

**HOT DOCS PARTNERS WITH MUSKOKA CHAUTAUQUA FOR
MUSKOKA SUMMER SCREENING SERIES**

Summer festival in Muskoka will screen four documentary films curated by Hot Docs in outdoor 'theatre in the woods'.

Toronto, ON, July 27, 2021 – Hot Docs is pleased to announce that it will partner with Muskoka Chautauqua to present an outdoor, evening documentary film series in Muskoka, curated by Hot Docs, as part of Muskoka Chautauqua's 10-day arts and culture festival this August. The series will feature three Official Selections from 2021 Hot Docs Festival, and one film that was featured in Hot Docs' popular Music on Film series, recently presented on Hot Docs at Home streaming service. Films will run every other night of the festival, starting with *Portrayal* on Sunday, August 8, Norway's *The Quest for Tonewood* on Tuesday, August 10, *Dead Man's Switch a Crypto Mystery* on Thursday, August 12 and ending with Rogers Audience Award winner *Hell or Clean Water* on Saturday, August 14. Some of the screenings will be preceded by a short Q&A featuring a speaker associated with the documentary or a local subject matter expert.

Tickets are available now by donation and can be reserved at www.muskokachautauqua.com.

Films included in this series are:

[DEAD MAN'S SWITCH A CRYPTO MYSTERY](#)

D: Sheona McDonald | Canada | 2021 | 78 mins

A riveting cryptocurrency thriller unravels the story of a Canadian blockchain wizard who mysteriously died on his honeymoon in India and the fate of his investors' \$200 million. Did it vanish into the digital void or does it remain locked away in password-protected accounts?

Thursday, August 12

[HELL OR CLEAN WATER](#)

D: Cody Westman | Canada | 2021 | 88 mins

A diver devotes himself to cleaning up the ocean floors in Newfoundland's harbours, one tire at a time. As he edges closer to financial ruin in his effort to save the planet, his good deeds don't go unnoticed.

Saturday, August 14

[PORTRAYAL](#)

D: Billie Mintz | Canada | 2020 | 96 mins

Haunted by a family secret revealed to him as a boy, a young man jeopardizes relationships and crosses continents to investigate the mystery behind the thousands of missing paintings his grandfather created during his lifetime.

Featuring a post-screening Q&A with Roman Lapshin and Executive Producer Danny Webber, as well as a special gallery showing of some of Vladimir Dvorkin's collection onsite at our 'Gallery in the Woods' on August 8 - 9.

Sunday, August 8

[THE QUEST FOR TONEWOOD](#)

D: Hans Lukas Hansen | Norway, Netherlands | 2020 | 90 mins

A charming film about the quest for tonewood, a magical type of wood used to create violins that produces the most beautiful music. From searching through the trees to crafting the valuable string instrument, this doc blends themes of wild nature and old traditions, bandits and artists, deep knowledge and high culture.

Featuring a live post-screening Q&A with local Muskoka luthier Dave Cureton.

Tuesday, August 10

Muskoka Chautauqua will be following all relevant COVID protocols for the duration of the 10-day festival to ensure a safe and comfortable experience for guests and performers alike. The 2021 Muskoka Chautauqua Arts & Culture Festival runs August 6 to 15. The festival site and 'Theatre in the Woods' is located at 1039 Golf Avenue in the historic village of Windermere.

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[Hot Docs](#), (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. Year-round, Hot Docs supports the Canadian and international industry with professional development programs and a multi-million-dollar production 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, and operates Hot Docs at Home streaming platform.

[Muskoka Chautauqua](#) is a not-for-profit organization fostering arts and culture, culminating in a 10-day summer festival in August in the historic village of Windermere. Muskoka Chautauqua is community for the curious and the creative. Springing from a tradition that started 100 years ago, when the village of Windermere attracted North America's leading thinkers to its shores, Muskoka Chautauqua is one of the longest-running and more iconic cultural institutions in the region. With more than 15 Chautauqua communities across North America, Muskoka Chautauqua is the only remaining Canadian chapter. Muskoka Chautauqua continues to grow and evolve, with a goal of providing a breadth of diverse arts and culture programming to the residents and visitors of the Muskoka Lakes region.

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