

## AHMIR “QUESTLOVE” THOMPSON ANNOUNCED AS CLOSING KEYNOTE FOR INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Toronto, ON, May 3, 2021— Hot Docs is thrilled to announce that Ahmir “Questlove” Thompson will be the closing keynote speaker at this year’s industry conference. In *A Conversation with Questlove*, the musician will sit down with NOW Magazine’s culture editor Radheyen Simonpillai to discuss his Hot Docs Official Selection *Summer of Soul (...Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised)* and why he chose to document a story that has been ignored and forgotten for far too long. Questlove’s keynote will stream on Thursday, May 6, at 1:30 p.m. on the industry conference platform until May 9, with an extended viewing window for All-Access Pass holders until May 31. The keynote will also be available for public Festival audiences to watch for free at a special online streaming event on May 6, at 1:30 p.m. on the Hot Docs website at [hotdocs.ca](http://hotdocs.ca), and will also be made available to ticket buyers of the film.

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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. Hot Docs will present its 28th annual edition online from April 29-May 9, 2021, during which a full roster of industry conference sessions, market programs and networking events will be held for Canadian and international delegates, including the renowned Hot Docs Forum, Hot Docs Deal Maker, Distribution Rendezvous and The Doc Shop. 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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