

**MINDFULNESS GURU DR. DEEPAK CHOPRA TO PARTICIPATE
IN OPENING NIGHT Q&A**

Toronto, ON, April 28, 2021— Hot Docs is pleased to announce that mindfulness guru Dr. Deepak Chopra and his digital avatar, Digital Deepak, will participate in the opening night Q&A for Ann Shin's documentary *A.r.tificial I.mmortality*. The film, which features Chopra, explores the latest technological advancements in AI, robotics and biotech to pose the tempting question: if you could live forever through AI, would you? The opening night Q&A is a free live event, and will be held on Thursday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. on the Hot Docs website at hotdocs.ca.

DEEPAK CHOPRA™ MD, FACP, founder of [The Chopra Foundation](#), a non-profit entity for research on well-being and humanitarianism, and [Chopra Global](#), a modern-day health company at the intersection of science and spirituality, is a world-renowned pioneer in integrative medicine and personal transformation. Chopra is a Clinical Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health at the University of California, San Diego and serves as a senior scientist with Gallup Organization. He is the author of over 90 books translated into over forty-three languages, including numerous New York Times bestsellers. For the last thirty years, Chopra has been at the forefront of the meditation revolution and his last (and 91st) book, [Total Meditation](#) helps to achieve new dimensions of stress-free living and joyful living. TIME magazine has described Dr. Chopra as "one of the top 100 heroes and icons of the century." www.deepakchopra.com.

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