

**FUTURE CULT CLASSICS FEATURED IN HOT DOCS' NIGHTVISION PROGRAM**

Toronto, March 23, 2021 – Hot Docs is pleased to announce the five feature films in Nightvision, a program that highlights future cult classics and showcases diverse and creative approaches to filmmaking.

"Sex, love and friendship come to the fore in this year's Nightvision program," said **Shane Smith**, director of programming for Hot Docs. "This program of future cult classics explores our relationships, desires and dreams and the lengths we'll go to in pursuit of happiness... or escape."

The Nightvision program features the world premieres of: ***Acts of Love***, a look into how a gay filmmaker uses dating apps to cast lovers in an amorphous project about romantic attraction; and ***Bloom Up – A Swinger Couple Story***, about an average middle-aged Italian couple who live out their unbridled sexual fantasies by night in the swinging scene.

International premieres include: ***Cannon Arm and the Arcade Quest***, about a man who attempts to be the first in the world to play '80s arcade game Gyruss for 100 consecutive hours; and ***Dark Blossom***, in which the friendship between three Danish goths is threatened when one of them falls in love. The program will also include the North American premiere of ***Lost Boys***, about the filmmaker's journey through the sordid nightlife of Bangkok and Phnom Penh seeking answers to the mysterious disappearance of two friends.

All films in the Nightvision program are listed below. For more information on the program please visit [www.hotdocs.ca/nightvision](http://www.hotdocs.ca/nightvision).

**ACTS OF LOVE**

D: Isidore Bethel, Francis Leplay | P: Lucie Rego, Pauline Tran Van Lieu, Jamie Gonçalves, Francis Leplay, Isidore Bethel | France, USA | 2021 | 71 min | World Premiere

**BLOOM UP – A SWINGER COUPLE STORY**

D: Mauro Russo Rouge | Italy | 2020 | 88 min | World Premiere

**CANNON ARM AND THE ARCADE QUEST**

D: Mads Hedegaard | P: Katrine Sahlstøm | Denmark | 2021 | 97 min | International Premiere

**DARK BLOSSOM**

D: Frigge Fri | P: Mathilde Hvid Lippmann | Denmark | 2021 | 80 min | International Premiere

**LOST BOYS**

D: Joonas Neuvonen, Sadri Cetinkaya | P: Miia Haavisto | Finland | 2021 | 99 min | North American Premiere

[Hot Docs](#), 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 28th annual edition online from April 29-May 9, 2021, during which a full roster of industry conference sessions, market programs and networking events will be held for Canadian and international delegates, including the renowned Hot Docs Forum, Hot Docs Deal Maker, Distribution Rendezvous and The Doc Shop. 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.

Starting Tuesday, March 23, Festival ticket package holders, including Doc Soup subscribers, can redeem their ticket packages, and Hot Docs Members can buy single tickets for screenings. Starting Tuesday, March 30 at 11:00 a.m. Festival tickets will be available to the public. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.hotdocs.ca](http://www.hotdocs.ca). Single tickets to screenings are \$13 each and \$11.50 for members. A Festival 5-pack is \$55 and \$49.50 for members, a Festival 12-pack \$125 and \$112.50 for members, and an Unlimited Festival Pass is \$259 and \$233.10 for members.

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