

Here are a few of today's offerings at the Hot Docs documentary film festival. Tickets and more information at www.hot-docs.ca or 416-530-8105.

Vendetta Song

Forty years is not long in the scale of human affairs. People age, grudges fester, memories remain. Eylem Kaftan journeys to Kurdish Turkey from Canada to find out the mystery of her aunt Guzide, murdered there 40 years earlier. Locals talk of things that happened in "the old times," but the old times still exist in arranged marriages and honour killings. Kaftan asks her driver what would happen if his wife, betrothed since she was 12, had fallen for someone else. He is blunt: "She would be writing her death sentence with her own hand." She explores this harsh land, finds the village where Guzide was raised and is still remembered in song, and learns the startling, sad story of her aunt's life and death. ★★★

Chris Knight

■ Screens today at 6:45 p.m. at the ROM Theatre.