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Atlantic Canada joins the World at Hot Docs

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia — Lunenburg Doc Fest (LDF) is again leading a delegation of producers and directors from the Atlantic Canadian region to the Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival. Hot Docs is North America's largest documentary festival and market, held April 26 to May 6, 2018, in Toronto. The LDF Atlantic Delegation is the only Canadian delegation and one of twelve delegations from around the world including Italy, Japan, South Africa and nine other countries.

The specific regional focus LDF brings is unique at Hot Docs. The LDF Delegation is a year-round initiative of the festival which motivates, promotes and provides opportunities to Atlantic Canadian documentarians. The sixteen delegates will engage in professional development sessions, market events and networking opportunities with funders, distributors, programmers, and international co-producers.

"Lunenburg Doc Fest is proud to champion Atlantic Canadian filmmakers and we are returning to Hot Docs with momentum," says Pamela Segger, LDF Executive Director. "Last year members of our delegation came home with investments and distribution deals for their films."

"I secured US and international distribution for my NFB film *Bluefin*," states John Hopkins from Prince Edward Island. "I'm grateful for the work Lunenburg Doc Fest does to help our local creators and I look forward to introducing the new delegates to the funders and broadcasters to help them get their projects made."

Hot Docs has an added Atlantic focus this year: The festival is honouring Nova Scotia filmmaker, John Walker, screening five of his films in the **Focus On** program, which highlights one Canadian artist each year.

LDF Atlantic Canada Delegation members attending Hot Docs:

Nance Ackerman, Rachel Bower, Jessica Brown, Millefiore Clarkes, Stuart Cresswell, Donna Davies, Walter Forsyth, John Hopkins, Louise Lalonde, Teresa MacInnes, Michael Melski, Kent Nason, Ariella Pahlke, Alexander Reid, Jackie Torrens along with Pamela Segger.

For information on the Atlantic Canadian Delegation or for interview opportunities, please contact Pamela Segger. The fifth Lunenburg Doc Fest takes place September 20 to 23, 2018. For more information go to www.lunenburgdocfest.com.

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Lunenburg Doc Fest showcases documentary films that entertain, educate, and inspire, creating a cultural experience and place of connection between filmmakers and film enthusiasts in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. The festival is presented with the generous support from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage, Telefilm Canada and Canadian Heritage.

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