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***Tosca's Kiss* by Daniel Schmid at Docville  
Thursday, August 28 at 8 p.m., Cinéma Excentris**



**Montreal, Tuesday, August 12, 2014** – The **Montreal International Documentary Festival (RIDM)** is proud to present the final Docville screening of the 2014 series: Daniel Schmid's cult documentary *Tosca's Kiss*. Dustin Hoffman restored the film – the inspiration for his directorial debut, *Quartet* (2012) – to mark its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Docville series will return with an all-new line-up in January 2015.

Meet the inhabitants of the Casa di Riposa in Milan, the world's first nursing home for retired opera singers, founded by composer Giuseppe Verdi in 1896. In his documentary *Tosca's Kiss*, which has developed a cult following over the years and is a favourite among opera and music lovers worldwide, director Daniel Schmid has captured a world in which these wonderful singers (many of whom had significant careers on the opera stage) re-live and re-enact their triumphant roles of the glorious past. *Tosca's Kiss* is a touching and often hilarious film on the subject of aging and the power and timeless capacity of music to inspire.

Presented at the Locarno Festival, Cinéma du Réel and Montreal's Festival du Nouveau Cinéma in 1984.

Plus: the RIDM is proud to start the evening with the documentary short *À trois pas de la scène*, directed by Judith Plamondon and produced by Caroline Bergoin and INIS. The film looks at the beginning of a young opera singer's career.

***TOSCA'S KISS***

Directed by Daniel Schmid. Switzerland. 1984. 87 min. Courtesy of Icarus Films

In the original Italian, with French subtitles

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**Trailer:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n54SFEYtY-8>

**Online ticket purchase:**

<https://excentris.ticketaccs.net/en/organisation/representations/index.cfm?EvenementID=570>

*Quebec's only film festival dedicated to documentaries, the Montreal International Documentary Festival presents the best reality-based films, including the works of established directors and new talents.*

**The 17<sup>th</sup> annual RIDM will take place from November 12 to 23, 2014.**

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