

**HOT DOCS PARTNERS WITH DRIVEINTO TO PRESENT FREE SCREENING OF
FANNY: THE RIGHT TO ROCK AT ONTARIO PLACE ON JULY 23**

Toronto, ON, July 13, 2021 – Hot Docs is proud to partner with the City of Toronto’s DriveInTO program to present a free screening of the award-winning film ***FANNY: The Right to Rock*** at Ontario Place’s drive-in cinema this July. An epic rock doc, the film tells the story of fierce female 1970s rockers Fanny who reunite 50-years later for a new record deal and a chance to rewrite history. *FANNY: The Right to Rock* had its world premiere at this year’s Hot Docs Festival and was a recipient of the Rogers Audience Award honouring Canadian documentaries and ranked third in the Festival’s audience poll. The screening will take place on Friday, July 23. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance. Tickets are available now through the [Ontario Place website](#).

FANNY: THE RIGHT TO ROCK

D: Bobbi Jo Hart | P: Bobbi Jo Hart, Robbie Hart | Canada | 2021 | 92 min

Sometime in the 1960s, in sunny Sacramento, two Filipina-American sisters got together to play music. Little did they know their garage rock band would evolve into the legendary Fanny, the first all-woman band to release an LP with a major record label. Despite recording a handful of albums and amassing a dedicated fan base that included music legend David Bowie, the band all but disappeared from the records of music history. This documentary not only tells the story of the band’s rocking past, but also documents its next chapter: now in their 60s, the bandmates are recording a new album. The film includes interviews with a large cadre of music icons, including Bonnie Raitt, Def Leppard’s Joe Elliott and the Go-Go’s Kathy Valentine. Fighting early barriers of race, gender and sexuality in the music industry, the women of Fanny are ready to take their place in the halls of rock ‘n’ roll fame.

Friday, July 23

This screening is co-presented with the Inside Out Film Festival and presented in partnership with Scotia Wealth Management.

The City of Toronto’s DriveInTO program helps organizers safely set up large-scale, high-value, temporary drive-in experiences throughout Toronto during the summer months at select sites. The Program supports free nights offered by local film and arts organizations to create a diversity of programming and provide community access to these popular events.

[Hot Docs](http://hotdocs.ca), (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.

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