

## EXCITING SPECIAL EVENTS REVEALED FOR HOT DOCS 2024

**Toronto, March 26, 2024** – Hot Docs will present an exciting lineup of special events during its 2024 Festival, taking place in Toronto from April 25 to May 5.

The 2024 Hot Docs Festival is honoured to present a free commemorative screening of ***Mighty Jerome*** in memory of the work and legacy of one of Toronto’s best loved filmmakers, **Charles Officer**. Some of Charles’s closest collaborators and friends will be in attendance to share interviews, personal stories and rarely seen footage of the acclaimed writer/director/producer. Through this memorial screening, Hot Docs pays homage to Charles’s remarkable legacy and the spirit of his work, reminding both audiences and industry peers of Toronto’s vibrant pool talent and the importance of nurturing and cherishing our non-fiction storytellers.

Kicking off the 2024 Hot Docs Conference and Market is a **Keynote Session** featuring the highly regarded filmmaker, author and organizer **Astra Taylor**, engaging in an illuminating conversation hosted by **Brett Story**, renowned writer, geographer, and filmmaker behind the Sundance award-winning film *Union*. This session, open to both Industry and Public passholders, promises insights into artistic practices, sources of inspiration, political commitments, and navigating crisis.

New this year, Hot Docs introduces two **Surprise Screenings**, offering audiences the chance to be amongst the very first to experience a groundbreaking new feature-length documentary.

At a free encore screening on the Festival’s final night—Sunday, May 5—Hot Docs will celebrate the Canadian filmmakers and announce the winner of this year’s **Rogers Audience Award for Best Canadian Documentary**. The top Canadian feature film in the audience poll will receive a CAD 50,000 cash prize, courtesy of Rogers.

For more information on Hot Docs 2024 Special Events visit: <https://hotdocs.ca/whats-on/hd-festival>

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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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](#) at [www.hotdocs.ca](http://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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