

SCINEMA

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FILM FESTIVAL 2019

BODY PROGRAM

RUN TIME 4 hours 38 minutes

THE FACE OF A STRANGER (Canada)
50 minutes
Best Film

French (English subtitles)

Directed by Geneviève Turcotte
Produced by Découverte, Radio-Canada
Written by Danny Lemieux

After a 2011 hunting accident, this Quebec man thought he'd live forever with half a face. Then a confident young surgeon made an extraordinary offer. Face of Stranger takes us on a medical journey of epic proportions – where the odds of success are less than ideal. That didn't bother the prospective patient, 65-year-old Maurice Desjardins, who desperately needed a facial transplant operation.

Jury comment: *Story telling at its best with layers of brilliant cinematography, amazing human connections; emotionally charged and totally engaging.*

VITAMANIA (Australia) 1 hour 30 minutes
Best Documentary

Directed, produced and written by
Sonya Pemberton

Almost one billion people take a regular dietary supplements, mainly vitamin tablets, but how safe are these products, how are they regulated, and how can we make the right choices for our health? These surprisingly urgent questions are investigated by scientist Dr Derek Muller.

Jury comment: *A riveting tale uncovering the madness of enormity of the supplements industry.*

THE SUPERPOWERS OF THE BEAR (France)
50:14 minutes
Danish, English, French, Swedish (subtitles)

Directed by Thierry Robert, Rémy Marion
Produced by Le cinquième rêve, Pôles d'images
Written by Thierry Robert, Rémy Marion, Aurélie Saillard

Human civilizations throughout history have always lived in fear and admiration of the wild bear. Now, scientists are on the verge of discovering the biological and physiological secrets of these elusive creatures to help solve human health problems associated with kidneys, neurological disorders, osteoporosis and obesity. We will meet scientists, visit laboratories and go out into the field to study these animals' behaviour, to discover how one day the bear might revolutionize our lives!

WILD MEDICINE - ANIMALS' SUPERPOWERS
(Germany) 52:27 minutes

Directed and written by Heiko De Groot
Produced by Doclights GmbH

Animals have superpowers that we humans can only dream of. Some re-grow their limbs after they have lost them, others can go into hibernation for months without losing muscle, how do they do this? Their skills could help humans against Alzheimer's, heart attack and osteoporosis, but these superpowers are still a mystery. In this documentary, scientists visit eight research projects in Europe and America, uncovering how animals can help us to save human lives and highlighting the importance of biodiversity.

THE RAREST DRUG ON EARTH 10 minutes

This short film highlights TRIUMF's (Canada's particle physics laboratory) efforts to produce a special radioactive isotope nicknamed the "rarest drug on Earth" which can deliver devastating amounts of energy to single cancer cells without harming nearby tissue, and could revolutionise the way we treat cancer.

A TINY SPARK (Ireland) 26 minutes
Festival Entry

Directed, produced and written by
Niamh Heery

This film examines how research into blood clots and stroke could bring about big changes for people and medicine.

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