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**HOT DOCS TED ROGERS CINEMA: APRIL 5 TO MAY 14
NEW DOCS, ANNIVERSARY SCREENINGS AND SING-ALONGS**

- NEW RELEASES: **RESIDENT ORCA** AND **THE SPOILS** PREMIERE WITH DIRECTOR Q&As; HOT DOCS FESTIVAL 2024 AUDIENCE FAVOURITE **AMERICAN CATS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE CUDDLY**
- BACK TO THE BLOOR: **THE SHINING**, **REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE** AND **THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY** RETURN FOR ANNIVERSARY SCREENINGS
- CONCERT DOCS: K-POP GROUP RED VELVET CELEBRATES 10 YEARS IN **RED VELVET HAPPINESS DIARY: MY DEAR, REVE1UV**; AND JONATHAN DEMME'S **STOP MAKING SENSE - A24 RESIDENCY** RETURNS
- SPECIAL SCREENING OF **VALLEY UPRISING** ON APRIL 5; FAMILY SCREENING OF **THE LEGO MOVIE** ON APRIL 13; A YEAR OF AUSTEN SCREENS **CLUELESS** ON APRIL 19; LET'S SING-ALONG AND SHOUT-ALONG SHOWS **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR** ON APRIL 20
- CURIOUS MINDS AUTHOR TALKS: AUTHOR **TORREY PETERS** (APRIL 13) AND NOVELIST **KATIE KITAMURA** (MAY 14) DISCUSS THEIR ANTICIPATED NEW NOVELS

Toronto, ON - Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema announced today an exciting lineup of new documentary releases, special events and popular series from April 5 to May 14. Highlights include the premieres of *The Spoils* and *Resident Orca*, both followed by director Q&As, and anniversary screenings of iconic films, including *The Shining* and *Rebel Without a Cause*. Audiences can also enjoy a sing-along screening of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and a family screening of *The Lego Movie*.

To view the Hot Docs Cinema calendar, please visit www.hotdocs.ca

NEW RELEASES

- **The Spoils** takes viewers into the high-stakes battle over Nazi-looted art, as lawyers, curators, politicians and Jewish groups clash over restitution amid Germany's far-right resurgence. Featuring a post-screening Q&A with director Jamie Kastner on Saturday, April 5, moderated by film critic Jason Gorber.
- **Resident Orca** reveals the heartbreaking true story of a captive orca's decades-long struggle for survival, freedom and the right to return home. Featuring a post-screening Q&A with director Sarah Sharkey Pearce, moderated by Hot Docs' Gabor Pertic.

- ***American Cats: The Good, the Bad, and the Cuddly***, a Top 20 Audience Favourite at Hot Docs Festival 2024, offers a comedic yet urgent look at the controversial practice of cat declawing, still legal in Ontario despite being banned across Canada.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- The Cinema's lineup includes special screenings of ***Valley Uprising***, taking audiences on a thrilling ride through the history of rock climbing in Yosemite National Park, where climbers break barriers and push the limits of gravity; and ***Red Velvet Happiness Diary: My Dear, ReVe1uv***, a celebration of K-pop group Red Velvet's 10th anniversary featuring a spectacular big-screen showcase of their music, stories and on-stage magic.
- Hot Docs Cinema's ***Stop Making Sense – A24 Residency*** continues with Jonathan Demme's legendary 1984 Talking Heads concert film, a high-energy celebration of music and movement.

SERIES

- Curious Minds Author Talks: **Torrey Peters**, the author of *Detransition, Baby* presents her highly anticipated new novel, ***Stag Dance***, in this exclusive Toronto talk; **Katie Kitamura** discusses her new novel, ***Audition***, described as "a book so cold it feels hot."
- The **Back to the Blood** series celebrates cinematic milestones with three iconic anniversary screenings: ***The Bridges of Madison County*** (30th) brings Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep's timeless love story back to the big screen; ***The Shining*** (45th) returns Stanley Kubrick's haunting masterpiece, with Jack Nicholson's chilling performance still terrifying audiences; and ***Rebel Without a Cause*** (70th) revisits James Dean's iconic portrayal of youthful rebellion.
- Let's Sing-Along and Shout-Along presents ***Jesus Christ Superstar Sing-Along*** and invites audiences to belt it out alongside Jesus, Judas and Mary Magdalene in this glamorous 1973 rock opera film by Canadian directing legend Norman Jewison; Family Screenings presents a fun-filled family showing of ***The Lego Movie***, where Master Builders of all ages can enjoy this imaginative animated adventure; A Year of Austen screens the quintessential 90s teen comedy ***Clueless***, loosely adapted on Austen's *Emma*. Audiences are invited to arrive early for a pop-up book sale by promotional partner Hopeless Romantic Bookshop.

Cinema Ticket: \$15 (Members: \$10, \$8, FREE) *

*Unless otherwise specified.

NEW RELEASES

New Release

THE SPOILS

D: Jamie Kastner | Canada | 105 min | 2024

Amid the rise of the far right in Germany, lawyers, curators, politicians and Jewish groups battle over the restitution of Nazi-looted art.

Owned and operated by the Hot Docs International Documentary Festival, the historic Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema is one of the world's only documentary cinemas.

Join us for a post-screening Q&A with director Jamie Kastner on Saturday, April 5. Moderated by film critic Jason Gorber.

Saturday, April 5 / 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 6 / 4:00 PM

New Release

RESIDENT ORCA

D: Sarah Sharkey Pearce, Simon Schneider | Canada | 98 min | 2024

The shocking true story of a captive orca's decades-long battle for survival, freedom and the right to go home.

Join us for a post-screening Q&A with director Sarah Sharkey Pearce, moderated by Hot Docs' Gabor Pertic.

Saturday, April 12 / 3:00 PM

New Release

AMERICAN CATS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE CUDDLY

D: Todd Bieber | USA | 88 min | 2024

An urgent, comedic confrontation of declawing cats, a practice that is banned everywhere in Canada except Ontario.

Top 20 Audience Favourite at Hot Docs Festival 2024

Friday, April 18 / 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 20 / 12:00 PM

SERIES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Screening

VALLEY UPRISING

D: Pete Mortimer, Nick Rosen | USA | 98 min | 2015

Join us for a wild ride through the granite walls of history—where climbers take hold, break barriers, and send big.

Saturday, April 5 / 1:00 PM

Special Screening

RED VELVET HAPPINESS DIARY: MY DEAR, REVE1UV

D: Yoon Dong Oh | Korea | 113 min | 2025

Celebrate Red Velvet's 10th anniversary as the band's fantastic music and stories come alive on the big screen!

Saturday, April 5 / 4:15 PM

Back to the Bloor

THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY – 30TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING

D: Clint Eastwood | USA | 134 min | 1995

Thirty years later, Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep still soar in this tale of soulmates whose paths cross too late.

Sunday, April 6 / 7:00 PM

Family Screening

THE LEGO MOVIE

D: Phil Lord, Christopher Miller | USA, Denmark, Australia | 101 min | 2014

Master Builders of all ages are invited to this special screening of *The Lego Movie*, a must-see family adventure!

Sunday, April 13 / 12:00 PM

*General: \$15 / Members: \$10, \$8, FREE / 12 and under: \$7.50

Curious Minds Author Talks

TORREY PETERS ON STAG DANCE

Join *Detransition, Baby* author Torrey Peters, for her long-awaited follow-up, *Stag Dance*, one of the most provocative and audacious books of the year.

Presented in partnership with Penguin Random House Canada.

Sunday, April 13 / 3:00 PM

*TICKETS (+HST): Orchestra (Stage View): \$15

Back to the Bloor

THE SHINING – 45TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING

D: Stanley Kubrick | USA | 144 min | 1980

Jack Nicholson shines in Kubrick's horror masterpiece about a family trapped in a haunted hotel as madness takes hold.

Sunday, April 13 / 7:00 PM

Special Event

STOP MAKING SENSE - A24 RESIDENCY

D: Jonathan Demme | USA | 88 min | 1984

This is a party! This is a disco! There will be fooling around! Immerse yourself at our monthly residency of Jonathan Demme's seminal 1984 Talking Heads concert film.

Friday, April 18 / 8:45 PM

A Year of Austen

CLUELESS

D: Amy Heckerling | USA | 97 min | 1995

Loosely adapted from Austen's *Emma*, *Clueless* gives us the iconic Cher Horowitz, who's on a mission to "do good deeds."

Arrive early for a pop-up book sale by promotional partner Hopeless Romantic Bookshop.

Saturday, April 19 / 8:00 PM

Let's Sing-Along and Shout-Along

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR SING-ALONG

D: Norman Jewison | USA | 106 min | 1973

Come belt it out with Jesus, Judas and Mary Magdalene in one of cinema's all-time greatest ultra-glam rock operas.

Presented with community partner The Canadian Film Centre.

Sunday, April 20 / 3:00 PM

Back to the Bloor

REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE – 70TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING

D: Nicholas Ray | USA | 101 min | 1955

Seven decades after its release, *Rebel without a Cause* remains the high-water mark of teen angst and street-tough cool.

Sunday, April 20 / 6:30 PM

Curious Minds Author Talks

KATIE KITAMURA ON AUDITION

In this exclusive Toronto premiere, Katie Kitamura, author of the critically acclaimed novels *Intimacies* and *A Separation*, discusses her anticipated new novel, *Audition*, "a book so cold it feels hot."

Presented in partnership with Penguin Random House Canada and TYPE Books.

Wednesday, May 14 / 7:00 PM

*TICKETS (+HST): Orchestra (Stage View): \$15

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Owned and operated by [Hot Docs](#), 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, 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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