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Award-winning journalist screening Hudbay exposé during Canadian tour Film highlights miner's record of human rights and environmental abuses

(Phoenix, Ariz) Arizona investigative journalist [John Dougherty](#) will begin a 10-city Canadian tour on May 24 at the Royal Theatre in Toronto to screen his documentary “[Flin Flon Flim Flam](#)” on the worldwide operations of Hudbay Minerals, Inc.

The Canadian release of Mr. Dougherty's exposé comes shortly after a *New York Times* April 2 [front-page story](#) reported on Hudbay's dismal human rights record in Guatemala and pending [civil litigation](#) in Ontario that has national consequences for Canadian mining companies operating abroad.

Hudbay stands accused of murder, a shooting and gang rapes in connection with conflicts with indigenous communities in Guatemala. The film includes interviews conducted in September 2014 with many of the same Guatemalans featured in the *Times* story.

“Hudbay has a long history of tightly controlling information released to the media and the public,” Mr. Dougherty says. “This film produced in the United States provides a rare glimpse into the operations of one of Canada's oldest mining companies without the threat of a defamation lawsuit that has been used by Canadian mining companies to stop publication of information in Canada.

“The documentary reveals a company that knowingly poisoned people in Flin Flon with heavy metals, used strong-arm tactics with a First Nation, stands accused of heinous crimes in Guatemala, deployed Peruvian police to tear-gas and beat women in Peru and is now seeking to destroy a rare desert aquatic environment in the Coronado National Forest in Arizona that is home to the only known [wild jaguar](#) in the United States,” Mr. Dougherty says.

“This is not information Hudbay wants to have anyone share with Canadians,” he says. “That's why I'm bringing the film to Canada.”

The film will be shown free at all locations. The tour includes:

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Date & Time	City & Theater
May 24 7:00 PM	Toronto The Royal
May 25 7:00 PM	Montreal Cinema du Parc
May 26 7:00 PM	Ottawa The Mayfair
June 7 7:00 PM	Winnipeg Cinematheque
June 10 7:00 PM	Flin Flon Hapnot Theatre
June 14 7:00 PM	Saskatoon The Broadway
June 17 7:00 PM	Regina Regina Public Library
June 22 7:00 PM	Calgary Globe Cinema
June 25 4:00 PM	Edmonton Garneau
July 12 7:00 PM	Vancouver Cinematheque

The second stop on the tour on May 25 in Montreal at the Cine du Parc will also include Canadian author Alain Deneault, who will join Mr. Dougherty to answer questions following the screening. [Mr. Denault](#) is the co-author of the exposé “*Imperial Canada, Inc.: Legal Haven of Choice for the World’s Mining Industries.*” Publication of the book was delayed two years after Vancouver-based Barrick Gold threatened to file a [defamation lawsuit](#) against the authors and publisher.

Mr. Dougherty will screen the film in Flin Flon, where Hudbay has operated for more than 85 years. The Flin Flon school board voted 4-3 to lease the only theatre in town after a heated debate and one trustee saying the documentary [“is an extremely inflammatory film.”](#)

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Mr. Dougherty was commissioned to make the documentary by opponents to Hudbay's plans to construct the Rosemont Copper Mine in the Santa Rita Mountains on the Coronado National Forest southeast of Tucson.

"As an investigative journalist with decades of newspaper experience, I understand that critics will attempt to dismiss the film because of its financing. No one involved in the funding of this film had any role in creating this documentary, and saw the film for the first time when it was publicly premiered last October in Tucson," Mr. Dougherty says.

"There is nothing in the film that has not been thoroughly documented and supported by facts," Mr. Dougherty says. "Hudbay had multiple opportunities to be interviewed for the film and declined to do so."

Mr. Dougherty will be available to answer questions after the screening and will have different guests appear with him during the tour. Additional screening locations can be added to the tour by contacting Mr. Dougherty.

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Film Synopsis

Award-winning journalist John Dougherty's latest documentary "*Flin Flon Flim Flam*", reports on Toronto-based miner [Hudbay Minerals](#)' worldwide operations and its human rights and environmental abuses.

The exposé reveals how Hudbay contaminated its home community in Flin Flon, Manitoba with high levels of heavy metals from a smelter the company operated for more than 80 years.

The documentary also reports on the impact to residents of Hudbay's former mine in El Estor, Guatemala where the company's security guards allegedly clashed with residents over land claims. A Mayan community leader was shot to death and another man left paralyzed in the September 2009 violence.

Hudbay is now the target of a [three, precedent-setting civil suits](#) in Toronto that have withstood the company's attempts to have the case thrown out. The cases are proceeding to trial. The cases mark the first time a Canadian company is being held accountable in Canadian courts for the acts of an overseas subsidiary.

Dougherty also reports on demonstrations and community opposition to Hudbay's recently opened Constancia open pit copper mine in Uchucarco, Peru. Residents in the community were beaten and tear gassed by Peruvian National Police wearing rain gear provided by Hudbay Minerals. Residents in the rural community claim Hudbay has reneged on its promises to the community in exchange for rights to the land for the open pit mine.

The film covers in detail the environmental destruction that would occur if Hudbay Minerals obtains state and federal permits to construct the Rosemont mine on the northeastern face of the Santa Rita Mountains and the threat to Green Valley's water supply from Hudbay's planned groundwater pumping. Hudbay has promised to replace

groundwater it pumps from the Santa Cruz River Valley with Central Arizona Project Canal water. Critics, however, cast doubt that Hudbay will be able to fulfill its promise as Colorado River supplies continue to decline.

The film premiered last fall in Tucson and the filmmaker is about to embark on a 10-city tour in Canada.

This is the second documentary produced by Dougherty on the proposed Rosemont mine project.

The 2012 film "[Cyanide Beach](#)" revealed the checkered history of the top executives of Augusta Resource Corporation, the previous owners of the Rosemont mine site.

The film won [first place](#) as best educational film at the Yosemite International Film festival and attracted large crowds at screenings.

Hudbay acquired Augusta in 2014 in a \$500 million stock deal.

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Filmmaker's Biography

InvestigativeMEDIA, LLC founder John Dougherty has more than 30 years experience in the mainstream and alternative news media working as an investigative reporter, business and political writer, columnist and publisher. He has received many [journalism awards and honors](#).

John's reporting for the *Dayton Daily News* in the late 1980s on financier Charles H Keating Jr.'s ties to five U.S. Senators was later credited in U.S. Senate Ethics Committee testimony as the catalyst for the infamous "Keating Five" investigation.

John's work at *Phoenix New Times* in the early 1990s uncovered the financial corruption of former Arizona Governor J. Fife Symington III years before he was indicted, convicted and forced to resign. John uncovered the corrupt activities of Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio a decade before Arpaio's tactics have become national news.

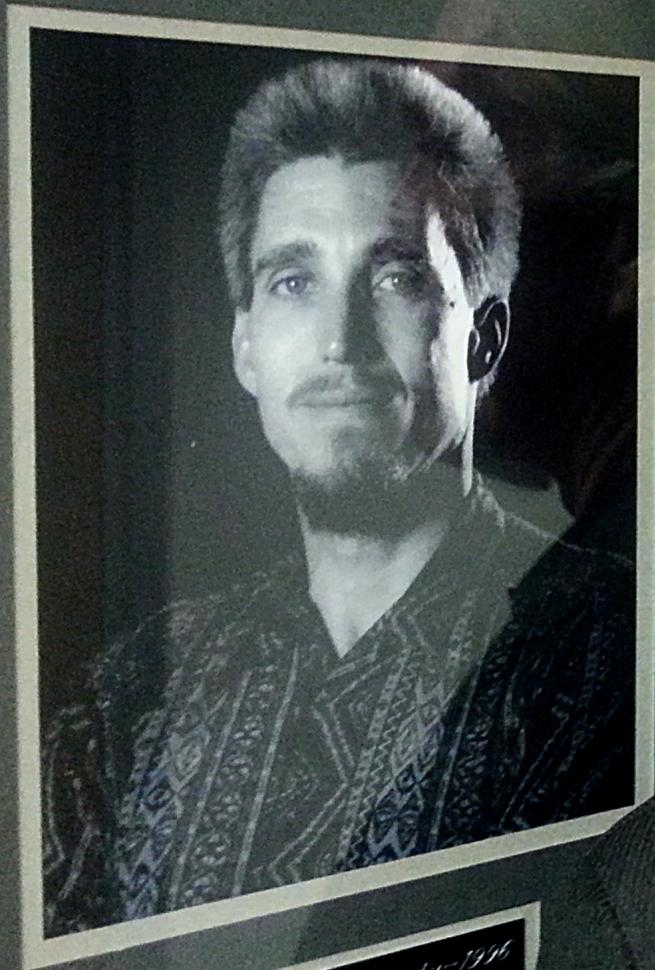
His investigation of fundamentalist Mormon polygamy in the early 2000s for *New Times* brought worldwide attention to the brutal theocracy that controls the twin cities of Hildale, Utah and Colorado City, Arizona, years before sect leader Warren Jeffs was imprisoned for life in Texas for sexual abuse of a teenage girl.

When Texas authorities raided Jeffs' polygamist compound in April 2008, the *New York Times* dispatched John to cover the story. John's reporting culminated with a May 8, 2008 front page story in the *Times*. In October 2009, John's story on the deaths of three people inside a Sedona, AZ, sweat lodge also landed on A-1 of the *New York Times*.

John has also been a regular contributor to *The Washington Post's* sports and financial sections and covered the 2001 World Series. His feature stories on environmental issues facing the West have also appeared in *High Country News*.

John has been named the Virg Hill Arizona Journalist of the Year three times and received the Don Bolles Investigative Reporter of the Year by the Arizona Press Club and has won dozens of state, regional and national journalism awards. John is a member of [Investigative Reporters & Editors, Inc.](#)

John earned B.S. Journalism (1978) and B.S. Economics (1981) degrees from Arizona State University. He is a member of the [Walter Cronkite School of Journalism Hall of Fame.](#)



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InvestigativeMEDIA's documentary on the worldwide operations of Hubbay Minerals and the company's plans to construct the Rosemont open-pit copper mine in the Santa Rita Mountains on the Coronado National Forest southeast of Tucson, Arizona.

Written and Directed by John Dougherty

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