

Full Lineup Announced for Hot Docs Podcast Festival, October 12-15

Presented in partnership with Rakuten Kobo

- 10 podcasts and five insider panels over expanded four-day festival
- Go inside San Quentin State Prison with *Ear Hustle*, hear tales of the heart with *Modern Love*, explore intersections of race and pop culture with *The Nod*, and more!

Toronto, August 29, 2017 – After the resounding success of last year’s inaugural event, Hot Docs is excited to bring back **Hot Docs Podcast Festival**, featuring an expanded four-day lineup of 10 acclaimed podcasts, five insider panels and a special meet-and-greet that will entertain, inform and invigorate! Hot Docs Podcast Festival runs from October 12-15 at Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema.

“In its first year, the Podcast Festival was as a small pilot project to showcase some great storytellers and create unique experiences for our audience. We weren’t sure what to expect, but the audiences were huge and the feedback was tremendous,” said Alan Black, managing director of Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema and co-curator of Hot Docs Podcast Festival.

“This year, I believe we’ve curated the greatest assemblage of podcasts and panels to ever hit this country, and we’re so excited for the opportunity to not only build on our own success, but to help facilitate opportunities for a community of audio creators that we had a small part in helping to create.”

Visit the website at www.hotdocs.ca/podcastfestival.

Participating podcasts:

- [Another Round](#)
- [CANADALAND](#)
- [Ear Hustle](#)
- [The Fridge Light](#)
- [Grownups Read Things They Wrote as Kids](#)
- [Intercepted](#)
- [The Memory Palace](#)
- [Missing Richard Simmons](#)
- [Modern Love: The Podcast](#)
- [The Nod](#)

Insider panels:

- [Beyond the Blood: Turning True Crime Stories into Artful Podcasts](#)
- [The Decision Makers: Podcast Executives in Conversation](#)
- [Finding Your Voice: The Art and Craft of Hosting a Podcast](#)
- [Podcasting Essentials: The Tools You Need to Make Your Show](#)
- [Ready for Takeoff: What it Takes to Launch a Successful New Podcast](#)

Schedule:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:30 AM

INSIDER PANEL: *Beyond the Blood: Turning True Crime Stories into Artful Podcasts*

Join a discussion with three talented podcasters who have taken the super-popular true crime genre beyond schlocky thrills, exploring unforgettable characters and important social issues.

- David Ridgen: producer, writer and host of *Someone Knows Something*
- Connie Walker: host of *Missing and Murdered*
- Tally Abecassis: host and creator of *First Day Back*

11:30 AM

INSIDER PANEL: *Finding Your Voice: The Art and Craft of Hosting a Podcast*

Four popular podcast hosts have a candid chat about their craft. How did they cultivate their talents as storytellers, and what sort of relationship do they hope to build with their audiences?

- Sook-Yin Lee: host of CBC's *Sleepover*
- Ryan McMahon: host of *Red Man Laughing* and *Canadaland Commons*
- Dan Misener: host of *Grownups Read Things They Wrote as Kids*
- Hannah Sung: co-host of the *Globe and Mail's Colour Code*

6:30 PM

Missing Richard Simmons

The show that launched a thousand think pieces and ruled the iTunes charts returns for a one-of-a-kind live event. Hear the untold story behind Dan Taberski's wildly popular podcast.

9:30 PM

Grownups Read Things They Wrote as Kids

Following a sold-out show at last year's festival, this Canadian favourite is back by popular demand. Watch brave adults present their weird and wonderful childhood and teenage writing.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00 AM

INSIDER PANEL: *Podcast Essentials: The Tools You Need to Make Your Show*

Co-Presented by Camp Tech

Podcasting experts relay the practical nitty-gritty on recording, editing and distributing your show. Get the facts on creation, monetization and promotion.

- JP Davidson: independent podcast producer, instructor of Camp Tech's Intro to Podcasting workshop and creator of Ottawa's PopUp Podcasting Studio
- Suzanne Hancock: host of *Sunday Night Dinner*
- Nana aba Duncan: host of *Fresh Air* on CBC Radio One and *Media Girlfriends*
- Sebastian Major: host of *Our Fake History*
- Avery Swartz, founder and CEO of Camp Tech

11:00 AM

INSIDER PANEL: *Ready for Takeoff: What it Takes to Launch a Successful New Podcast*

Three veteran podcasters discuss their experiences launching acclaimed podcasts. What creative and editorial adjustments had to be made as they developed their hit shows?

- Leital Molad: executive producer of *Missing Richard Simmons* and *Intercepted*
- Eric Eddings: co-host of *The Nod* and producer of *Mogul*
- Jesse Brown: host/producer who has overseen the launch of *Canadaland*, *The Imposter* and *Canadaland Commons*

1:00 PM

INSIDER PANEL: *The Decision Makers: Podcast Executives in Conversation*

Podcast executives from Radiotopia, Gimlet Media and CBC discuss how they build their roster of shows, and what trends are shaping their decisions.

- Julie Shapiro: executive producer at Radiotopia
- Caitlin Kenney: VP for New Show Development at Gimlet Media
- Arif Noorani: Executive Producer of CBC Original Podcasts

6:30 PM

Intercepted

Acclaimed journalist Jeremy Scahill hosts this timely and essential podcast from *The Intercept*. Speak truth to power and uncover hidden stories behind the rise of Trump.

9:30 PM

The Nod

Expect fun, games and razor-sharp insights from hosts Brittany Luse and Eric Eddings (the duo behind *For Colored Nerds*) in this gleeful celebration of Black culture from Gimlet Media.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

12:30 PM

The Fridge Light

Discover the hidden stories behind the things we eat with top food writer and former *Globe and Mail* restaurant critic Chris Nuttall-Smith in the live debut of this new CBC original podcast.

4:30 PM

Ear Hustle

Discover daily life behind the bars of San Quentin State Prison with the world's first podcast made by inmates, as co-host Nigel Poor brings Radiotopia's groundbreaking show to the stage.

6:30 PM – OFF-SITE EVENT

Meet and Greet with Radiotopia

Join Nigel Poor of *Ear Hustle*, Nate DiMeo of *The Memory Palace*, Radiotopia's executive producer Julie Shapiro and other audio producers for this free and informal event.

9:15 PM

Another Round

Join Tracy Clayton and Heben Nigatu as they sip bourbon and discuss culture, race and gender during in-depth interviews on BuzzFeed's award-winning podcast.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

12:30 PM

Modern Love: The Podcast

Join the *Modern Love* producers and a cast of brilliant actors as they present stories on the joys and tribulations of love, loss and redemption from the beloved *New York Times* column.

4:30 PM

The Memory Palace

This Peabody Award finalist recounts short, surprising stories from the American past. Host Nate Dimeo's live show is a dazzling staging of one of the world's most acclaimed podcasts.

8:00 PM

CANADALAND

Renegade podcaster Jesse Brown is joined by Toronto Star Washington correspondent Daniel Dale for a crucial assessment of what, if anything, facts mean in today's political climate.

Passes are on sale for Hot Docs members today. Passes are available to the public on Thursday, August 31; single tickets for Hot Docs members are on sale Friday, September 1; and single tickets go on sale to the public Tuesday, September 5.

All-Access Passes, including one ticket to each insider panel and podcast event, are \$199 (\$168 for Hot Docs Members); Conference Passes, including one ticket to each insider panel, are \$64 (\$44 for Hot Docs Members); single tickets to insider panels are \$19 (\$15 for Hot Docs Members); and single tickets to podcast events are \$29–\$34 (\$23–\$29 for Hot Docs Members).

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[Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema](#) is a historic, century-old cinema located in Toronto's vibrant Annex neighbourhood. Owned and operated by Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival, the 684-seat venue is a year-round home for first-run Canadian and international documentaries, as well as special documentary presentations and showcases, including the popular Doc Soup screening series. Continuing its longstanding role as a community cinema, it also hosts many of the city's independent film festivals and is a proud member of the Bloor St. Culture Corridor. In June 2016, a donation from the Rogers Foundation enabled Hot Docs to purchase the cinema.

Hot Docs (www.hotdocs.ca), North America's largest documentary festival, conference and market, will present its 24th annual edition from April 26-May 6, 2018. An outstanding selection of over 200

Hot Docs is a charitable, not-for-profit organization committed to advancing the art of documentary and supporting opportunities for independent filmmakers.

documentaries from Canada and around the world will be presented to Toronto audiences and international delegates. Hot Docs will also mount a full roster of conference sessions and market events and services for documentary practitioners, including the renowned Hot Docs Forum, Hot Docs Deal Maker and the Doc Shop.

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