

**DOC SOUP 2022-23 SEASON TO LAUNCH ON OCTOBER 5  
WITH TORONTO PREMIERE OF MICHELLE SHEPHARD'S *THE PERFECT STORY*  
AT HOT DOCS TED ROGERS CINEMA**

**Toronto, August 9, 2022** – Hot Docs is pleased to announce the much-anticipated return of its popular Doc Soup monthly subscription screening series for its 22<sup>nd</sup> season. With screenings from October to April, the 2022-23 season will feature some of the year's newest and most captivating docs, followed by insightful Q&As with filmmakers and special guests. The beloved must-see series for Toronto's film community will kick off with the Toronto premiere of award-winning Canadian investigative reporter Michelle Shephard's gripping new documentary *The Perfect Story*, followed by a live Q&A with the director and special guests, on October 5 at 6:30 pm, at Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema, 506 Bloor Street West.

A Frequent Flyer Films and NFB co-production, *The Perfect Story* (D: Michelle Shephard | Canada | 2021 | 74 mins) offers a riveting, intimate look at the ethical and moral challenges sparked by the relationship between a foreign correspondent and a young Somali refugee. By revealing the boundaries of journalism and filmmaking, the film questions what stories are told, why, and who gets to tell them. To expand on the themes raised in the film, the screening will be followed by a specially curated panel led by director Michelle Shephard and featuring journalists and experts.

Doc Soup subscriptions are now available at an early-bird price of \$209 (\$199 for Hot Docs Members) at [hotdocs.ca](https://hotdocs.ca). Early-bird pricing ends September 13. Doc Soup subscriptions include admission to each of the seven in-cinema monthly screenings, exclusive access to stream the films on Hot Docs at Home for a limited time window, and 12 tickets for the 2023 Hot Docs Festival.

Single tickets for Doc Soup screenings will be available for \$15 (from \$10 for Hot Docs Members). Single tickets for *The Perfect Story* go on sale September 14.

For more information on *The Perfect Story* visit <https://mediaspace.nfb.ca/epk/the-perfect-story/>

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Owned and operated by [Hot Docs](https://hotdocs.ca), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing and celebrating the art of documentary, Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema is the world's largest documentary cinema. A historic, century-old landmark located in Toronto's vibrant Annex neighbourhood, the Cinema is a year-round home for non-fiction film and storytelling, presenting first-run international and Canadian documentaries, curated film and speakers series, signature events including Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival, Hot Docs Podcast Festival and Curious Minds Weekend, as well as hosting for some of the city's premier festivals and events. Since assuming management in 2012, Hot Docs has screened over 1,425 films to audiences of more than 1.3 million. In 2016, a generous \$5-million donation from Rogers Foundation enabled Hot Docs to purchase venue.



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