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## **HOT DOCS TO CONTINUE PROGRAMMING AND OPERATING HOT DOCS CINEMA FOLLOWING SALE OF BUILDING AT 506 BLOOR STREET WEST**

**DOC SOUP RETURNS THIS OCTOBER TO APRIL AND NEW CURIOUS MINDS FESTIVAL COMES TO  
THE CINEMA FROM NOVEMBER 6 TO 9**

**Toronto, Canada** – Today, Hot Docs announces that the sale of the Hot Docs Cinema building at 506 Bloor Street West closed on August 6. The terms of the sale include a multi-year lease that allows Hot Docs to continue to operate and program the Cinema year-round. In addition to the stellar slate of must-see documentaries and retro flicks already announced, this fall will see the return of the long-running Doc Soup series, screening monthly from October to April, and the introduction of the Curious Minds Festival, which will take place at the Cinema this November 6 to 9.

“This sale is an important step in the organization’s ongoing journey toward financial stability,” said Diana Sanchez, Executive Director of Hot Docs. “While we are still recovering and rebuilding, we’re thrilled that Hot Docs Cinema will remain a community hub—bringing audiences outstanding documentaries, familiar favourites, and special events—while continuing to welcome fellow festivals and programming partners.”

The buyer, a long-time Annex neighbour with close ties to the community, has chosen to remain anonymous.

“As a long-time neighbour of Hot Docs Cinema, we know firsthand how integral it is to our community,” stated a spokesperson for the buyer. “It is our goal to support the arts in Toronto and ensure that this building remains a vibrant cultural space in the Annex.”

Dedicated to conversation and community, the **Curious Minds Festival** will spotlight stories, voices, issues and ideas that shape our present and challenge us to think deeply about the world we inhabit. From November 6 to 9, leading thinkers in their field will bring together creators, change makers and inquisitive audiences to explore the most pressing topics of today. Speakers will be announced in the coming weeks.

On October 8, **Doc Soup** will return for its 25th season. From October to April, the beloved monthly series will continue to showcase documentaries fresh from the festival circuit, followed by lively Q&As with special guests. Subscriptions on sale starting August 19.

To celebrate the Cinema sale, we will be offering a discount on Hot Docs Memberships starting August 19. Members receive discounts on cinema screenings and events, Doc Soup subscriptions and tickets, the new Curious Minds Festival, and the flagship Hot Docs Festival in the spring.

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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 33<sup>rd</sup> edition in Spring 2026, in Toronto. Since its inception in 1993, Hot Docs has supported the Canadian and international industry with professional development programs and production fund portfolio, including the Hot Docs Ted Rogers Fund, CrossCurrents Doc Funds, Hot Docs-Slaight Family Fund, Hot Docs-Blue Ice Docs Fund and Hot Docs Partners, and valuable professional development programs, including Doc Ignite and Hot Docs Incubator.

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