

**HOT DOCS 2024 TO FEATURE SEVEN DIVERSE SHORTS PROGRAMS
HIGHLIGHTING THE BEST OF GLOBAL DOCUMENTARY TALENT
ACROSS 20 NATIONS**

Toronto, March 26, 2024 – Hot Docs will present a specially curated selection of Canadian and international short films as part of the Festival’s **Shorts Programs**. These shorts will screen as part of seven individual shorts programs, each one aiming to excite and inspire with its unique collection of fresh filmmaking talent. The Hot Docs 2024 Shorts Program brings 36 films from 20 countries, including Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Israel, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Tunisia, UK, USA, and Venezuela. The 2024 Hot Docs Festival will take place April 25 to May 5 in Toronto.

The full lineup of 2024 Shorts Program films appear below with screening information. 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.

SHORTS PROGRAM 1

Love will always find a way.

Screening

YOU CAN’T GET WHAT YOU WANT BUT YOU CAN GET ME

D: Samira Elagoz, Z Walsh | Netherlands, Finland | 13 min

WOULDN’T MAKE IT ANY OTHER WAY

D: Hao Zhou | USA | 21 min

THE CANADIAN DREAM

D: Ilse Moreno | Canada | 9 min

A BODY LIKE MINE

D: Maja Classen | Germany | 35 min

Friday, April 26, 2:00 PM - SCOTIA

Saturday, May 4, 11:45 AM - SCOTIA

SHORTS PROGRAM 2

Inspiring characters and strange new worlds.

Screening

UNCLE BARDO

D: Luke Mistruzzi | Canada | 14 min

THE OJIBWA (MEET ME AT THE CREEK)

D: Loren Waters | USA | 10 min

THE EVERLASTING PEA

D: Su Rynard | Canada | 17 min

CHASING TIME

D: Jeff Orlowski-Yang, Sarah Keo | Iceland, USA | 39 min

Saturday, April 27, 11:15 AM - SCOTIA

Saturday, May 4, 2:30 PM - SCOTIA

SHORTS PROGRAM 3

The freedom to say what you feel in a world of walls.

Screening

IT'S OKAY

D: David France | USA | 10 min

WASHED AWAY

D: Aucéane Roux | Canada | 16 min

THE RELEASE

D: Myriam Amri, Pauline Vidal | Tunisia, Lebanon | 16 min

I'LL TELL YOU WHEN I'M READY

D: Hayley Morin | Canada | 14 min

CHRISTMAS, EVERY DAY

D: Faye Tsakas | USA | 14 min

TR(OL)L: NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK, TOTAL REQUEST LIVE AND THE CHAIN LETTER THAT CHANGED THE INTERNET

D: Yourgo Artsitas | USA | 17 min

Sunday, April 28, 1:15 PM - SCOTIA

Saturday, May 4, 5:15 PM - SCOTIA

SHORTS PROGRAM 4

The body is a battleground.

Screening

AUTISM PLAYS ITSELF

D: Janet Harbord | UK | 19 min

PLAYGROUND

D: Célia Caroubi | France, Italy | 11 min

A HOME ON EVERY FLOOR

D: Signe Rosenlund-Hauglid | Norway | 11 min

THE SPARKLE

D: Isabelle Grignon-Francke | Canada | 17 min

AM I THE SKINNIEST PERSON YOU'VE EVER SEEN?

D: Eisha Marjara | Canada | 22 min

Monday, April 29, 11:45 AM - SCOTIA

Sunday, May 5, 10:15 AM - TLB

SHORTS PROGRAM 5

Genres and stories shift as generational bonds ignite.

Screening

VIA DOLOROSA

D: Rachel Gutgarts | France | 11 min

ICE LOVE

D: Katy Araiza | Mexico | 17 min

FISHING WITH TIMBÓ

D: Aida Harika Yanomami, Edmar Tokorino Yanomami, Roseane Yariana Yanomami | Brazil | 10 min

HEY LITTLE ONE

D: Sarah L'Hérault | Canada | 6 min

THE MOTHER AND THE BEAR

D: Yasmina El Kamaly | Egypt | 11 min

WHERE MY MEMORY BEGAN

D: Priscillia Kounkou-Hoveyda | Sierra Leone | 9 min

NOTHING SPECIAL

D: Efrat Berger | France, Israel | 14 min

Tuesday, April 30, 2:30 PM - SCOTIA

Sunday, May 5, 1:15 PM - TLB

SHORTS PROGRAM 6

History sometimes does not repeat itself.

Screening

SKATE!

D: Philippe Berthelet | Canada | 8 min

THE STORY OF NE KUKO

D: Festus Toll | Netherlands | 25 min

SANDCASTLES

D: Carin Jin-Yi Leong | USA, Singapore | 16 min

J'ADORE VENISE — ON DISAPPEARING BODIES

D: Stefano Dealessandri | Italy | 9 min

ETERNAL FATHER

D: Ömer Sami | Denmark | 31 min

Wednesday, May 1, 10:15 AM - SCOTIA

Sunday, May 5, 4:45 PM - SCOTIA

SHORTS PROGRAM 7

Power, sexual freedom and the politics of standing up for what you believe in.

Screening

BIG MOVES

D: Sarah Grant | UK | 14 min

BEARD

D: Kristiina Karsten, Otso Reunanen, Silja Salmi | Finland | 15 min

AUDIO & THE ALLIGATOR

D: Andrés I. Estrada | Canada, Venezuela | 17 min

A WOMAN THINKING

D: Aida Harika Yanomami, Edmar Tokorino Yanomami, Roseane Yariana Yanomami | Brazil | 10 min

WE DID NOT CONSENT

D: Dorothy Allen-Pickard | UK | 18 min

Thursday, May 2, 2:15 PM - SCOTIA

Sunday, May 5, 7:45 PM - SCOTIA

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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.

Hot Docs is proud to include Scotia Wealth Management as its Presenting Platinum Partner; Rogers as its Founding Partner; CBC as its Signature Partner; Netflix as its Presenting Partner; and Telefilm Canada, the Government of Ontario, and the Canada Media Fund as its Major Supporters.

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Media Download Site: <https://downloads.hotdocs.ca/downloads>



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