

HOT DOCS ANNOUNCES DRIVE-IN SCREENINGS AT ONTARIO PLACE THIS SUMMER

***SUMMER OF SOUL (...OR, WHEN THE REVOLUTION COULD NOT BE TELEVISED)*
TO SCREEN ON JUNE 25**

Toronto, ON, June 17, 2021 – Hot Docs is pleased to announce that it will present two films this summer at Ontario Place’s drive-in cinema. The first film will be Ahmir “Questlove” Thompson’s *Summer of Soul (...Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised)* on Friday, June 25. The documentary, which had its Canadian premiere at the Hot Docs Festival this spring, recounts the legendary 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival that celebrated African American music. The second film will be presented on July 23 and will be announced in the coming weeks.

Tickets are \$10 per person with 100 per cent of the proceeds going to support Hot Docs’ film series *For Viola*, which centres around Black, Indigenous, and People Of Colour (BIPOC)-led stories and filmmakers, named in honour of Canadian civil rights icon Viola Desmond. Tickets are available today and can be purchased through the [Ontario Place website](#).

SUMMER OF SOUL (...OR, WHEN THE REVOLUTION COULD NOT BE TELEVISED)

D: Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson | USA | 2021 | 117 min

In his acclaimed debut as a filmmaker, Ahmir “Questlove” Thompson presents a powerful and transporting documentary—part music film, part historical record created around an epic event that celebrated Black history, culture and fashion. Over the course of six weeks in the summer of 1969, just one hundred miles south of Woodstock, The Harlem Cultural Festival was filmed in Mount Morris Park (now Marcus Garvey Park). The footage was never seen and largely forgotten—until now. *Summer of Soul* shines a light on the importance of history to our spiritual well-being and stands as a testament to the healing power of music during times of unrest, both past and present. The feature includes never-before-seen concert performances by Stevie Wonder, Nina Simone, Sly & the Family Stone, Gladys Knight & the Pips, Mahalia Jackson, B.B. King, The 5th Dimension and more.

Summer of Soul (...Or, When the Revolution Could Not be Televised) is the first official project under the recently announced Onyx Collective brand. The winner of both the Grand Jury Prize and Audience Award at Sundance Film Festival will be released theatrically by Searchlight Pictures and will begin streaming exclusively on Disney+ featuring Star in Canada on July 2, 2021.

Friday, June 25

This screening is presented in partnership with Scotia Wealth Management.

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[Hot Docs](#), North America’s largest documentary festival, conference and market, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing and celebrating the art of documentary and to creating production opportunities for documentary filmmakers. Year-round, Hot Docs supports the Canadian and international industry with professional development programs and a multi-million-dollar production fund portfolio, and fosters education through documentaries with its popular free program Docs For Schools. Hot Docs owns and programs the Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema, a century-old

landmark located in Toronto's Annex neighbourhood and the world's first and largest documentary cinema, and operates Hot Docs at Home streaming platform.

Hot Docs is proud to include Scotia Wealth Management as its Presenting Platinum Partner; Rogers Group of Funds as its Founding Partner; CBC Gem as its Signature Partner; Crave and Netflix as its Presenting Partners; and Telefilm Canada and the Government of Ontario as its Major Supporters.

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