

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR HOT DOCS'  
CORUS DIVERSE VOICES SCHOLARSHIP**

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Toronto, March 16, 2017 - **Hot Docs** is pleased to announce the **Corus Diverse Voices Scholarship** is now accepting applications. In recognition of Canada 150, the scholarship will invite four to six emerging filmmakers to participate in an intensive program during the **Hot Docs Festival, April 27-May 7**, where they will develop a short documentary that shares their unique perspective about what Canada means to them, our next generation of documentary storytellers.

"With the generous backing from Corus, Hot Docs is delighted that this program will support dynamic young filmmakers from across Canada cultivate their storytelling talent and production skills," said Elizabeth Radshaw, Hot Docs Industry Program Director.

"The Corus Diverse Voices Scholarship nurtures documentary storytelling and fosters compelling narratives that are uniquely Canadian," said Barbara Williams, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Corus. "Canada is renowned for its outstanding documentaries and with our nation's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the Scholarship is a terrific way to celebrate our voice and our stories."

Under the theme of "Our Canada", filmmakers are invited to apply with a story of a person, place or thing in their community that exemplifies what Canada means to them. Selected filmmakers will take part in an intensive Festival-based curriculum comprised of a private development lab in conjunction with attendance at Hot Docs conference and market events. The program will focus on skills training and career advancement with a goal of completing development of a short documentary. At the end of the program developed proposals will be presented to Corus for review.

Submissions must be a story idea for a short Canadian documentary intended to be no more than 10 minutes in length. Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on the quality of the submitted film proposal, how closely the submitted proposal adheres to the theme of the "Our Canada" project, as well as the promise of the applying filmmaker.

Hot Docs is a charitable, not-for-profit organization committed to advancing the art of documentary and supporting opportunities for independent filmmakers.

To be eligible, applicants must be of an under-represented group: visible minority, person with a disability or a member of the aboriginal community, and must be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident of Canada between the ages of 22 and 35. Applicants must be an emerging level filmmaker with three or fewer professional credits as director or producer, and have demonstrated commitment to their profession.

Please visit [www.hotdocs.ca/i/corus-diverse-voices-program](http://www.hotdocs.ca/i/corus-diverse-voices-program) for full application and eligibility requirements.

The deadline for submissions is March 23, 2017; selected filmmakers will be notified by April 15, 2017.

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**About Hot Docs**

Hot Docs ([www.hotdocs.ca](http://www.hotdocs.ca)), North America's largest documentary festival, conference and market, will present its 24<sup>th</sup> annual edition from April 27-May 7, 2017. An outstanding selection of over 200 documentaries from Canada and around the world will be presented to Toronto audiences and international delegates. Hot Docs will also mount a full roster of conference sessions and market events and services for documentary practitioners, including the renowned Hot Docs Forum, Hot Docs Deal Maker and the Doc Shop. Hot Docs owns the Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema, a century-old landmark located in Toronto's Annex neighbourhood.

**About Corus Entertainment**

Corus Entertainment Inc. (TSX: CJR.B) is a leading media and content company that creates and delivers high quality brands and content across platforms for audiences around the world. The company's portfolio of multimedia offerings encompasses 45 specialty television services, 39 radio stations, 15 conventional television stations, a global content business, digital assets, live events, children's book publishing, animation software, technology and media services. Corus' roster of premium brands includes Global Television, W Network, OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network Canada, HGTV Canada, Food Network Canada, HISTORY®, Showcase, National Geographic Channel, Q107, CKNW, Fresh Radio, Disney Channel Canada, YTV and Nickelodeon Canada. Visit Corus at [www.corusent.com](http://www.corusent.com).

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