

SAVE THE DATE! HOT DOCS PODCAST FESTIVAL ONLINE ANNOUNCED FOR JANUARY 27-29

- Featuring the hosts of Serial's *Nice White Parents* and *The New York Times'* **1619**
 - *99% Invisible's* Roman Mars on his new book about the hit podcast
 - *Radiolab* creators discuss hits *The Other Latif* & *Dolly Parton's America*
- CBC's *Missing & Murdered's* **Connie Walker** on true crime stories & women of colour
 - Accessible to a worldwide audience for the first time!

Toronto, November 24, 2020 – Hot Docs is excited to announce that its annual Podcast Festival will present its fifth edition online next year from January 27-29. A signature Hot Docs event that attracts top podcasting talent from around the world, the digital Festival will feature 25+ events, including exclusive live conversations with star podcast creators and hosts, fascinating panel discussions and masterclasses with industry leaders, interactive gatherings to connect with fellow audiophiles, as well as a host of on-demand events available to stream at your convenience. Offering the chance for podcast creators and fans around the world to unite, the virtual program speaks to the power of audio storytelling to move, delight and connect us all in the new physically-distanced reality. The Hot Docs Podcast Festival is presented in partnership with CBC Podcasts and supported by Major Partner RBC Foundation.

The first participating podcasts are listed below. The full lineup of programming will be announced on January 5.

- *99% Invisible* host Roman Mars will talk about his bestselling new book based on the wildly popular Radiotopia podcast
- Hosts of the longtime WNYC podcast *Radiolab*, Jad Abumrad and Latif Nasser, will discuss their hit audio docu-series *The Other Latif* and *Dolly Parton's America*
- Host of Serial Productions' *Nice White Parents*, Chana Joffe-Walt, and host of *The New York Times'* **1619** podcast, Nikole Hannah-Jones, will discuss their acclaimed shows and how they used podcasting to advance the cultural conversation on race
- Former host of CBC's *Missing and Murdered* Connie Walker, now host of a new true crime series for Gimlet Media, will explore how she uses podcasting to tell the stories of women of colour whose voices are often erased from true crime stories

The Festival will also feature talent from Canadaland, CBC Podcasts' *This is Not a Drake Podcast*, Radiotopia's *Ear Hustle*, and executives from Frequency, Luminary, *The New York Times*, Serial Productions, WNYC and Vox Media.

The Hot Docs Podcast Festival will be accessible to audiences with one easy pass, which will guarantee admission to all online events and sessions, with a viewing window that will extend after the Festival ends. Early Bird passes are now on sale at www.hotdocscinema.ca/podcast

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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 to Toronto each year. 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, which presents first-run international and Canadian documentaries, curated film and speakers series, and signature events, including the Hot Docs Podcast Festival and Curious Minds Festival. While audiences find themselves at home, Hot Docs has pivoted to offer its signature Festival and Cinema programming on its new TVOD streaming platform, Hot Docs at Home.

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