

NIGHTVISION PROGRAM SHARES STORIES OF SECRET MALL APARTMENTS, SHAKESPEARIAN VIDEO GAME PLAY AND JAPANESE BUTOH DANCE

Toronto, March 26, 2024 – Hot Docs is excited to unveil the lineup for **Nightvision**, featuring three films destined to become cult doc classics. This program is renowned for showcasing distinct and imaginative filmmaking and is ideal for those seeking boundary-pushing, outside-the-box docs that transport viewers to a world of boundless creativity, boldness, and occasional strangeness. The 2024 Hot Docs Festival will take place April 25 to May 5 in Toronto.

The Nightvision program includes the international premiere of ***Secret Mall Apartment***, the remarkable story of a group of Rhode Islanders who create a clandestine apartment inside the local mall in defiant protest of gentrification.

The program also includes the North American premiere of ***Invisible People***, an exploration of Japanese Butoh, the unique contemporary dance born from natural experience that represents a communion between the living and the dead, and the Canadian premiere of ***Grand Theft Hamlet***, in which two out-of-work-during-the-pandemic British actors attempt the impossible: mounting a full-scale production of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* inside Grand Theft Auto Online.

Screening times and descriptions for films in the Nightvision program appear below. In many cases, filmmakers will be in attendance for post-screening discussions. For more information on the program please visit www.hotdocs.ca/whats-on.

GRAND THEFT HAMLET

D: Pinny Grylls, Sam Crane | P: Julia Ton, Rebecca Wolff | UK | 2024 | 88 min | Canadian Premiere
During the pandemic, two out-of-work British actors attempt the impossible: mounting a full-scale production of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* inside Grand Theft Auto Online, resulting in a deeply personal story shot entirely within game's ultra-violent virtual world.

Saturday, April 27, 7:45 PM - SCOTIA 5

Monday, April 29, 8:30 PM - SCOTIA 5

INVISIBLE PEOPLE

D: Alisa Berger | P: Luc-Jérôme Bailleul, Alisa Berger | France, Germany | 2023 | 71 min | North American Premiere

An immersive exploration of Japanese Butoh, the unique contemporary dance born from natural experience that represents a communion between the living and the dead, is led by master Yoshito Ohno, the son of Butoh-founder Kazuo Ohno, who passed away during shooting.

Thursday, May 2, 8:00 PM - SCOTIA 6

Sunday, May 5, 4:00 PM - Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema

SECRET MALL APARTMENT

D: Jeremy Workman | P: Jeremy Workman | USA | 2024 | 92 min | International Premiere

The remarkable story of a group of Rhode Islanders who create a clandestine apartment inside the local mall, move in, tap into the mall's electricity, construct a brick wall and install a locking door in defiant protest of gentrification.

Friday, May 3, 8:15 PM - Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema

Saturday, May 4, 8:30 PM - TLB2

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[Hot Docs \(www.hotdocs.ca\)](http://www.hotdocs.ca), 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 31st annual edition from April 25 to May 5, 2024, in cinemas across Toronto. Hot Docs will also mount a dynamic series of knowledge sessions, networking opportunities and market programs for documentary practitioners and industry delegates, including the renowned Hot Docs Forum and Hot Docs Deal Maker. Year-round, Hot Docs supports the Canadian and international industry with professional development programs and a multi-million-dollar film 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.

Starting Tuesday, March 26, Festival ticket package holders, including Doc Soup subscribers, can redeem their ticket packages, and Hot Docs Members can purchase single tickets. Starting Tuesday, April 2, single tickets will be available to the public. Tickets and ticket packages can be purchased and/or redeemed [online](http://www.hotdocs.ca) at www.hotdocs.ca or in person at Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema Box Office, located at 506 Bloor Street West (hours vary daily in accordance with cinema screenings). Single tickets are \$20 to regular Festival screenings and \$23 to Special Presentations screenings (\$18-\$20 members). Special events vary in price. A Festival 12-Pack is \$209 and a Festival 20-Pack is \$299. Hot Docs offers free tickets for all screenings before 5:00 p.m. to seniors and students with valid photo I.D., available online the day of the screening, subject to availability. Free screenings for students courtesy of CBC and CBC Gem.

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