

## **HOT DOCS 2025 FESTIVAL FEATURES 113 DOCUMENTARIES FROM 47 COUNTRIES**

**Toronto, March 25, 2025** – Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival, North America’s leading documentary festival, conference and market, announces the program for its 2025 Festival, taking place April 24 to May 4 in Toronto. Showcasing the best in Canadian and international documentary, this year’s Festival features 113 documentaries from 47 countries.

Hot Docs 2025 will feature the following programs:

### **BIG IDEAS**

Hear from notable subjects and experts on the issues featured in thought-provoking documentaries

### **CITIZEN MINUTES SERIES 3**

A short doc collection commissioned by Hot Docs aimed at celebrating and inspiring civic engagement  
*Supported by The Rossy Foundation*

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Award-winning films, celebrated filmmakers, high-profile subjects and special screenings

### **CANADIAN SPECTRUM COMPETITION**

*Sponsored by TVO Docs*

A competitive program of compelling Canadian stories and perspectives

### **INTERNATIONAL SPECTRUM COMPETITION**

*Supported by the Donner Canadian Foundation*

A curated competition of world and international premieres from around the globe

### **WORLD SHOWCASE**

A popular global selection of the year’s finest docs

### **MADE IN EXILE**

*Supported by PEN Canada*

Powerful stories of displacement, memory and perseverance, from filmmakers and protagonists in exile

### **PERSISTER**

Presenting films about women speaking up and being heard

### **TIPPING POINT**

The struggle for justice, democracy and human rights in a world of unrest and change

**ARTSCAPES**

Art on film, featuring creative minds, artistic pursuits and inventive filmmaking

**NIGHTVISION**

A program that highlights future cult classics and diverse, creative approaches to filmmaking

**SHORTS PROGRAMS**

A specially curated selection of Canadian and international short films

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[Hot Docs \(www.hotdocs.ca\)](http://www.hotdocs.ca), North America's leading 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 32<sup>nd</sup> annual edition from April 24 to May 4, 2025, in cinemas across Toronto. Hot Docs will also mount a dynamic series of knowledge sessions, networking opportunities and market programs for documentary practitioners and industry delegates, including the renowned Hot Docs Deal Maker and Works-in-Progress screenings. Year-round, Hot Docs supports the Canadian and international industry with professional development programs and a multi-million-dollar film fund portfolio. Additionally, it 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.

Starting Tuesday, March 25, Festival ticket package holders, including Doc Soup subscribers, can redeem their ticket packages, and Hot Docs Members can purchase single tickets. Starting Tuesday, April 1, single tickets will be available to the public. Tickets and ticket packages can be purchased and/or redeemed [online](http://www.hotdocs.ca) at [www.hotdocs.ca](http://www.hotdocs.ca) or in person at Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema Box Office, located at 506 Bloor Street West (hours vary daily in accordance with cinema screenings). Single tickets are \$20 to regular Festival screenings and \$23 to Special Presentations screenings (\$18-\$20 members). Special events vary in price. A Festival 12-Pack is \$209 and a Festival 20-Pack is \$299. Hot Docs offers free tickets for all screenings before 4:00 p.m. to seniors and students with valid photo I.D., available online the day of the screening, subject to availability.

Hot Docs is proud to include Rogers as its Founding Partner; Netflix as its Presenting Partner; and Telefilm Canada, the Government of Ontario, and the Canada Media Fund as its Major Supporters. Full list of sponsors and partners: <https://hotdocs.ca/about/partners>

**FILM STILLS AVAILABLE**

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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