

**HOT DOCS AND NETFLIX RECEIVE BUSINESS / ARTS COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD
FOR HOT DOCS CANADIAN STORYTELLERS PROJECT**

Toronto, ON, June 14, 2021 – Hot Docs is pleased to announce that the organization and its partner Netflix have received the 2021 Business / Arts Community Impact Award for their partnership on the Hot Docs Canadian Storytellers Project. The annual Awards celebrate partnerships between business and the arts and shine a light on exceptional volunteers and leaders who have significantly impacted the arts in Canada.

Established in 2018, the Hot Docs Canadian Storytellers Project, generously supported by Netflix, is a five-year initiative that invests in core funding and professional development programs for Canadian filmmakers. In recognition of the systemic barriers that continue to exist within the documentary film industry, the Project serves filmmakers from groups whose stories have been historically underrepresented on screen, and provides year-round opportunities for documentary storytellers who are Indigenous, Francophone, Deaf and/or have a disability, are racialized and/or persons of colour. The Project established the CrossCurrents Canada Doc Fund, which supports independent documentary projects from emerging filmmakers, supports ten fellowships annually for Hot Docs' Doc Accelerator program for emerging filmmakers, and provides educational opportunities through Hot Docs' Doc Ignite labs.

The Hot Docs Canadian Storytellers Project has supported multiple filmmakers and documentary projects that have gone on to receive high praise, including 2021 Hot Docs Official Selection *Kimmapiiyipitssini: The Meaning of Empathy*, directed by Elle-Máijá Tailfeathers, who won the Emerging Canadian Filmmaker Award at this year's Festival; director Lulu Wei's 2020 Hot Docs Official Selection *There's No Place Like This Place, Anyplace*; and Doc Accelerator alumni Javier Lovera, whose short film *Ride Fair* was commissioned by Hot Docs for its *Citizen Minutes* project, which had its world premiere at the 2021 Hot Docs Festival.

Business / Arts will celebrate Hot Docs and Netflix's Community Impact Award across their digital platforms on June 25.

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[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. 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.

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