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CELEBRITY GUESTS, POP CULTURE ICONS, AND THE HOTTEST DOCS OF 2022 AT HOT DOCS TED ROGERS CINEMA IN NOVEMBER

Toronto, ON – This November, **Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema**, North America’s first and largest documentary cinema, will showcase the buzziest awards-contenders of 2022 and brand-new docs exploring pop pantheon icons, introduce more free-for-members events, and will feature some of today’s most recognizable names. Appearing on the Hot Docs stage this month to discuss their latest books are American-Canadian actor **Matthew Perry**; former Member of Parliament, lawyer and advocate **Jody Wilson-Raybould**; and award-winning author, activist and actress **Amber Tamblyn**. To view the full November 2022 calendar, visit hotdocs.ca/whats-on/watch-cinema.

FIRST-RUN THEATRICAL RELEASES

- First-run films exploring pop culture idols include ***Mickey: The Story of a Mouse***, following the evolution of the beloved icon from his early *Steamboat Willie* days to today; and ***Moonage Daydream***, a kaleidoscopic cinematic journey into the life and genius of David Bowie, featuring never-before-seen footage, performances and music.
- ***Meet Me in the Bathroom***, an immersive journey through the New York music scene of the early 2000s, featuring never-before-seen footage of artists including Yeah Yeah Yeahs, The Strokes, Interpol and LCD Soundsystem. The November 20 / 7 pm screening will be followed by a Zoom Q&A with Lizzy Goodman., the author whose book inspired the film.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- November **Curious Minds Author Talks** with notable guests include beloved *Friends* star **Matthew Perry** in conversation about his revealing new memoir ***Friends, Lovers and the Big Terrible Thing***; award-winning author, activist and actress **Amber Tamblyn** discussing her powerful new book ***Listening in the Dark: Women Reclaiming the Power of Intuition***—an uplifting celebration of the power of intuition; and former Member of Parliament, lawyer and advocate **Jody Wilson-Raybould**, who will provide an accessible and achievable roadmap on reconciliation as detailed in her new book ***True Reconciliation: How to Be a Force for Change***.
- An exclusive **Season 2 Premiere** of the acclaimed series ***Sort Of*** ahead of its CBC launch, screening the first three episodes of the season and featuring a live post-screening Q&A with **many of the *Sort Of* cast as well as co-creators Bilal Baig and Fab Filippo**.
- Late ‘90s pop culture juggernauts will be revisited in ***Dancing in The Aisles: Backstreet Boys***, screening the boy band doc ***Backstreet Boys: Show Em What You’re Made Of*** and providing signature cocktails and rockin’ dance moves, and **CBC Pop Chat Live: *Titanic Turns 25!***, a nostalgic iceberg-free ocean liner journey back to 1997 with the hosts of ***Pop Chat* Elamin Abdelmehmoud and Amil Niazi**.

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

- In the tradition of *Rocky Horror*, Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema presents **Twilight Fangirl Picture Show**, a wildly interactive screening of the cinematic treasure that gave us “Robsten,” hosted by **comedy duo** Carley Thorne and Meredith Mullen (**Uber and Klonk**).
- In addition, the Cinema will present a **Family Screening** of the whimsical *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* in partnership with the ROM, featuring real touchable specimens from the Museum’s collections, inspired by the exhibition *Fantastic Beasts: The Wonder of Nature*; a **Free Community Screening** in honour of **Viola Desmond Day**, screening Canadian docs *Journey to Justice* and *Nancy’s Workshop*; a one-night-only screening of *Westwood: Punk, Icon, Activist*, a chronicle of the rebellious life of quintessential British fashion designer Vivienne Westwood, building on Nathalie Atkinson’s **Fashion & Society** Curious Minds course; an exclusive sneak peek of *Kings of Coke*, a riveting chronicle of a gang of Irish bank robbers from Montreal; and an encore screening of the Toronto-centric doc *Drop The Needle*, the story of Yonge Street record store Play De Record.

THE HOTTEST DOCS

As awards season heats up, Hot Docs brings you a selection of the most acclaimed and awarded documentaries of the year. Each screening includes a live or pre-recorded Q&A with the film’s director.

- **The Hottest Docs** series screenings include doc sensation *Fire of Love*, in which two intrepid scientists devote themselves to understanding the mysteries of volcanoes while falling in love; *Last Flight Home*, an intimate verité film documenting Air Florida founder Eli Timoner as he faces death; *I Didn’t See You There*, a ground-breaking documentary shot entirely from the filmmaker’s literal physical perspective, both from his wheelchair and his two feet; *Good Night Oppy*, a heart-warming portrait of Opportunity, the Mars Exploration Rover that explored the red planet for nearly 15 years; *Sirens*, capturing Lebanon’s first all-female metal band as they battle sexism, censorship, and themselves; *Descendant*, the powerful story of the descendants of the survivors from the Clotilda, the last ship to carry enslaved Africans to the United States; *Riotville, USA*, an intense deep dive into the responses to the 1960s protests using archival footage to capture the militarization of the police during that time; *A House Made of Splinters*, in which a dedicated group of social workers at an orphanage in Eastern Ukraine attempt to create a refuge for children from the heavy toll of war; *Navalny*, an engrossing and thrilling portrait of Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny; and *Eternal Spring*, in which exiled comic book artist Daxiong uses animation to tell the story of the Falun Gong’s fight against brutal government repression in China.

SERIES

- Series in November include the second film of the 2022-23 **Doc Soup** season. The popular monthly subscription series will screen *Path of the Panther*, an epic tale of nature and humanity at a crossroads highlighting the perils facing the Florida panther, the last big cat surviving in the

eastern United States and the state animal of Florida, as it nears extinction. The screening will be followed by a live Q&A with director Eric Bendick.

- For music lovers: **This Film Should Be Played Loud** series will screen *Let There Be Drums*, an examination of the personal struggles that many musicians and their families face, the nature of how music passes from generation to generation, and the essential role that drumming plays in human life.

HOT DOCS AT HOME

- Exclusive for Hot Docs Members and Hot Docs at Home subscribers is the new streaming series **30 Years of Hot Docs**, a celebration of some of the most impactful docs that have been a part of North America's largest documentary Festival since its inception. Starting in November, four titles from the very first Hot Docs Festival will be available, including 1994's winner of Best Short Documentary *Minoru: Memory of Exile*, the illuminating and surprisingly funny Noam Chomsky doc *Manufacturing Consent*, the genre-bending *Bowl of Bone: Tale of Syuwe*, and the winner of Hot Docs Festival 1994 Best Independent Production *In the Gutter and Other Good Places*.

Cinema Ticket \$15 (Members tickets from \$10) *

*Unless otherwise specified

FIRST-RUN FILMS

First-Run

MOONAGE DAYDREAM

D: Brett Morgen | USA, Germany | 140 min | 2022

Moonage Daydream illuminates the life and genius of David Bowie, one of the most prolific and influential artists of our time. Told through sublime, kaleidoscopic, never-before-seen footage, performances, and music.

Opens Saturday, November 5

Premiere

MICKEY: THE STORY OF A MOUSE

D: Jeff Malmberg | USA | 89 min | 2022

Follow the evolution of Mickey Mouse, from humble beginnings to one of the most recognizable and beloved icons in the world.

Opens Saturday, November 12

*Free for Members

First-Run

MEET ME IN THE BATHROOM

D: Will Lovelace, Dylan Southern | USA | 105 min | 2022

An immersive journey through the New York music scene of the early 2000s, featuring never-before-seen footage of artists like Yeah Yeah Yeahs, The Strokes, Interpol and LCD Soundsystem.

The Sunday, November 20 / 7 PM screening will be followed by a Zoom Q&A with author Lizzy Goodman, moderated by Liv, founder and administrator of popular social media account @indiesleaze.

Opens Friday, November 18

SERIES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Event

KINGS OF COKE: EXCLUSIVE SNEAK PEEK

D: Julian Sher | Canada | 90 min | 2021

A riveting chronicle of how a gang of Irish bank robbers from Montreal rose to become one of North America's most feared criminal organizations.

Followed by a live post-screening Q&A with director Julian Sher.

Tuesday, November 1 / 7 PM

*Free for Members

Curious Minds Further Viewing

WESTWOOD: PUNK, ICON, ACTIVIST

D: Lorna Tucker | UK | 80 min | 2018

Complement the exciting themes and stories of Nathalie Atkinson's Curious Minds series on *Fashion & Society* with a screening of this acclaimed doc on groundbreaking British designer Vivienne Westwood.

Tuesday, November 1 / 4 PM

Doc Soup

PATH OF THE PANTHER

D: Eric Bendick | USA | 88 min | 2022

Drawn in by the haunting specter of the Florida panther, photographer Carlton Ward finds himself on the front lines of an accelerating battle between forces of renewal and destruction that have pushed the Everglades to the brink of ecological collapse.

Followed by a live post-screening Q&A with director Eric Bendick.

Wednesday, November 2 / 6:30 PM

* Doc Soup subscribers can view online from Thursday, November 3 to Sunday, November 6 on the watch.hotdocs.ca portal.

Special Event

EXCLUSIVE SEASON 2 PREMIERE OF SORT OF

Join the *Sort Of* cast and co-creators, Bilal Baig and Fab Filippo, for the exclusive Season 2 premiere of the acclaimed series before its CBC launch, followed by a Q&A.

Saturday, November 5 / 8 PM

*Free Event

Special Screening

DROP THE NEEDLE

D: Rob Freeman | Canada | 96 min | 2021

This is the story of Play De Record—an unassuming family-run record store on Yonge Street that became a vital part of Toronto’s music ecosystem in the 90s.

Sunday, November 6 / 7 PM

Free Community Screening

VIOLA DESMOND DAY: JOURNEY TO JUSTICE AND NANCY'S WORKSHOP

Screening

JOURNEY TO JUSTICE

D: Roger McTair | Canada | 47 min | 2000

WINNER Best Documentary Award, Reel Black Awards Toronto 2001

and

NANCY'S WORKSHOP

D: Aïcha Diop | Canada | 20 min | 2019

WINNER Audience Award for Best Short Doc, Hot Docs Festival 2020

Honour Viola Desmond day with a free community screening of *Journey to Justice* and *Nancy's Workshop*. Learn about Desmond and her fellow Black Canadians who championed civil rights in court and see her influence in the hair care of young Black girls today.

Tuesday, November 8 / 4 PM

*Free Event

Curious Minds Author Talks

JODY WILSON-RAYBOULD ON TRUE RECONCILIATION: HOW TO BE A FORCE FOR CHANGE

In her remarkable career as a Member of Parliament, Cabinet Minister, lawyer and advocate, there is one question that Canadians have asked Jody Wilson-Raybould more than any other: What can I do to help advance reconciliation? Moderated by award-winning columnist and feature writer with The Globe and Mail, Elizabeth Renzetti.

Tuesday, November 8 / 7 PM

*Free for Members

Curious Minds Author Talks

FRIENDS, LOVERS, AND THE BIG TERRIBLE THING: MATTHEW PERRY IN CONVERSATION

Join beloved *Friends* star Matthew Perry and special guests for a rare in-person conversation about his new memoir – *Friends, Lovers and the Big Terrible Thing*.
Presented in partnership with CAA.

Thursday, November 10 / 7 PM

*Sold Out

Curious Minds Author Talks

AMBER TAMBLYN ON THE POWER OF WOMEN'S INTUITION

Join award-winning author, activist and actress Amber Tamblyn, live on the Hot Docs stage, to discuss one of the most timely and impactful books of the year—an uplifting celebration of the power of intuition to change our lives and the world.

Sunday, November 13 / 5:30 PM

*Free for Members

*Patrons attending this screening are requested to wear a mask at all times unless eating or drinking.

Family Screening

FANTASTIC BEASTS WITH ROM

D: David Yates | USA, UK | 133 min | 2016

Bring the family to this fun and interactive event, featuring a screening of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. We'll be joined by ROM's team, who will be presenting real touchable specimens from the Museum's collections before the screening begins, inspired by the exhibition *Fantastic Beasts™: The Wonder of Nature*.

Presented in partnership with the Royal Ontario Museum.

Sunday, November 13 / 1:30 PM

*Tickets: \$15 (\$7.50 for 12 and under)

*Free for Members

Special Event

CBC POP CHAT LIVE: TITANIC TURNS 25!

Take a trip back to 1997 with the brilliant hosts of Pop Chat, the CBC's hit pop culture pod, in this special live show celebrating the pop-cultural legacy of the biggest, buzziest blockbuster of them of all: *Titanic!*

Thursday, November 17 / 8 PM

*Free for Members

Special Event

TWILIGHT FANGIRL PICTURE SHOW

D: Catherine Hardwicke | USA | 122 min | 2008

Calling all Twihards for a can't-miss interactive screening of the film that gave us "Robsten" and iconic lines including, "Where the hell you been loca?" Think *Rocky Horror*, but make it *Twilight*.

Friday, November 18 / 9 PM

*Free for Members

The Hottest Docs

FIRE OF LOVE

D: Sara Dosa | Canada, USA | 93 min | 2022

Fire of Love tells a story of primordial creation and destruction, following two bold explorers as they venture into the unknown, all for the sake of love.

WINNER Grand Jury Prize, Gimli International Film Festival 2022

The screening will be followed by a pre-recorded Q&A with director Sara Dosa.

Saturday, November 19 / 12 PM

*Free for Members

The Hottest Docs

LAST FLIGHT HOME

D: Ondi Timoner | USA | 101 min | 2022

Through stunning verité footage, *Last Flight Home* takes audiences on a heart-wrenching ride through Air Florida founder Eli Timoner's life, illustrating a modern-day success story built on the power of human connection.

The screening will be followed by a pre-recorded Q&A with director Ondi Timoner.

Sunday, November 20 / 4 PM

*Free for Members

The Hottest Docs

I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE

D: Reid Davenport | USA | 76 min | 2022

A groundbreaking work of documentary cinema by first-time feature director Reid Davenport shot entirely from the filmmaker's literal physical perspective, both from his wheelchair and his two feet.

WINNER - Directing Award - U.S. Documentary, Sundance Film Festival, 2022

The screening will be followed by a pre-recorded Q&A with director Reid Davenport.

Monday, November 21 / 4 PM

Saturday, November 26 / 6 PM

*Free for Members

The Hottest Docs

GOOD NIGHT OPPY

D: Ryan White | USA | 105 min | 2022

Follow Opportunity, the Mars Exploration Rover affectionately dubbed Oppy by scientists at NASA, that was originally expected to live for only 90 days but ultimately explored Mars for nearly 15 years.

The screening will be followed by a pre-recorded Q&A with director Ryan White.

Tuesday, November 22 / 4 PM

*Free for Members

The Hottest Docs

SIRENS

D: Rita Baghdadi | USA, Lebanon | 79 min | 2022

Lilas and Shery, co-founders and guitarists of Slave to Sirens, the Middle East's first all-female metal band, wrestle with friendship, sexuality and destruction in their pursuit of becoming thrash metal rock stars.

The screening will be followed by a pre-recorded Q&A with director Rita Baghdadi.

Tuesday, November 22 / 7 PM

*Free for Members

The Hottest Docs

DESCENDANT

D: Margaret Brown | USA | 109 min | 2022

Descendant follows descendants of the survivors from the Clotilda, the last ship that carried enslaved Africans to the United States, as they reclaim their story.

WINNER U.S. Documentary Special Jury Award - Creative Vision, Sundance Film Festival 2022

The screening will be followed by a pre-recorded Q&A with director Margaret Brown.

Wednesday, November 23 / 7 PM

*Free for Members

This Film Should Be Played Loud

LET THERE BE DRUMS

D: Justin Kreutzmann | USA | 93 min | 2022

Let There Be Drums! examines the personal struggles that so many musicians and their families have faced, the nature of how music passes from generation to generation, and the essential role that drumming plays in human life.

Friday, November 25 / 6 PM

Saturday, November 26 / 12:30 PM

The Hottest Docs

RIOTSVILLE, USA

D: Sierra Pettengill | USA | 91 min | 2022

Welcome to Riotsville, a fictional town built by the US military. Using all archival footage, the film explores the militarization of the police and creates a counter-narrative to the nation's reaction to the uprisings of the late '60s.

*WINNER Best Documentary, Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival 2022
The screenings will be followed by a pre-recorded Q&A with director Sierra Pettengill.*

Thursday, November 24 / 4 PM
Saturday, November 26 / 3:15 PM
*Free for Members

Special Event

DANCING IN THE AISLES: BACKSTREET BOYS SCREENING AND DANCE PARTY

Screening

BACKSTREET BOYS: SHOW EM WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF

D: Stephen Kjiak | USA | 109 min | 2015

Dance in the aisles to a Backstreet Boys screening and dance party. With the theatre as your dance floor, signature cocktail in hand, and Up Dance Party's DJ as your host, you've got everything you need to rock your body right.

Saturday, November 26 / 9 PM
*Free for Members

The Hottest Docs

A HOUSE MADE OF SPLINTERS

D: Simon Lereng Wilmont | Denmark/Ukraine/Sweden | 87 min | 2022

A dedicated group of social workers at an orphanage in Eastern Ukraine attempt to create a refuge for the kids from the heavy toll of war.

WINNER Directing Award, World Cinema - Documentary, Sundance Film Festival 2022

The screening will be followed by a pre-recorded Q&A with director Simon Lereng Wilmont.

Sunday, November 27 / 7 PM
*Free for Members

The Hottest Docs

NAVALNY

D: Daniel Roher | USA | 98 min | 2022

Follows Russian opposition leader, Alexey Navalny, through his political rise, attempted assassination, and search to uncover the truth.

The screening will be followed by a pre-recorded Q&A with director Daniel Roher.

Tuesday, November 29 / 4 PM
Wednesday, November 30 / 4 PM
*Free for Members

The Hottest Docs

ETERNAL SPRING

D: Jason Loftus | Canada | 86 min | 2022

When members of Falun Gong hack China's state TV to expose brutal repression, lives are changed forever. Award-winning filmmaker Jason Loftus and celebrated comic book artist Daxiong tell the resilient story of those fighting for religious freedom.

WINNER - Audience Award - Best Documentary, Hot Docs Festival 2022

The screening will be followed by a live Q&A with director Jason Loftus.

Wednesday, November 30 / 7 PM

*Free for Members

HOT DOCS AT HOME

Free for Hot Docs members and subscribers at hotdocs.ca

30 Years of Hot Docs: First Fest

MANUFACTURING CONSENT

D: Mark Achbar, Mark Wintonick | Canada | 1993 | 167 mins

Accessible and surprisingly funny, this multi-award-winning documentary is well worth a re-watch in the age of 'fake news.'

30 Years of Hot Docs: First Fest

MINORU: MEMORY OF EXILE

D: Michael Fukushima | Canada | 1992 | 19 mins

This heartbreaking meditation on birthright and Canadian belonging was the winner of Best Short Documentary at the very first Hot Docs Festival.

30 Years of Hot Docs: First Fest

BOWL OF BONE: TALE OF SYUWE

D: Jan-Marie Martell | Canada | 1992 | 114 mins

Part biography, part dream, this film experiments with genre in a cerebral 15-year saga of spiritual discovery.

30 Years of Hot Docs: First Fest

IN THE GUTTER AND OTHER GOOD PLACES

D: Christine Richey | Canada | 1993 | 53 mins

An unflinching journey into the urban underbelly, director Christine Richey paints a humanizing portrait of homelessness in the early 90s.

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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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