBLB

SISTERS IN THE STRUGGLE
D: Dione Brand, Ginny Stikeman | Canada | 1991 | 50 min
As timely now as it was 25 years ago, this classic gives voice to Black Canadian women, who reflect on the intersection of racism and sexism, and on the personal battles they have waged in fighting white patriarchy.

Screening with
BLACK SOUL
D: Martine Chartrand | Canada | 2000 | 10 min
and
SPEAK IT! FROM THE HEART OF BLACK NOVA SCOTIA
D: Sylvia Hamilton | Canada | 1992 | 28 min

SAT, MAY 6 12:30 PM SCOTIA

TIGER SPIRIT
D: Min Sook Lee | Canada | 2007 | 74 min
Go beyond the usual narrative about contemporary Korea—with its communist North and capitalist South—to examine the consequences of war and closed borders, and to challenge conventions about who can cover politically unstable regions.

Screening with
ASSEMBLY
D: Jenn Strom | Canada | 2012 | 4 min
and
PROUDLY SHE MARCHES
D: Jane Marsh | Canada | 1943 | 18 min

FRI, APR 28 4:00 PM TBLB

TU AS CRÎÉ LET ME GO
D: Anne Claire Poirier | Canada | 1998 | 97 min
Shot in black and white, this Quebecois classic offers a close-up, all-consuming look at the filmmaker’s attempt to process the pain and loss of an unimaginable tragedy: the murder of her child.

FRI, APR 28 12:30 PM TBLB
78/52
D: Alexandre O. Philippe | USA | 91 min
The shower scene in Psycho—arguably the most iconic moment in American filmmaking—is gleefully picked apart by Hitchcock historians, horror aficionados, filmmakers, critics and actors, uncovering its enduring power and influence.

THU, MAY 4 9:30 PM HOT DOCS CINEMA
FRI, MAY 5 3:00 PM SCOTIA

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE
PHOTON
D: Norman Leto | Poland | 107 min
The history of the universe, the origins of matter, and the post-human future that lies ahead all combine with phantasmagoric visuals in a mind-bending experience unlike anything you’ve ever seen.

SAT, APR 29 8:30 PM INNIS
SAT, MAY 6 1:00 PM TBLB

RAT FILM
D: Theo Anthony | USA | 82 min
Baltimore’s history of systemic class and racial segregation intersects with an unusual examination of its dense rodent population—and the culture that surrounds it—in this incisive and unsettling anthropological study of poverty in America.

THU, APR 27 8:45 PM TBLB
FRI, APR 28 3:15 PM HART
SAT, MAY 6 8:00 PM FOX

THE ROAD MOVIE
D: Dmitrii Kalashnikov | Belarus, Russia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia | 67 min
Jaw-dropping dash-cam footage captures an unbiased look at Russia through the lens of its traffic. Major accidents, forest fires, car chases and heated violence offer a collage of chaos and bewilderment reflective of the country itself.

Screening with
CLEAN HANDS
D: Lauren DeFilippo | USA | 10 min

FRI, APR 28 6:00 PM SCOTIA
SAT, APR 29 3:15 PM SCOTIA
SUN, MAY 7 9:00 PM SCOTIA

WORLD PREMIERE
SPOOKERS
D: Florian Habicht | New Zealand, Australia | 82 min
As night falls on a former psychiatric hospital, zombies and chainsaw-wielding clowns terrorize crowds at New Zealand’s largest scare park. Come for the chilling laughs but stay for an unexpectedly thoughtful look at the life-affirming power of fear.

Screening with
MR SAND
D: Soetkin Verstegen | Denmark, Belgium | 8 min

SUN, APR 30 9:30 PM HART
TUE, MAY 2 4:30 PM BADER
SAT, MAY 6 9:00 PM REVUE

WORLD PREMIERE
SUSANNE BARTSCH: ON TOP
D: Anthony&Alex | USA | 84 min
This New York nightlife icon, event promoter, Love Ball–founder and Chelsea Hotel denizen leads us on a no-holds-barred journey through her one-of-a-kind life—fabulous friends, outrageous fashions and all.

MON, MAY 1 9:15 PM BADER
WED, MAY 3 1:00 PM BADER
FRI, MAY 5 9:00 PM REVUE
SUN, MAY 7 6:30 PM HART
ALL MY LOVING
D: Tony Palmer | UK | 1968 | 55 min
Commissioned to “explain” pop music to older BBC viewers, this collage of encounters with Hendrix, The Who, Cream and Anthony Burgess—punctuated with riot and atrocity footage—declared an end to Top of the Pops innocence.

Screening with
ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE (EP. 14, THE BEATLES)
D: Tony Palmer | UK | 1976 | 55 min
From the groundbreaking 17-part series on the social history of popular music, this genre-defining episode featuring the Beatles inspired Eric Idle’s homage mock-doc on the Rutles, All You Need is Cash. Essential.

FRI, MAY 5  | 4:00 PM  | TBLB

THE BEATLES AND WORLD WAR II
D: Tony Palmer | UK | 2016 | 97 min
WWII footage meets the Beatles as sung by Elton John, Tina Turner, the Bee Gees and others? This bizarre reimagining of a 1976 film, transformed by Palmer with new music and visuals, is a provocative anti-war musical.

WED, MAY 3  | 1:30 PM  | TBLB

BIRD ON A WIRE
D: Tony Palmer | UK | 2010 | 106 min
A record of Leonard Cohen’s 1972 European tour, with chronology and cliché tossed aside. No filmmaker ever got closer to Cohen than this.

FRI, MAY 5  | 1:30 PM  | TBLB

FALLS THE SHADOW: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ATHOL FUGARD
D: Tony Palmer | UK | 2012 | 140 min
This examination of the life and work of celebrated South African playwright Athol Fugard, set to a Hans Zimmer score, blends performances, archives and observations from Desmond Tutu, Ben Kingsley and, in his last-ever interview, Nelson Mandela.

SAT, MAY 6  | 4:30 PM  | TBLB

THE HARVEST OF SORROW
D: Tony Palmer | UK | 1998 | 102 min
Entrancing for both the novice and aficionado, Palmer’s brilliant portrait of Sergei Rachmaninoff is told through the pianist-composer’s own words, and features readings by Sir John Gielgud, dynamically filmed musical performances and evocative images of his world.

THU, MAY 4  | 1:15 PM  | TBLB

MARGOT
D: Tony Palmer | UK | 2005 | 163 min
The rise and fall of legendary ballerina Margot Fonteyn, told through extensive archives, firsthand accounts and Palmer-curated performance footage, is a story that has it all: courage, talent, celebrity, sex, betrayal, tragedy…and lover Rudolf Nureyev.

SUN, MAY 7  | 2:15 PM  | TBLB
## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

### LEGEND

- SPECIAL EVENTS
- SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
- CANADIAN SPECTRUM
- INTERNATIONAL SPECTRUM
- WORLD SHOWCASE
- MADE IN JAPAN
- ARTSCAPES
- DEMOCRACY
- MAGNIFICENT OBSESSIONS
- SINGULAR SENSATIONS
- FOCUS ON MAYA GALLUS
- REDUX
- NIGHTVISION
- OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
- DOXX

### AGA KHAN
- Aga Khan Museum

### HOT DOCS CINEMA
- Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema

### BADER
- Isabel Bader Theatre

### INNIS
- Innis Town Hall

### BPLTO
- Brookfield Place

### REVEUE
- The Revue

### CHURCH
- First Evangelical Lutheran Church

### SCOTIA
- Scotiabank Theatre Toronto

### FOX
- Fox Theatre

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- Hart House Theatre

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  - In Time to Come
  - Do Donkeys Act?
  - Silent Teacher

- **7 PM**
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  - The Workers Cup
  - Rat Film
  - World Without End (No Reported Incidents)
  - Whitney “Can I Be Me”

- **8 PM**
  - Intent to Destroy
  - The Road Movie
  - Blurred Lines
  - Whitney “Can I Be Me”

- **9 PM**
  - Elián
  - Bee Nation
  - Bader Theatre
  - Scotiabank Theatre Toronto

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### Venues

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   - documentary Channel Screening Room
   - Isabel Bader Theatre
   - 93 Charles Street West

2. **BOX OFFICE**
   - CraveTV Hot Docs
   - Box Office
   - 605 Bloor Street West

3. **BPLTO**
   - Brookfield Place, Sam Pollock Square
   - 181 Bay Street

4. **CHURCH**
   - First Evangelical Lutheran Church
   - 116 Bond Street

5. **HART**
   - Hart House Theatre
   - 7 Hart House Circle

6. **HOT DOCS CINEMA**
   - Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema
   - 506 Bloor Street West

7. **INNIS**
   - Innis Town Hall
   - 2 Sussex Avenue

8. **SCOTIA**
   - Scotiabank Theatre Toronto
   - 259 Richmond Street West

9. **TBLB**
   - TIFF Bell Lightbox
   - Reitman Square
   - 350 King Street West

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Not Shown on Map:

- **AGA KHAN**
  - Aga Khan Museum
  - 77 Wynford Drive

- **FOX**
  - Fox Theatre
  - 2236 Queen Street East

- **REVUE**
  - The Revue
  - 400 Roncesvalles Avenue

- **TCA**
  - Toronto Centre for the Arts
  - 5040 Yonge Street

### TTC Stations

- **Yong-University-Spadina**
- **Bloor-Danforth**

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**Additional Information:**

- **Box Office Hours:**
  - 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM
  - 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM

- **Screening Information:**
  - All screenings are in 3D unless otherwise noted.

- **Ticketing:**
  - Available online at hotdocs.ca
  - On-site at each venue

- **Food and Beverage:**
  - Vendors available at each venue

- **Parking:**
  - Street parking available
  - Parking garage at Brookfield Place

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**Contact Information:**

- **Hot Docs:**
  - [hotdocs.ca](http://hotdocs.ca)

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**Safety Tips:**

- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings.
- Keep valuables secure.
- Report any safety concerns to venue staff.

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**Event Cancellation:**

- In case of inclement weather, check hotdocs.ca for updates.

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