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CIFF CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH SPECIAL ALBERTA PREMIERE SCREENING OF THE TRAGICALLY HIP DOCUMENTARY SERIES

Calgary, AB - In celebration of its Silver Anniversary, The Calgary International Film Festival will host a special event at the Globe Cinema on **September 18, 2024**, with the Alberta Premiere of **THE TRAGICALLY HIP: NO DRESS REHEARSAL** Documentary Series, directed by Mike Downie, brother of late bandleader Gord Downie, who will be in attendance. There will be a Q&A following the screening with the Director, Producer Bryn Hughes and Executive Producer and the band's manager, Jake Gold.

"The Tragically Hip are Canada's band and CIFF couldn't be happier to celebrate our 25th anniversary and the band's 40th anniversary with this intimate and emotional documentary. Calgary is one of only four cities in the world where Hip fans can catch this on the big screen. It's a truly exciting event," said Brian Owens, CIFF's Artistic Director.

THE TRAGICALLY HIP: NO DRESS REHEARSAL is a long-form documentary that tells the love story between a band and the country they call home. Canadian rock'n'roll legends The Tragically Hip share the story of their unique, complicated and wildly successful musical brotherhood. With 40-years of hits and misses, friendship and frustration, triumph and tragedy, the series features never-before-seen performances, unreleased music and unprecedented access to the band and the people closest to them.

[TRAILER](#)

ABOUT DIRECTOR/PRODUCER MIKE DOWNIE

Mike Downie is the founder and creative force behind Courage Films. He was the co-creator and documentary director of *Secret Path*. *Secret Path* won a Donald Brittain Award at the Canadian Screen Awards (CSAs). Mike directed Gord Downie's *Secret Path in Concert* and *Finding the Secret Path*, for which Mike won a CSA for Best Arts Documentary and for Best Director. Mike built his storytelling skills directing and

producing numerous docs for CBC's longest running strand, The Nature Of Things, including The Covid Cruise, Running on Empty, Invasion of the Brain Snatchers and One Ocean.

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE ON AUGUST 28 at 10 a.m. MST.

For more information, please visit [CIFFcalgary.ca](https://ciffcalgary.ca)

Media Access to film photos and 25th Anniversary CIFF logos [HERE](#).

MEDIA ACCREDITATION is now open until September 2nd and includes access to Industry Week panels and events. Apply here: <https://vp.eventival.com/ciffcalgary/2024>

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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 25th Anniversary festival from September 19 – September 29, 2024 with in-cinema screenings, celebrating stand-out stories and offering once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

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