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**MUSKOKA CHAUTAUQUA AND HOT DOCS PARTNER  
FOR 2023 MUSKOKA SUMMER SCREENING SERIES**

RUNNING AUGUST 6 TO 10, SUMMER FESTIVAL IN MUSKOKA WILL SCREEN FOUR CANADIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS CURATED BY HOT DOCS UNDER THE STARS IN OUTDOOR 'THEATRE IN THE WOODS'

**Windermere Village, ON** – Muskoka Chautauqua and Hot Docs are proud to announce an outdoor, evening documentary film series in Muskoka, curated by Hot Docs, as part of Muskoka Chautauqua's Windermere Festival of the Arts this August. The series will feature four films from the 2023 Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival.

**[Unsyncable](#)**

**Sunday, August 6 - 8:30pm**

Seniors in their sixties and beyond make a splash as they hold back the hands of time and celebrate the beauty, strength and joy they have found in synchronized swimming. With bedazzled bathing suits and an upbeat attitude, these athletes won't waste a moment as they seize every opportunity their golden years provide.

**[Silvicola](#)**

**Monday, August 7 - 8:30pm**

There are trees that have stood for thousands of years in Canada's Pacific Northwest. These old-growth forests have a priceless value economically, culturally, and environmentally, yet their existence is in peril. In the past one hundred years, reckless forestry practices have decimated these towering pillars and now our dependence on lumber has reached a point of reckoning.

**[I'm Just Here for the Riot](#)**

**Tuesday, August 8 - 8:30pm**

The violent mob that erupted on June 15, 2011, after the Vancouver Canucks Game 7 Stanley Cup loss caught the world's attention—partially because it appeared un-Canadian, mostly because it became known as the "first smartphone riot." A shame first, ask questions later society has real-life consequences in this critical look at a technology that has outpaced our understanding of how best to use it.

**[Without Precedent: The Supreme Life of Rosalie Abella](#)**

**Thursday, August 10 - 8:30pm**

Looking back on an illustrious career that included being the first Jewish woman to sit on the Supreme Court of Canada, it is clear that Abella's vision for an inclusive, diverse, and equitable Canada resonates to this day. Former prime ministers, family and those whose lives were forever changed by her judgements speak to an individual who earned the respect of a nation.

Muskoka Chautauqua co-founder **Gayle Dempsey** says, “We are thrilled to have partnered with Hot Docs for the past three years. We work closely with Hot Docs programmers to select each film specifically for our Muskoka audience, and our unique setting. This year we celebrate active aging with *Unsyncable*, reflect on sustainable forestry with *Silvicola*, consider the impact of social media with *I’m Just Here for the Riot* and celebrate a Canadian hero with *Without Precedent*. There is truly something for everyone in this year’s program.”

This year’s selections continue to celebrate Canadian filmmakers. Some of the screenings will be preceded by a short Q&A featuring a speaker associated with the documentary.

Tickets are available now and can be reserved at [www.muskokachautauqua.com](http://www.muskokachautauqua.com).

The 2023 Muskoka Chautauqua Arts & Culture Festival runs August 4 to 13. The festival site and 'Theatre in the Woods' is located at 1039 Golf Avenue in the historic village of Windermere.

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[Muskoka Chautauqua](#) is a not-for-profit organization fostering arts and culture, culminating in a 10-day summer festival in August in the historic village of Windermere. Muskoka Chautauqua is a community for the curious and the creative. Springing from a tradition that started 100 years ago, when the village of Windermere attracted North America’s leading thinkers to its shores, Muskoka Chautauqua is one of the longest-running and more iconic cultural institutions in the region. With more than 15 Chautauqua communities across North America, Muskoka Chautauqua is the only remaining Canadian chapter. Muskoka Chautauqua continues to grow and evolve, with a goal of providing a breadth of diverse arts and culture programming to the residents and visitors of the Muskoka Lakes region.

[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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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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