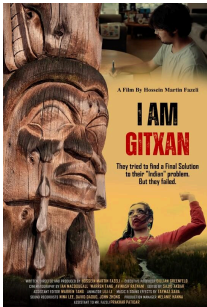


**Calmer Waters | US PREMIERE — DOCUMENTARY FEATURE |**

Annie Leclair | Canada | 2024 | 00:48:47 mins

Thirteen years after a tragic diving accident left Soleine paralyzed from the neck down, Les eaux calmes (Calmer Waters) documents her brave decision to become the first quadriplegic woman in Quebec to give birth. Through thought-provoking narration and intimate footage shot over a decade, Soleine's desire to embrace motherhood ultimately leads to self-forgiveness and her place in this world. But as she approaches 40, Soleine still hasn't mourned the loss of her legs. Determined to relive her fondest childhood memory, a fishing trip with her family, Soleine is ready to let go of the past and dive again into the water.

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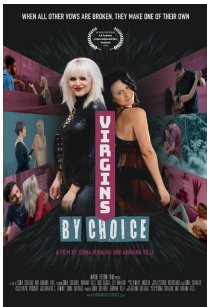


**I Am Gitxsan | NEW YORK PREMIERE — DOCUMENTARY FEATURE |**

Hossein Martin Fazeli | Canada | 2024 | 01:04:17 mins

"I Am Gitxsan" follows Phoenix Apperloo, a recent high school graduate reconnecting with his Indigenous heritage in Hazelton, British Columbia, Canada. Inspired by encounters with residential school survivors, he writes a heartfelt letter to Prime Minister Trudeau about the injustices faced by his people.

The documentary highlights the impact of colonialism on the Gitxsan community, featuring insights from experts like Dr Gabor Maté and showcasing their resilience through protests and legal actions. It culminates with a moving message of hope and determination, emphasizing the power of the Gitxsan people's enduring spirit, the beauties of their culture, and their commitment to future generations. **TRAILER**

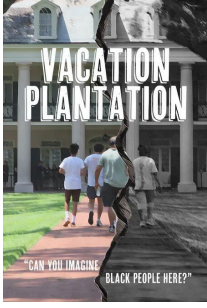


**VIRGINS BY CHOICE | NEW YORK STATE PREMIERE — WOMEN DIRECTED NARRATIVE FEATURE |**

Sonia Suvagau, Adriana Villi | Canada | 2024 | 01:55:00 mins

In a desperate act to heal their broken hearts, two girlfriends vow to give up sex for a year, only to discover that true love has no timeline. After her divorce, Luna's life is unraveling as she struggles to overcome the narcissistic abuse that haunts her mind. With her newly discovered bisexuality, she's looking for "love" in all the wrong places. Meanwhile, 40-year-old Lily finds herself single again after a broken engagement. She's ready to forsake her faith and find love and her virginity. These two best friends embark on a journey to heal: Lily devotes herself to overcoming religious shame, while Luna joins a therapy group to battle the ghosts of her past. But when their perfect matches show up, their commitment to stay abstinent is put to the test, along with their friendship.

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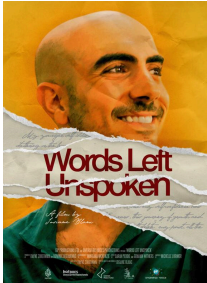


**VACATION PLANTATION | NOT A PREMIERE — DOCUMENTARY FEATURE |**

Alex Bezeau | Canada | 2024 | 01:16:00 mins

Today, in the American South, there are as many historic plantation sites open to the public as Krispy Kreme locations across the United States. These sites indulge tourists' fantasies rather than the horrific realities of the past. Vacation Plantation grants unparalleled access to the modern American plantation tourism industry – from the priorities of today's plantation owners to the political balancing act of State representatives to the descendants of the enslaved fighting for change. Archaeologist Lauren Cudmore journeys to understand why millions of tourists continue to vacation at these sites of historical trauma.

**TRAILER**



**Words Left Unspoken | US PREMIERE — WOMEN DIRECTED DOCUMENTARY FEATURE |**

Josiane Blanc | Canada | 2023 | 00:52:00 mins

After avoiding speaking at all costs for over two decades, Joze Piranian, who has a severe stutter, decides to confront his fears by traveling back to his home country, Lebanon, and holding the conversations he never dared to have before with his family. He hopes to finally make peace with his stutter and become the man he always wanted to be. **TRAILER**

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