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Igniting conversations through documentary film

GUELPH FILM FESTIVAL

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ADMISSION

Daytime screenings: \$12/PWYW*
Evening screenings: \$15/PWYW*
Opening Night Event: \$25
Children's screening: \$5 per Adult
Under 30 years old: FREE (excluding Opening Night)
Pocket Series Films: FREE

*PWYW—Pay What You Want
When we say "Pay What You Want" we really mean it! We want you there.

Tickets can be purchased at guelphfilmfestival.ca or at the door.
Free tickets give access to screenings, but do not guarantee entrance if space is limited. We encourage folks with free tickets to arrive at least 15 minutes before any event to claim their seats.

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VENUES

All of our venues are accessible.

10C Shared Space
4th Floor, 42 Carden St
10carden.ca

artBar by GAC
37 Quebec St, Upper Level
guelpharts.ca

Art Gallery of Guelph (AGG)
358 Gordon St
artgalleryofguelph.ca

Guelph Civic Museum (GCM)
52 Norfolk St · guelphmuseums.ca

Guelph Youth Music Centre (GYMC)
75 Cardigan St · gymc.ca

Habitat for Humanity Guelph Wellington ReStore (HH ReStore)
104 Dawson Rd #300 · habitatgw.ca

OAC Centennial Arboretum Centre (OAC)
200 Arboretum Rd
arboretum.uoguelph.ca

Royal City Brewing Co. (RCB)
199 Victoria Rd S, Unit C8
royalcitybrew.ca

Royal City Mission (RCM)
50 Quebec Street
royalcitymission.ca

Victory Public School (VPS)
135 Exhibition St · ugdsb.ca/victory

- Social Justice
- The Environment
- Community Building

As always, our festival showcases a selection of international, national, and local documentaries selected for the community of Guelph, with visiting directors/subjects, community discussions, creative events, and an ever-growing film series of short documentaries by local kid filmmakers, *Tiny Docs by Tiny People*. We are delighted to be able to continue to offer the 2023 festival for free to folk under 30. And when we say "Pay What You Want" we really mean it. If you want to come, we want you there!

Opening night will explore love and music with *July Talk: Love Lives Here*, while closing night will showcase the glittery excellence of *Black Barbie*. This year's festival focuses on influential acts of agency and celebration, following your dreams and dancing your dance, while taking a moment to get deep, make a difference, and reflect.

Artistic Director: Kimber Sider
Operations Director: Steve D'Alimonte
Board Members: Jenn McCready, Emmalia Bortolon-Vettor, Kyle Mackie, Farrah Trahan, Paola Varela
Programming Committee Members: Gesilayefa Azorbo, José Garcia, Bangshimo Johnston, Paola Varela, Rachel Collins (Children's Program)

Pre-screeners: Emmalia Bortolon-Vettor, Stacey Bruce, Kirsten Clarke, Memona Hossain, Jenn McCready, Marianne Styger
Community Committee Members: Wilma Aalbers, Kirsten Clarke, Mira Clarke, Justine Richardson, Justin Reid, Hannah Sennit
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Igniting conversations

This year we are focusing all of our creative energy on doing live, in-person events better than ever—bigger, louder, quirkier, more playful, and more deeply thought-provoking.

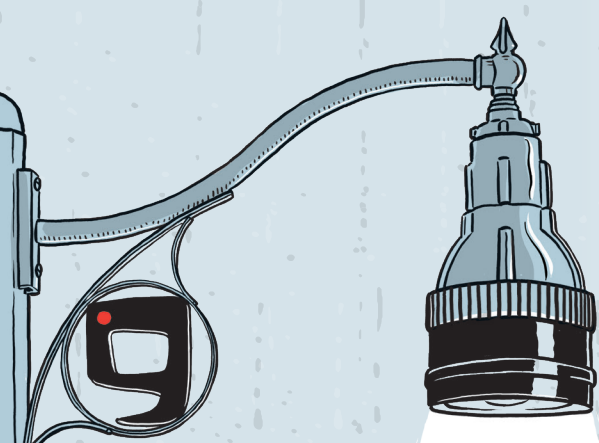
Sparked by the themes of our documentary films, we are curating events to ignite conversations about our world and relationships. The festival will be lighting up screens across downtown Guelph (and beyond!) to showcase artful nonfiction films that explore the themes of social justice, the environment, and community building. But that doesn't mean it always needs to be intense. Joy can be a radical act. Sharing stories that matter is at the heart of what we do. And you never know which story will change you or the world.

- Founded in 1984
- One of the world's oldest documentary film festivals
- An independent not-for-profit/charity arts organization
- Connecting people with stories of global reach and local relevance



11:30 AM	2:30 PM	EVENING
POCKET SERIES 9 NOV 3-11 - FREE During business hours Mainstays (Virus)	Short Series Eco-Docs GCM - \$12/PWYW	In Concert & Conversation Here July Talk: Love Lives Here 7:30 PM - RCM - \$25 Live performance by Peter Dreimants and Leah Fay Goldstein of July Talk
Unarchived GCM - \$12/PWYW	Homes, Connection & Indian Heley Alamaak/Tamiss-kapi Nakotik: Before the Sun 7:30 PM - AGG \$15/PWYW	Takeback with Banah Hanuse (director) and Logan Red Crow (subject)
Morning Cartoons and Tiny Docs by Tiny People 10C \$5 Adults / Kids free Meet our local kid filmmakers	Greenie Conversation Lynn Man 7 PM - OAC Arboretum Centre \$15/PWYW	Post-film night tour of the Arboretum
PERIODICAL ANNUAL ISSUE \$15/PWYW	Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better Periodical 7 PM - VPS \$15/PWYW	Playful community talkback about uteruses, menstruation, and all things period
SOMEONE LIVES HERE \$15/PWYW	Housing & Community Someone Lives Here 7 PM - HH ReStore \$15/PWYW	Post-screening panel on housing and community in Guelph
Art & Activism Hong Kong Mixtape 7:30 PM - RCB \$15/PWYW	Creative exploration of art and impact with Art Not Shame.	
We Are Guardians artBar by GAC \$12/PWYW	Short Series: Indigenous-Made Docs artBar by GAC \$12/PWYW	Girls, Grace Barter & Annie Vlas Glam Pre-Event: 5:30 PM (Free) Screening: 7:30 PM GVMC \$15/PWYW Party hosted by The Kween Company & conversation with director Laqueria Davis

SCHEDULE November 3-11
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FRI NOV 3



7:30 PM RGM · \$25

In Concert & Conversation July Talk: Love Lives Here

BRITTANY FARHA · CANADA · 83 MIN
PARTIAL SUBTITLES
Co-presented by
Hillside Festival & Exclaim! Media

Grappling with a global pandemic and a live music shutdown, hard-touring band July Talk books the Stardust Drive-In Theatre north of Toronto for two nights in August, 2020. Real-time concert and unreleased archival footage finds the band at a thoughtful crossroads of identity and circumstance. Out of crisis comes magic.

Post-film live performance by Peter Dreimanis and Leah Fay Goldstein of July Talk

SAT NOV 4



11:30 AM GCM · \$12/PWYW

Unarchived

HAYLEY GRAY & ELAD TZADOK · CANADA · 124 MIN
CAPTIONS
Co-presented by Guelph Museums

In community archives across British Columbia, local knowledge keepers are hand-fashioning a more inclusive history. Through a collage of personal interviews, archival footage, and deeply rooted memories, the past, present, and future come together, fighting for a space where everyone is seen and everyone belongs. History is what we all make of it.

2:30 PM GCM · \$12/PWYW
Short Series: Eco-Docs

CANADA · 68 MIN · PARTIAL SUBTITLES



Uncharted Waters

MOLLY DENNIS · 24 MIN

Four young people with diverse connections to Howe Sound/Ati'ka7tsem confront an uncertain future. United by an innovative, community-led mapping project, can they work together to conserve their environment?



Modern Goose

KARSTEN WALL · 22 MIN

Able to navigate by reading the Earth's magnetic field, geese straddle the territory between ancient instincts and the contemporary world. An iconic yet often misunderstood animal.



W8linaktegw ta niona (The River and Us)

MYRIAM LANDRY · 7 MIN

Exploring the importance of the W8linaktegw River, Myriam Landry reflects on her father's stories and bears witness to the river's transformation.



Losing Blue

LEANNE ALLISON · 15 MIN

What does it mean to lose a colour? A cinematic poem that delves into the impending loss of some of the otherworldly blues of ancient mountain lakes, now fading due to climate change.



7:30 PM AGG · \$15/PWYW

Horses, Connection & Indian Relay

Aitamaako'tamisskapi Natosi: Before the Sun

BANCHI HANUSE · CANADA · 88 MIN · CAPTIONS
Co-presented by the Art Gallery of Guelph

An intimate and thrilling portrait of Logan Red Crow, a young Siksika woman, with deep bonds to her horses, father, and family in the golden plains of Blackfoot Territory, as she prepares for one of the most dangerous horse races in the world—vaulting from horse to horse in the Indian Relay.

Post-screening talkback with Banchi Hanuse (director) and Logan Red Crow (subject)

SUN NOV 5

11:30 AM 10C · \$5 ADULTS / KIDS FREE

Local Kid Filmmakers Morning Cartoons and Tiny Docs by Tiny People

CANADA · 40 MIN · AGES 4-12
Co-presented by Downtown Guelph Business Association

Thoughtful and fun short animated films paired with a series of micro-docs made by local kid filmmakers.



Frida in the Sky

DANI SADUN · CANADA · 6 MIN

Frida, an 8-year-old engineering prodigy, builds an airplane behind her mother's back to follow in her Abuela's legacy.



Spirit Bear: Fishing for Knowledge, Catching Dreams

AMANDA STRONG · CANADA · 22 MIN

Spirit Bear travels from Carrier Sekani territory to the unceded lands of the Algonquin Peoples, learning about traditional knowledge and the history of the residential school system along the way.

Meet our local kid filmmakers



2:30 PM 10C · \$12/PWYW

Silvicola

JEAN-PHILIPPE MARQUIS · CANADA · 80 MIN
In partnership with OPIRG

A poetic glimpse into the people, processes, and paradoxes of modern forestry practices, offering a contemplation on the entanglement of humans, machines, and nature, set amongst the sprawling forests of the Canadian Pacific Northwest.



7:00 PM OAG · \$15/PWYW

Creative Conservation Lynx Man

JUHA SUONPÄÄ · FINLAND · 80 MIN · SUBTITLES
In partnership with The Arboretum, University of Guelph

Hannu's connection to nature surpasses most, with the elusive lynx having bitten into his heart—so much so that he claims to be able to speak their language. Hauntingly beautiful footage captured by hidden cameras paints a picture of the natural world, and our role to play in its care and protection.

Post-film night tour of the Arboretum

WED NOV 8



7:00 PM VPS · \$15/PWYW

Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Bleeding Periodical

LINA LYTE PLIOPLYTE · USA · 95 MIN · CAPTIONS
In partnership with CFRU 93.3FM

Delve into all things period, from first flow to last, with hilarity, frustration, pain, and discovery in a candid exploration of this colourful mess. Let's bring forth the blood, uncover truths, challenge taboos, and celebrate untapped potential.

Playful community talkback about uteruses, menstruation, and all things period

THURS NOV 9



7:00 PM HH RESTORE · \$15/PWYW

Housing & Community Someone Lives Here

ZACK RUSSELL · CANADA · 77 MIN · CAPTIONS
Co-presented by Habitat for Humanity Guelph Wellington ReStore

Tired of civic inaction and set against the backdrop of North

America's housing crisis, carpenter Khaleel Seiwright quits his job to build small, life-saving shelters for unhoused people living outside in Toronto during the winter of the pandemic. His actions attract international attention but also staunch opposition from city officials.

Post-screening panel on housing and community in Guelph

FRI NOV 10



7:30 PM RCB · \$15/PWYW

Art & Activism Hong Kong Mixtape

SAN SAN F YOUNG · UK · 86 MIN
PARTIAL SUBTITLES
Co-presented by Brewers Supply Group
In partnership with Art Not Shame

Political engagement spawned the wildest of wonderlands for Hong Kong's creativity—but as new laws annihilate freedom of expression overnight, underground artists and creatives find themselves targets and their works being disappeared. Those who will not be silenced lead a movement but are personally at risk. What is the relationship between art, activism, and freedom?

Creative exploration of art and impact with Art Not Shame

SAT NOV 11



11:30 AM artBar by GAG · \$12/PWYW

We Are Guardians

EDIVAN GUAJAJARA, CHELSEA GREENE, ROB GROBMAN · BRAZIL/USA · 85 MIN · SUBTITLES
Co-presented by ArtsEverywhere Festival

An intimate journey, weaving together the experiences of people living in the Amazon basin, one of the world's most disrupted and threatened regions in the world. As the Indigenous forest guardians of the Tenetehara fend off the encroachment of illegal loggers and invaders, a global story erupts entwining science, politics, and the fate of the Amazon rainforest.

2:30 PM artBar by GAG · \$12/PWYW

Short Series: Indigenous-Made Docs

CANADA · 78 MIN · PARTIAL SUBTITLES
Co-presented by Guelph Arts Council



Tiny

RITCHIE HEMPHILL & RYAN HACHÉ · 16 MIN

Nakwaxda'xw Elder Colleen Hemphill reflects on her childhood as a young girl growing up on a float-house in the wild and unpredictable Pacific Northwest and its waters.



Our Maternal Home

JANINE WINDOLPH · 27 MIN

Tracing their origins to the Cree Nation of Waswanipi, a family confronts the impacts of generational and cultural disconnection, discovering a potent form of medicine: the bonds of kinship.



Ancestral Threads

SEAN STILLER · 12 MIN

Joleen Mitton is on a mission to use fashion as medicine for Vancouver's Indigenous community.



6 minutes/km

CATHERINE BOIVIN · 3 MIN

In rhythm with the footsteps of her Atikamekw ancestors, Catherine immerses us in the poetic, dreamlike universe of her morning run.



Heartbeat of a Nation

ERIC JANVIER · 20 MIN

A father passes on knowledge, revitalizing Dene Culture, through the teachings of a caribou drum.



GLAM PRE-EVENT FOR ACB COMMUNITY: 5:30 PM (FREE)
PUBLIC EVENT: 7-7:30 (FREE)
SCREENING: 7:30 PM

GYMC · \$15/PWYW FOR SCREENING

Coils, Cocoa Butter & Auntie Vibes Black Barbie

LAGUERIA DAVIS · CANADA · 100 MIN · CAPTIONS
Co-presented by The Kween Company
In-Partnership with Guelph Black Heritage

When Black Barbie arrived on the scene in the 1980s, it was a transformative moment. Love her or hate her, almost everyone has a Barbie story. Through intimate auntie access to charismatic Mattel insider Beulah Mae Mitchell, filmmaker Lagueria Davis explores the path that led to the creation of the first Black Barbie and the influence that she has had.

Glittery Black Barbie party hosted by The Kween Company to celebrate Sistas, Aunties, Grannies, and Mamas, and post-film conversation with director Lagueria Davis. Note: Pre-event is for all African, Caribbean, and Black representing folx. The event is then open to the public from 7pm on.



A series of short films played on a loop for the duration of the Guelph Film Festival in small, unique venues during business hours



Manitushiss (Virus)

RÉAL JUNIOR LEBLANC · CANADA · 5 MIN · 10C
Supported by 10C

A powerful cinematographic slam, poetically offering criticism of colonization and our relationship to Mother Earth.



Deaf Giants

PETER HOFFMAN KIMBALL · CANADA · 9 MIN
GCM · Co-presented by Guelph Museums

Two brothers investigate the history of deaf players in major league baseball. In 1901 there were at least four deaf players, so why have there been so few since?