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**DOC SOUP SEASON LAUNCH, MUST-SEE DOCS AND HALLOWEEN SERIES
NIGHTMARES ON BLOOR STREET COMING TO CINEMA THIS FALL**

HOT DOCS' POPULAR DOC SOUP SERIES TO RETURN WITH FESTIVAL CIRCUIT FAVOURITE *THE LIBRARIANS*

NIGHTMARES ON BLOOR STREET TO BRING CHILLING SELECTION OF HORROR CLASSICS AND GENRE-BENDERS FOR SPOOKY SEASON

CURIOUS MINDS AUTHOR TALKS WELCOMES RONALD J. DEIBERT IN DISCUSSION ABOUT HIS LATEST NOVEL *CHASING SHADOWS*

Toronto, ON - Hot Docs is excited to announce the return of popular and long-running series *Doc Soup*, as well as the addition of several documentaries to the *Must-See Docs* lineup at Hot Docs Cinema, and a new Halloween-themed series that will bring iconic horror titles to the cinema this fall. In advance of November's Curious Minds Festival, Hot Docs Cinema will welcome author Ronald J. Deibert to discuss and read from his latest novel, *Chasing Shadows*, as part of the *Curious Minds Author Talks* series.

Doc Soup returns for the 2025-26 season with monthly screenings at Hot Docs Cinema. The series will launch on October 8 with a screening of festival circuit favourite *The Librarians* (D: Kim A Snyder | USA | 92 minutes | 2025). Set against the chilling backdrop of censorship efforts in multiple US states, this Sundance hit introduces and celebrates the vital, everyday heroes who are fighting back and defending intellectual freedom. The Doc Soup event includes a post-screening Q&A with award-winning director Kim A Snyder. This year's Doc Soup season will include seven monthly screenings from October to April. Doc Soup subscriptions are now on sale and include one ticket to each Doc Soup screening, as well as a Hot Docs 2026 Festival 12-Pack. For more information, visit <https://hotdocs.ca/whats-on/cinema-series/doc-soup>

New release docs coming soon include *Architecton* (D: Victor Kossakovsky | Germany, France, USA, French Polynesia | 98 minutes | 2024), a hypnotic and propulsive journey through the materials that make up our modern world; 2025 Hot Docs Festival Top Ten Audience Favourite *Coexistence, My Ass!* (D: Amber Fares | USA, France | 95 minutes | 2025), in which comedian Noam Shuster Eliassi boldly confronts the Israel-Palestine conflict in her one-woman show; *Monk in Pieces* (D: Billy Shebar | USA, Germany, France | 95 minutes | 2025), which celebrates the often-overlooked artistic pioneer Meredith Monk and features interviews from Björk and David Byrne, and *The Perfect Neighbor* (D: Geeta Gandbhir | USA | 94 minutes | 2025), a true crime thriller about a tight-knit community harassed by a neighbor whose hostility escalates into a fatal crime.

The ghosts of the Bloor Cinema rise again with the Halloween series *Nightmares on Bloor Street*, a chilling selection of classics and genre-benders aimed at getting audiences good and goosepimply for spooky season. Experience some of horror's most iconic offerings on the big screen in one of Toronto's oldest operating movie theatres. Titles screening as part of this series span each decade from the 1970s through to the 2010s and include ***Candyman*** (D: Bernard Rose | USA | 99 minutes | 1992), ***Carrie*** (D: Brian De Palma | USA | 98 minutes | 1976), ***The Evil Dead*** (D: Sam Raimi | USA | 85 minutes | 1981) featuring a live performance on stage from drag artist Andy Fetamean, ***The Ring*** (D: Gore Verbinski | USA | 115 minutes | 2002), ***Rhymes for Young Ghouls*** (D: Jeff Barnaby | Canada | 88 minutes | 2013), and ***Room 237*** (D: Rodney Ascher | USA | 102 minutes | 2012). For more information and a complete list of titles and screening dates and times, visit <https://hotdocs.ca/whats-on/cinema-series/nightmares-on-bloor-street>

On the heels of Curious Minds Festival taking place later the same month, *Curious Minds Author Talks* return in November with author Ronald J. Deibert live on stage to discuss his latest novel, ***Chasing Shadows***. In this real-life spy thriller, cyber security expert Ronald Deibert uncovers the unseemly marketplace for high-tech surveillance, professional disinformation, and computerized malfeasance. He reveals how his team of digital sleuths at the Citizen Lab have lifted the lid on dozens of covert operations targeting innocent citizens everywhere.

Joining the films and events above is concert film ***GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now*** (D: Alex Ross Perry, Tobias Forge | USA | 139 minutes | 2024). Shot during Ghost's sold out two-night finale of their Re-Imperatour tour at Los Angeles' Kia Forum, *GHOST: Rite Here Rite Now* immerses viewers in the Grammy-winning theatrical rock band's debut film, blending live performance with a narrative story that will leave audiences completely spellbound in the thrall of this bombastic yet intimate cinematic portrait of Ghost.

To view the Hot Docs Cinema calendar, please visit www.hotdocs.ca

All newly announced screenings and events appear below with dates and times. For ticket prices and information, visit <https://hotdocs.ca/whats-on/watch-cinema>

DOC SOUP

THE LIBRARIANS

D: Kim A Snyder | USA | 92 minutes | 2025

Set against the chilling backdrop of censorship efforts in multiple US states, this Sundance hit introduces and celebrates the vital, everyday heroes who are fighting back and defending intellectual freedom.

Wednesday, October 6 / 6:30 PM

MUST-SEE DOCS

ARCHITECTON

D: Victor Kossakovsky | Germany, France, USA, French Polynesia | 98 minutes | 2024)

A hypnotic and propulsive journey through the materials that make up our modern world.

Sunday, October 19 / 4:00 PM

Sunday, October 26 / 4:00 PM

COEXISTENCE, MY ASS!

D: Amber Fares | USA, France | 95 minutes | 2025

2025 Hot Docs Festival Top Ten Audience Favourite

Comedian Noam Shuster Eliassi boldly confronts the Israel-Palestine conflict in her one-woman show.

Sunday, November 2 / 7:00 PM

Friday, November 14 / 6:30 PM

MONK IN PIECES

D: Billy Shebar | USA, Germany, France | 95 minutes | 2025

With interviews from Björk and David Byrne, *Monk in Pieces* celebrates the often-overlooked artistic pioneer Meredith Monk.

Saturday, October 4 / 5:15 PM

Saturday, October 11 / 2:30 PM

THE PERFECT NEIGHBOR

Geeta Gandbhir | USA | 94 minutes | 2025

A true crime thriller about a tight-knit community harassed by a neighbor whose hostility escalates into a fatal crime.

Saturday, October 11 / 5:15 PM

Sunday, October 12 / 3:45 PM

Friday, October 17 / 6:00 PM

NIGHTMARES ON BLOOR STREET

CANDYMAN

D: Bernard Rose | USA | 99 minutes | 1992

Sure, the name sounds sweet, but you don't want any of this horror icon's candy in your trick or treat bag.

Saturday, October 4 / 8:00 PM

CARRIE

D: Brian De Palma | USA | 98 minutes | 1976

A true horror classic with one of the most iconic and frequently referenced scenes of all time!

Sunday, October 12 / 6:30 PM

THE EVIL DEAD WITH ANDY FETAMEAN

D: Sam Raimi | USA | 85 minutes | 1981

The ultra bloody first instalment of Sam Raimi's trilogy, accompanied by a freaky live performance from drag artist Andy Fetamean.

Saturday, October 11 / 8:00 PM

THE RING

D: Gore Verbinski | USA | 115 minutes | 2002

The sight and sound of TV static has never been the same since this classic 2000s remake hit our screens.

Friday, October 3 / 8:30 PM

RHYMES FOR YOUNG GHOULS

D: Jeff Barnaby | Canada | 88 minutes | 2013

This richly imaginative and striking film takes on a very dark time in Canada's treatment of Indigenous people.

Sunday, October 19 / 7:00 PM

ROOM 237

D: Rodney Ascher | USA | 102 minutes | 2012

A dream (or nightmare)-like exploration of the numerous theories about hidden meanings within Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining*.

Saturday, October 25 / 4:30 PM

CURIOUS MINDS AUTHOR TALKS

RONALD J. DEIBERT: CHASING SHADOWS

Join us as we welcome author Ronald J. Deibert, live on stage at Hot Docs Cinema, to discuss and read from his latest book, *Chasing Shadows*.

Sunday, November 2 / 12:30 PM

THIS FILM SHOULD BE PLAYED LOUD

GHOST: RITE HERE RITE NOW

D: Alex Ross Perry, Tobias Forge | USA | 139 minutes | 2024

Swedish rock band Ghost performs hit songs during their two-night tour finale at Los Angeles' Kia Forum.

Saturday, November 1 / 7:00 PM

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Programmed and operated by [Hot Docs](https://www.hotdocs.ca), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing and celebrating the art of documentary, Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema is the world's largest documentary cinema. A historic, century-old landmark located in Toronto's vibrant Annex neighbourhood, the Cinema is a year-round home for non-fiction film and storytelling, presenting first-run international and Canadian documentaries, curated film and speakers series, signature events including Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival, Hot Docs Podcast Festival and Curious Minds Weekend, as well as hosting for some of the city's premier festivals and events. Since assuming management in 2012, Hot Docs has screened over 1,425 films to audiences of more than 1.3 million. In 2016, a generous \$5-million donation from Rogers Foundation enabled Hot Docs to purchase the venue.

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