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SEE WHAT SCORES ON SCREEN AT CIFF 2022

Calgary, AB – From soaring game-day victories and crushing losses, to political triumphs and shameful pitfalls, film and sports will collide on screen at the 23rd annual Calgary International Film Festival from **September 22 to October 2, 2022**. Sports fans will have the chance to relieve the historic hockey match that revolutionized sports diplomacy, peek into the mind of baseball legend Yogi Berra and uncover the unsolved mystery of the Vancouver Grizzlies. Audiences will also get a sobering look at the detrimental impacts of Native American "mascoting" and sing for the unsung Black heroes of hockey with a little help from LeBron James and Drake.

"In a typical year we get one or two standout sports documentaries. 2022 turned out to be a bumper crop of films about hockey, basketball and much more. What's most fascinating is how several of the films delve into the darker side of sport as it relates to issues of discrimination and racism," said Brian Owens, CIFF's Artistic Director.

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BLACK ICE, Directed by Hubert Davis

From Executive Producers LeBron James and Drake comes BLACK ICE, a searing and insightful documentary that examines the history of anti-Black racism in hockey, from the segregated leagues of the 19th century to the NHL and other professional leagues today, where Black athletes continue to fight bigotry.

THE GRIZZLIE TRUTH, Directed by Kathleen S. Jayme

To filmmaker Kat Jayme and other die-hard fans of the former NBA franchise the Vancouver Grizzlies, the team's abrupt move to Memphis in 2001 is much more than a sore spot; it is an unsolved mystery and possible criminal conspiracy. What begins as one superfan's investigation into her hometown team's disappearance evolves into a hilarious exploration of what it means to be a fan, culminating in a love letter to one of the worst professional sports franchises in history.

ICE BREAKER: THE 1972 SUMMIT SERIES, Directed by Robbie Hart

Fifty years ago, more than 20 million Canadians and 150 million Soviet citizens were mesmerized by what is now known as the "Summit Series." When faced with potential military escalation, Canada opted to resolve their conflict with the Soviet Union through an historic, best-on-best hockey series, providing common ground for both nations. These matches led to the growth of sports diplomacy, placed a human face on communism and reduced the risk of war.

Featuring Wayne Gretzky, Vladislav Tretiak and Margaret Trudeau, ICE BREAKER unearths stories from the Summit Series with fresh perspectives and unique analysis, exploring the impact of the games on Canadians from coast to coast.

IMAGINING THE INDIAN: THE FIGHT AGAINST NATIVE AMERICAN MASCOTING, Directed by Aviva Kempner & Ben West

IMAGINING THE INDIAN: THE FIGHT AGAINST NATIVE AMERICAN MASCOTING examines the movement ending the use of Native American names, logos and mascots in the world of sports and beyond. The current uprising against the misappropriation of Native culture is part of a larger, national reckoning of racial injustice. This movement has succeeded in dismantling Confederate imagery, toppling statues of Christopher Columbus and forcing corporate sponsors of Washington's NFL team to demand it change its most-offensive name.

IT AIN'T OVER, Directed by Sean Mullin

Lawrence Peter "Yogi" Berra once advised a young player, "If you can't imitate him, don't copy him." IT AIN'T OVER is an intimate portrait of this misunderstood legend known more for his wit, humour and "Yogi-isms" than his ten world series rings, three MVP Awards and 18 All-Star Game appearances.

Sean Mullin attempts to set this story straight, placing his granddaughter, Lindsay Berra, at the center and peppering in interviews with former teammates, sports writers and admirers such as Billy Crystal.

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About the Calgary International Film Festival

Founded in 2000, the Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a not-for-profit charitable organization that brings films and filmmakers from around the world to Calgary for its annual Fall festival and year-round programming. CIFF is now the largest event of its kind in

Alberta and the sixth largest film festival in Canada, bringing audiences together for remarkable and engaging cinematic experiences.

CIFF is proud to present its hybrid festival from September 22 - October 2, 2022 with in-cinema screenings and at-home streaming, celebrating stand-out stories and experiences.

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