

March 1, 2023

IMAX® Victoria Film Festival returns for three weeks in March

VICTORIA, BC — Back for another year of exploration, discovery and adventure, the IMAX® Victoria Film Festival is ready to transport you through time and space with an all-star lineup of documentary films, playing March 3 to 26.

Returning for the first time since early 2020, this year's festival features something for everyone—from doggle-wearing doggos to the deepest depths of the ocean and the furthest reaches of the universe. Eight films with six great themes, including three feature-length documentaries, are sure to captivate and delight.

"We're certainly seeing a huge buzz around this year's film festival," says Colin Hardie, Theatre and Box Office Senior Manager at IMAX® Victoria. "It's exciting to welcome it back, and we're really happy to see how well the People's Choice Vote has been received, with the classic 1988 documentary *Beavers* victorious."

Fan favourites—Oceans: Our Blue Planet, Hidden Universe and Superpower Dogs—join Animal Kingdom: A Tale of Six Families, a brand-new release from IMAX, and Beavers, the winner of the People's Choice vote, for the film festival's daily schedule. The Scattering of Man, Haida Modern, and Unarchived, the festival's three feature-length films, will screen on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout the festival, with guest speaker Q&As included March 3–5.

"Including fan favourites was a no brainer, but we also wanted to try something that has never been done before. Featuring a brand-new release from IMAX was really important to us and showcasing three feature-length BC films with guest speaker Q&As added more depth to the film festival while encouraging audience engagement," says Hardie.

Film festival passes are available for purchase at the Royal BC Museum box office for \$49, or upgrade to an IMAX® Victoria Annual Pass for only \$59 and see unlimited documentaries for 12 months, along with a whole host of other perks.

2023 IMAX® Victoria Film Festival Lineup—March 3–26:

- Animal Kingdom: A Tale of Six Families 2D & 3D
- Superpower Dogs 2D & 3D
- Hidden Universe 2D & 3D
- Oceans: Our Blue Planet 2D & 3D
- Stephen Low Company People's Choice winner: Beavers

Feature documentaries

- The Scattering of Man 2D (March 3, 11 and 19)
- Haida Modern 2D (March 4, 12 and 17)
- Unarchived 2D (March 5, 10 and 18)

To learn more, visit imaxvictoria.com/filmfestival.

-30 -

Media Invitation

Members of the media and a guest are invited to the feature documentary opening nights with director Q&A:

- The Scattering of Man 2D on March 3, 7:15 PM
- Haida Modern 2D March 4, 7:15 PM
- Unarchived 2D March 5, 7:15 PM

Please RSVP with your name, number of tickets required and the documentary that you'd like to attend to srich@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca by Friday, March 3 at 12PM.

About the Royal BC Museum: The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Located in Victoria on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen (Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations), we are a hub of community connections in BC—on-site, off-site, and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

For tickets to IMAX® Victoria and the Royal BC Museum visit: Tickets

For information about visiting the Royal BC Museum, visit: <u>Plan Your Visit About the Royal BC</u> Museum

Media contact:

Sam Rich Corporate Communications Manager 250-208-9148 srich@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

