

HOT DOCS PARTNERS WITH THE LG NEW VELVET™ 5G MOBILE DEVICE TO LAUNCH FREE *MOVERS AND SHAPERS* FILM SERIES

Toronto, August 6, 2020 – Hot Docs is pleased to partner with LG VELVET™ 5G to present the free *Movers and Shapers* documentary film series on its Hot Docs at Home VOD platform. Showcasing five fascinating docs on fashion, music, art, sports and culture, the series celebrates the power of creativity to spark curiosity, play with our perceptions and reshape how we see our world. For each film in the series, an Instagram Live Q&A will be held with the director, shot using the new LG VELVET™ 5G ready mobile device. Films will be available to stream for free within Canada from August 7 to September 3 on Hot Docs at Home at hotdocs.ca.

“We’re very pleased to be partnering with **LG Electronics Mobile Communications** for this exciting film series,” said **Brett Hendrie**, Executive Director of Hot Docs. “Through celebrating incredible and inspiring stories of arts and culture, we hope to ignite peoples’ curiosity and creative spirit while demonstrating exciting new ways of digital storytelling.”

“*Movers and Shapers* is a film series that celebrates the power of creativity and is the perfect complement to the new LG VELVET™ 5G mobile device,” said **Varun Kalia**, Head of Mobile at LG Electronics Canada. “Built for those with a creative eye, the device is not only visually stunning, it is powerful enough to capture and share life’s most memorable moments.”

Movers and Shapers Instagram Live Q&A’s will be held during the weeks of August 10 and 17, and subsequently made available on IGTV for the duration of the film series. During each Instagram Live, a brand-new LG VELVET™ 5G mobile device will be given away to a viewer.

From the inspiring life of legendary fashion editor André Leon Talley to the unique insight of electronic music pioneer Suzanne Ciani, these stories of the transformative power of creativity will leave viewers wanting more. To further spark curiosity and exploration into each film’s subject, suggested resources including podcasts, audio books and other films will be curated for viewers.

Films featured in the *Movers and Shapers* series are:

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ANDRÉ

D: Kate Novack | USA | 2018 | 93 min

From the segregated American South to the fashion capitals of the world, operatic fashion editor André Leon Talley's life and career are on full display in this poignant portrait. Featuring appearances by fashion greats Anna Wintour, Marc Jacobs, Tom Ford, Bethann Hardison, Valentino and Manolo Blahnik.

IN SEARCH OF GREATNESS

D: Gabe Polsky | USA | 2018 | 77 min

Through the eyes of the greatest athletes of all time, including Michael Jordan, Pelé, Jerry Rice and Wayne Gretzky, this cinematic journey into the secrets of genius reveals the importance of nature versus nurture in determining athletic ability, exploring everything from upbringing, coaching, genetics to creativity, psychology, and philosophy. A captivating film, *In Search of Greatness* resonates beyond the world of sport into realms of self-expression, attitude, and human nature.

A LIFE IN WAVES

D: Brett Whitcomb | USA | 2017 | 74 min

An exploration of the life and innovations of composer and electronic music pioneer Suzanne Ciani. From her earliest days learning the piano to her multi-million dollar advertising ventures; from her successes in the world of New Age music to her recent re-connection with her beloved Buchla synthesizer, this alluring film journeys into Suzanne's mind, offering a feminine glimpse into the often complicated world of electronic music.

MADE YOU LOOK: A TRUE STORY ABOUT FAKE ART

D: Barry Avrich | Canada | 2020 | 96 min

Controversy erupts when the American art market is flooded with a slew of fake paintings valued in the millions. As the truth unravels and consequences mount, a reputed New York dealer unwittingly finds herself at the centre of an elaborate con.

TRUE NORTH: INSIDE THE RISE OF TORONTO BASKETBALL

D: Ryan Sidhoo | Canada | 2018 | 159 min

On the heels of the Toronto Raptors' historic NBA Championship, Toronto's hoop dream is more alive than ever. In this feature-length doc, director Ryan Sidhoo shines the spotlight on 12-year-old Elijah Fisher, 15-year-old Keone Davis and 18-year-old Cordell Veira as they navigate today's youth basketball machine in pursuit of their own NBA dreams.

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[Hot Docs](#) 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 Canadian International Documentary Festival, North America's largest documentary festival, conference and market, welcomes audiences of over 228,000 and more than 2,600 industry delegates. 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.

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Hot Docs is a charitable, not-for-profit organization committed to advancing the art of documentary and supporting opportunities for independent filmmakers.

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