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HOT DOCS TED ROGERS CINEMA: MAY 23 TO JUNE 21
STORIES OF CHOSEN FAMILY, QUEER ART AND ACTIVISM, IDENTITY AND
UNDERSTANDING MAKE UP CINEMA'S PRIDE MONTH SERIES *PRIDE PROJECTED*

NEW RELEASE: *PARADE: QUEER ACTS OF LOVE & RESISTANCE* RETURNS TO CINEMA SCREEN FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL WORLD PREMIERE AS HOT DOCS FESTIVAL'S 2025 OPENING NIGHT FILM

PRIDE PROJECTED SERIES BRINGS FILMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS TO MARK PRIDE MONTH IN TORONTO

FOR VIOLA: OFFERING INSIGHT INTO HOW PUBLIC DISSENT ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES—INCLUDING MANY HERE IN TORONTO—CONTINUES TO EVOLVE, ***THE ENCAMPMENTS*** ENGAGES WITH NORTH AMERICA'S LONG HISTORY OF CAMPUS PROTESTS

ART OF ANIME: CELEBRATE STUDIO GHIBLI'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY WITH ITS FIRST FILM, ***CASTLE IN THE SKY***, A CAPTIVATINGLY BEAUTIFUL ADVENTURE EPIC

A YEAR OF AUSTEN: A TAMIL-LANGUAGE ADAPTATION OF SENSE AND SENSIBILITY, ***KANDUKONDAIN KANDUKONDAIN*** TRADES 18TH-CENTURY DEVONSHIRE FOR CONTEMPORARY SOUTH INDIA

Toronto, ON - Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema is excited to unveil a dynamic lineup of screenings, series and special events running from May 23 to June 21. New release *Parade: Queer Acts of Love & Resistance* traces the resistance of Canada's 2SLGBTQI+ movement over the course of several decades and returns to the cinema following its world premiere at Hot Docs as Opening Night Film for the 2025 Festival. The film joins several other films and special events making up *Pride Projected*, a series of stories of chosen family, queer art and activism, identity and understanding, to mark pride month in Toronto. Additional series will bring films both new and classic, including the *For Viola* screening of *The Encampments*, the *Art of Anime* screening of Studio Ghibli's *Castle in the Sky*, and the *A Year of Austen* screening of *Kandukondain Kandukondain*.

To view the full list of titles and events making up the *Pride Projected* series, please visit hotdocs.ca/whats-on/cinema-series/pride-projected

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

To view a list of Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema film series, please visit hotdocs.ca/whats-on/cinema-series

Owned and operated by the Hot Docs International Documentary Festival, the historic Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema is one of the world's only documentary cinemas.

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>

NEW RELEASES

New Release / Pride Projected

PARADE: QUEER ACTS OF LOVE & RESISTANCE

D: Noam Gonick | Canada | 96 min | 2025

Unflinching, bold and hopeful, this new chapter in the queer canon traces the resistance of Canada's 2SLGBTQI+ movement.

Join us for a post-screening Q&A with the film team and special guests on Saturday, June 14.

Saturday, June 14 / 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 21 / 1:00 PM

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The films and events below join *Parade: Queer Acts of Love & Resistance* and previously announced *Sabbath Queen* and Curious Minds Author Talks event *Harrison and Rachel Browne on Let Us Play: Winning the Battle for Gender Diverse Athletes* in the lineup of the Pride Projected series.

THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT

D: Stephan Elliott | Australia | 104 min | 1994

A queer classic! Two drag queens and a trans woman board the eponymous pink bus and take a road trip across Australia.

Friday, June 6 / 9:15 PM

WICKED SING-ALONG

D: Jon M. Chu | USA | 160 min | 2024

Come sing along as the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good become unlikely friends.

Sunday, June 8 / 3:00 PM

PARIS IS BURNING: 2K RESTORATION

D: Jennie Livingston | USA | 78 min | 1990

A landmark portrait of Harlem's drag ball scene in the 1980s, a time rife with homophobia, transphobia, racism and AIDS.

Sunday, June 8 / 7:15 PM

SHE SAID BOOM: THE STORY OF FIFTH COLUMN

D: Kevin Hegge | Canada, USA | 64 min | 2012

Toronto, 1980. Four young women form Fifth Column, a post-punk band that will influence art and politics worldwide.

Saturday, June 14 / 1:00 PM

P.S. BURN THIS LETTER PLEASE

D: Michael Seligman & Jennifer Tiexiera | USA | 100 min | 2020

A box of letters from the 1950s is the key to unlocking a vital, yet previously untold, part of New York's 2SLGBTQI+ history.

Sunday, June 15 / 1:30 PM

BUT I'M A CHEERLEADER

D: Jamie Babbit | USA | 85 min | 1999

Celebrate Pride with this candy-coloured queer teen romance starring Natasha Lyonne, Clea DuVall and RuPaul.

Sunday, June 15 / 4:30 PM

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

D: Jim Sharman | United Kingdom, USA | 100 min | 1975

Come do the "Time Warp" again with this cult classic, presented with Toronto's own Shadow Cast who perform their satirical version during the screening.

Friday, June 20 / 9:30 PM

Toronto's own shadow cast, Excited Mental State, will be performing their own satirical, comedic version of the film for audiences.

SERIES & SPECIAL EVENTS

For Viola

THE ENCAMPMENTS *FREE SCREENING*

D: Michael T. Workman, Kei Pritsker | USA | 82 min | 2025

An intimate eyewitness account of the student protests at Columbia University, this urgent documentary engages in salient conversations around free speech and protest.

Friday, May 23 / 7:00 PM

Includes a post-screening discussion between the filmmakers and For Viola programmer Julian Carrington.

For Viola is supported by the Donner Canadian Foundation and the Ontario Arts Council.

Art of Anime

CASTLE IN THE SKY

D: Hayao Miyazaki | Japan | 124 min | 1986

Celebrate Studio Ghibli's 40th anniversary with its first film—a captivatingly beautiful adventure epic.

The English dubbed version of the film will be presented.

Saturday, May 24 / 4:00 PM

A Year of Austen

KANDUKONDAIN KANDUKONDAIN

D: Rajiv Menon | India | 150 min | 2000

This Tamil-language adaptation of Sense and Sensibility trades 18th-century Devonshire for contemporary South India.

Saturday, June 14 / 3:15 PM

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Owned and operated by [Hot Docs](#), 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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