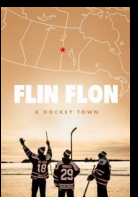




HAMILTON FILM FESTIVAL



NOVEMBER 3 - 11, 2018



EMBRACE THE DARKNESS

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DARKEN

FILM BY AUDREY CUMMINGS
STARRING OLUNIKE ADELIYI,
PAUL AMOS, ROB ARCHER

SUNDAY, NOV 11 AT 7:30 PM
FOLLOWED BY CAST AND CREW Q&A

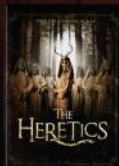
ANOTHER
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AWAITS...

TORMENT BINDS US.

HELLMINGTON

FILM BY JUSTIN HEWITT-DRAKULIC, ALEX LEE WILLIAMS
STARRING NICOLA CORREIA-DAMUDE,
YANNICK BISSON, MICHAEL IRONSIDE

MONDAY, NOV 5 AT 9:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY CAST AND CREW Q&A



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Feature | Short | Documentary | Music | Events | Panels | Workshops

DARKNESS

November 3rd - 11th | www.HamiltonFilmFestival.com



13th Annual Hamilton Film Festival

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

This year, our 13th, will follow the theme of DARKNESS!

Internationally recognized and locally focused, the Hamilton Film Festival got its start, and remains, in the historic Staircase Cafe Theatre. We are also proud to be working with (for the 4th year) The Zoetic, a beautifully restored 300 seat movie theatre.

Our programming is diverse and on par with some of the world's best film festivals. Many filmmakers have cited the Hamilton Film Festival as part of their festival strategy in the Toronto area, Canada and North America and have since been the home to hundreds of premieres.

Our alumni films have no shelf life as we often help promote them through social media and always keep an eye out for encore screening opportunities and distribution inquiries. With the addition of the Canadian Film Market, our filmmakers will have even more great reasons to submit, and attend, the festival/market.

When the festival began 15 years ago (even before it was renamed Hamilton Film Festival), there were very few annual film screenings in Hamilton that offered the independent filmmaker access to screens and audiences. Today, there are several festivals and opportunities in Hamilton and surrounding areas. Many of those event organizers have acknowledged the Hamilton Film Festival as part of their inspiration and we have always willing to participate and promote them. We launched the Southern Ontario Film Festival Group, connecting filmmakers to submission-based festivals within an hour distance.

With all the film production activity coming into the city of Hamilton and the new Film District, the festival is contacted throughout the year as a resource for finding cast, crew and locations for independent productions. To better accommodate this we started the Lights Camera Hamilton group page on facebook where people can post and respond to job opportunities, cast calls and resources. Lights Camera Hamilton started as a segment on Cable 14's Hamilton Life with festival director Nathan Fleet bringing filmmakers on the air and updating the city on what was happening that week in the local film world.

We are very honoured to be a small part of the large arts community in Hamilton Ontario.

~Nathan Fleet, Festival Director 2018

BOX OFFICE

Box office opens 1/2 hour before each screening during the week of the festival Nov 3 - 11th. **Sorry, no reservations!** Please get your tickets at the venue you are attending. Advance tickets can be purchased online online throughout the festival at HamiltonFilmFestival.com.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3

7:00pm Gala : Fashion Show, Short Films, Concert **Z**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4

10:00am Kids Can Film **Z**

12:30pm Iranian Short Films **Z**

2:30pm Other Worlds (Shorts) **Z**

MONDAY NOVEMBER 5

7:00pm Antrum : The Deadliest Film Ever Made **SC**

7:30pm A Silent Transformation **EMT**

9:00pm Hellmington **SC**

9:00pm Before the Plate **EMT**

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6

7:00pm Family Shorts **EMT**

7:00pm First Time Filmmakers **SC**

9:00pm Student Films **SC**

9:30pm Break On Through **EMT**

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7

7:00pm Drama : Subtitled (Shorts) **SC**

7:30pm Between the Shades **EMT**

9:00pm Little Italy, LA **SC**

9:30pm True North Project **EMT**

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8

7:00pm Flin Flon : A Hockey Town **SC**

7:30pm Immaculate Memories **EMT**

9:00pm Documentary Shorts **EMT**

9:30pm Horror Shorts **SC**

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9

7:00pm	Hamilton Shorts	Z
7:00pm	Comedy Shorts	SC
7:30pm	Up To Snuff	EMT
9:00pm	Met While Incarcerated	Z
9:00pm	Dark Comedy Shorts	SC
12:00am	Aliens With Knives	SC

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10

10:00am	Creative Exchange Networking	SH
12:00pm	Guest Speaker Jason MacDonald	SH
1:00pm	Pitching a Project	SH
2:00pm	Distribution	SH
3:00pm	Financing	SH
4:00pm	Music for Film	SH
7:00pm	Isabelle	Z
7:00pm	Drama Shorts 1	SC
7:30pm	Bijou Baxter Baby	EMT
9:00pm	Sideboob	Z
9:30pm	Drama Shorts 2	SC
9:30pm	Ermon County	EMT

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

1:00pm	Surviving Bokator	Z
3:30pm	Madagasikara	Z
7:00pm	Above the Drowning Sea	SC
7:30pm	Darken	EMT
9:00pm	Official Closing Film : Fugue	SC
9:00pm	Waiting for You	EMT

SC Staircase Theatre 27 Dundurn St N

SH Sheraton Hamilton Hotel 116 King St W

EMT Elaine May Theatre 25 Dundurn St N

Z The Zoetic 526 Concession St

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3

GALA + NATHAN FLEET IN CONCERT



DOORS OPEN

6:30PM | Z

FASHION SHOW

7:30PM | Z

Presented in partnership with the City of Hamilton. The designers participating in the fashion show are Angela DeMontigny, Blackbird Studios, Designs by Mallory, The Eye of Faith, With Love Lingerie, Thrifty Designer and Defective Collective. Make-Up by the International Beauty Institute and hair by Pretty Please Makeover Me and Marca College. Fashion show curated by Elena Balaska of SquareCircle.

SHORT FILMS

8:30PM | Z

- **ALL THE WORLD IS A STAGE**, 2m, Germany, Hannes Rall
- **REPERCUSSION**, 4m, Iran,
- **HIM**, 2m, Halifax, Lorna kirk
- **FOXED!**, 4m, Canada, James Stewart
- **CHATEAU LAURIER** - The Web Series, 8m, Toronto, James Stewart
- **EARTHLING HOUSE HUNTRESS**, 7m, Toronto, Simone Stock

CONCERT

9PM | Z

Nathan Fleet, and full rock band, return to the Zoetic to kick off the 13th Annual Hamilton Film Festival! Following the festival's theme of Darkness, all the tunes will follow suit. The HPO String Quartet will perform a stand-alone piece and will sync up with the rock band for a night of incredible live music! check out the music www.nathanfleet.com



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4

MOVIES MADE BY KIDS!

10AM | Z

Special screening of the documentary AVALON by Andres Billiald & Kandel Millward

THE INFINITY FORGE FILMS

- **KEELAN**
- **VENG**
- **THE MYSTERIOUS JOURNAL**

AVALON MOVIE-MAKING CAMP

- **THRONE OF DRACULA**

KIDS CAN FILM CAMP

- **CAMILIA'S MAGIC MARKER**
- **BUSINESS CARD**

IRANIAN FILMS

12:30PM | \$10 | Z

Presented in partnership with the McMaster Iranian Student Association

- **RECLUSION**, 18m, Iran, Behrad Sahebgharani
- **BALANCE**, 3m, Iran, barzan rostami
- **LUNCH TIME**, 15m, Iran, Alireza Ghasemi
- **TULSA**, 7m, Iran, Seyyed Parviz Shojaei
- **MANICURE**, 14m, Iran, arman fayaz
- **HEARTBEAT**, 3m, Iran, Mehdi Saqatchi
- **BLACK EARED**, 15m, Iran, Behzad Azadi
- **BREATHING**, 15m, Iran, Farshid Ayoobinejad

OTHER WORLDS - SHORTS

2:30PM | \$10 | Z

- **UNEARTHED**, 35m, Toronto, Caitee McIntyre (student film)
- **FELL**, 8m, UK, Fern Berresford
- **THE VILLAGERS**, 9m, Australia, Joseph Vasey
- **THE NOISE OF THE LIGHT**, 23m, France, Valentin Petit
- **SIMPLE SIMON**, 8m, Toronto, Maninder Chana
- **SPARTA NORTH**, 15m, UK, Julia Hart
- **OPEN ROADS**, US, 7m, Paul D. Bestolarides
- **THE OBSERVER EFFECT**, 19, Ireland, Garret Walsh



MONDAY NOVEMBER 5

OPENING NIGHT

ANTRUM: THE DEADLIEST FILM EVER MADE

7PM | \$13 | SC
*95m, Hamilton, Michael
Laicini / David Amito*

Antrum, a feature length film shot in the late 1970's, is cursed. In 1988, a movie theatre in Budapest that was screening the film burnt to the ground, killing the 56 people who were in attendance. This incident follows the inexplicable deaths of a number of film festival programmers that had received Antrum as a submission and died shortly after watching the film. These events culminated with a riot during an exhibition in San Francisco, after which the film vanished. These events have created a belief that watching Antrum will you kill you. Else Films has successfully tracked down a sole copy of the film for public release. This is that film.

A SILENT TRANSFORMATION

7:30PM | \$10 | EMT
*70m, Documentary, Simon
Brothers, Luke Mistruzzi,
Mark Preston, Anton Smol-
ski*

A Silent Transformation is a film about the transformative power of the co-operative model. The co-operative movement was built by people who took on the responsibility for their collective wellbeing in the face of government neglect, economic exclusion and cultural discrimination. As the modern economy

increasingly denies vast sectors of the population basic amenities for decent life, this co-operative spirit is as critical as ever. However, over the years the co-op sector has become insular and poorly understood. A Silent Transformation sets out to explore the innovative self-help efforts of diverse communities across the Province of Ontario, which by addressing their needs collectively are helping to regain the radical vision of co-operation. In these communities are the seeds of economic democracy, global solidarity, and a new popular movement to transform society!
Will it grow and flourish?



HELLMINGTON

9PM | \$13 | SC
*83m, Toronto, Justin Hewitt
-Drakulic, Alex Lee Williams*

Detective Samantha Woodhouse returns home from Essex County for the first time since graduation to deal with the unexpected death of her father. His passing just another tragedy in an already devastating year for Sam: her own daughter was murdered, resulting in a downward spiral of anguish and guilt that has slowly destroyed her marriage and career. Sam soon discovers that her father's demise Nicola Correia-Damude, Michael Ironside, Yannick

Bisson, Munro Chambers

BEFORE THE PLATE

9PM | \$10 | EMT
*95m, Canada, Sagi Kahane-
Rapport*

Before the Plate is a feature length documentary that follows a single plate of food backwards to the farms its ingredients came from, upsetting modern myths about farming and revealing the challenges the industry faces as it moves forwards. Starring John Horne, executive chef of the downtown Toronto restaurant Canoe, Before the Plate showcases 10 ingredients from planting to cooking (and every step in between) to help better connect the modern consumer with their food.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6

FAMILY FILMS

7PM | \$5 | EMT

- **ARIANE'S SKY**, 3m, Canada
- **TAPPING TANGO**, 3m, Montreal, Nancy Snipper
- **DANCE UNIVERSE**, 4m, USA, Peter Chanthanokone
- **LAKESONG**, 18m, Toronto, Douglas Gibbens
- **SWARM**, 9m, UK, Emma Miranda Moore
- **EARTHY ENCOUNTERS**, 25m, UK, Sam Johnson

FIRST TIME FILMMAKERS

7PM | \$8 | SC

93m

You wont believe that this is the first time these filmmakers have been behind the camera! Selections from Canada, France, Sweden and the US

- **YOU DON'T BELONG HERE** 17m Hamilton. Magang Sule
- **BRAVE LITTLE ARMY**, 6m, Toronto, Michelle D'Alessandro Hatt
- **HASHTAGWILL**, 21m, Sweden, Per Sundström
- **THE GUIDE**, 10m, Brantford, Yi Xie
- **ANNA KARENINA**, 15m, USA, Yana Sar
- **THE SNAG**, 8m, France, Desalos Isabelle
- **WAKE UP**, 16m, London Ontario, Brenden McAuley

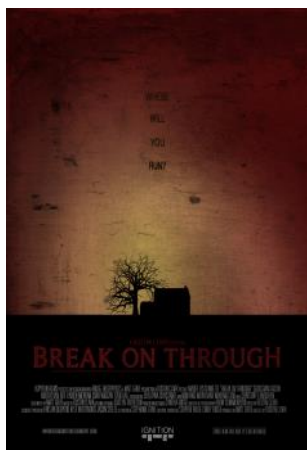
STUDENT FILMS

9PM | \$8 (student pricing)
| **SC**

- **PARALYSIS**, 8m, Hamilton, Jamie Poirier
- **FERMATA**, 15m, North York, Kanishka Shaban
- **POILUS**, 5m, France, Guillaume Auberval, Léa
- **LÉO**, 14m, UK, JULIAN ALEXANDER
- **JE SUIS (I AM)**, 9m, USA, Faith Strongheart
- **TINY HOUSE**, 18m, Toronto, Isaac Alfie
- **GUION** 20m London Ont, Adam Madrzyk

BREAK ON THROUGH

9:30PM | \$8 | **EMT**
76m, Alberta, Dustin Clark



A group of strangers find themselves trapped in an abandoned, isolated farmhouse during a potentially cataclysmic world event. As their fear and confusion mounts, they must learn to trust one another if they have any hope of survival.

- **Dustin Clark** - Director
- **Matt Grue** - Writer
- **Matt Grue** - Producer
- **Amber Bissonnette** - "Dillon"
- **Sebastian Kroon** - "Bogart"

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7

DRAMA - SUBTITLED

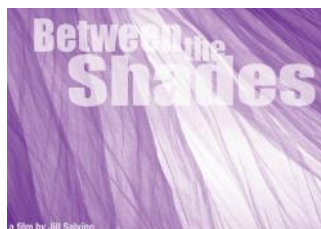
7PM | \$8 | **SC**

Presented in partnership with Reel Abilities Film Festival. This new initiative was brought forth by HFF programmer Antonietta Cocco to make our festival more accessible. We have curated an evening of dramatic shorts that are subtitled for those who are hard of hearing or deaf. Our theatre is sloped to offer a clear view to the screen.

- **DEAFENING DARKNESS**, 20m, Toronto, Mark Trifunovic
- **A MONTH**, 25m, Kosovo, Zgjim Terziqi
- **TOO MUCH NOISE**, 15m, New York, Michael J. Flood
- **THE HUNT**, 20m, France, Jean-Pierre Dupuy
- **KOFI AND LARTEY**, 20m, UK, Sasha Rainbow (Doc)

In 2016, the American-born ReelAbilities Film festival crossed the border and launched in Toronto, Ontario, making this the first official international chapter of RAFF. At RAFFTO, we are

proud to showcase Canadian and International shorts, features, and documentaries about Deaf and disability cultures and by filmmakers and actors with disabilities and/or who are Deaf. Over the past 3 years, RAFFTO has launched programs alongside producing the festival in the spring of each year. Programs such as the ReelAccess/Cinem Accessible Guide and the CBC-ReelAbilities Breaking Barriers Film Fund have helped build this Toronto festival into a mainstay of the city's disability and cinematic fabric!



A conversation about how we define each other and ourselves.



BETWEEN THE SHADES

7:30PM | \$8 | **EMT**
82m, New York, Jill Salvino

This feature length documentary that explores the many shades of being gay by what connects us all: love. The film looks at love through 360 degrees of parents, children, and generations. The participants will represent a large range of age groups, ethnicities and professions. They are male, female and those who are still yet to be defined. LGBTQI, independent film, female directed

LITTLE ITALY, LA

9PM | \$10 | **SC**
64m, Episodes 1-6, Directed by Adriano Valentini (Hamilton)

Set in the fictitious "Little Italy", this satire follows an Italian barbershop struggling to stay relevant in modern Los Angeles as classic traditions become passe, taboo, and entrenched in technology.

ALLEY TRASH

Luke Meneok (Hamilton), 11m

TRUE NORTH PROJECT + 2 SHORT FILMS

9:30PM | \$8 | EMT

Sound and music get the spotlight in these 3 films.

TRUE NORTH PROJECT

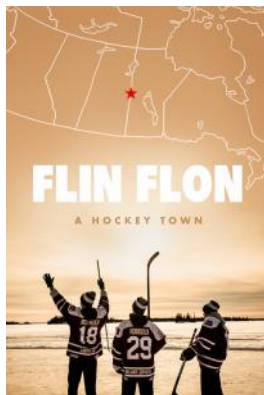
50m, Calgary, Emil Agopian

Commissioned by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, is a celebration of Canada's multi-ethnic society and its ongoing process of reconciliation with the indigenous community.

- **ROOM TONE**, 15m, USA, Morgan Cooper - Lloyd
- **WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS**, 4m, France, Michaël Barocas

THURSDAY NOVEMBER

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FLIN FLON: A HOCKEY TOWN

7PM | \$10 | SC
72m, USA, Dustin Cohen (Documentary)

The mining town of Flin Flon is similar to most other small towns with one major exception – the community is lovingly obsessed with their junior hockey team, which over the decades has spawned several National Hockey League legends. Flin Flon, named for a science fiction character, lives and dies with its beloved Bombers.

IMMACULATE MEMORIES: THE UNCLUTTERED WORLDS OF CHRISTOPHER PRATT

7:30PM | \$8 | EMT
75m, Canada, Kenneth J. Harvey

The life and art of Christopher Pratt. "Canada's most famous living painter" - The Globe & Mail.

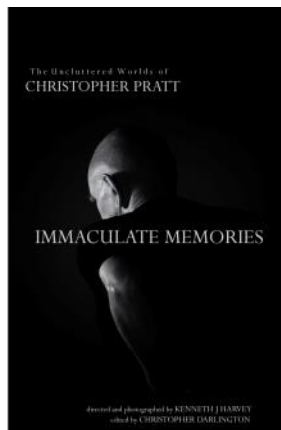
This is the first feature-length documentary that Christopher Pratt has agreed to participate in. An honest, funny, eloquent, bizarre and sometimes unsettling account of his life and art, and an extremely important cultural document.

DOCUMENTARY SHORTS

9PM | \$10 | EMT
109m, Canada, Belgium, Hungary, Sudan, US

- **A RACING HEART**, 15m, Dunville, Andrew Dickhout
- **NANA**, 5m, Montreal, Ali Kellner
- **CENTENARIAN**, Canada, 5m, Clifford Miu
- **DROWNING IN SANDS**, 30m, Sudan, Lucy Provan
- **MEN OVERBOARD**, 7m, Quebec, Alexandre Rufin
- **WHY I HATE THE SUBURBS**, 13m, Dawson City / Hamilton, Christopher Healey

- **THOUSANDS OF LULLABIES**, 8m, Hungary, Maryam Bayani
- **THE DETAILS**, 6m, Los Angeles, Ashley Eakin
- **AUDREY**, 7m, Vancouver, Ryan Sudds
- **RAINBOW CHILDREN - PORTRAIT OF ELIKA**, 13m, Belgium, Maryam Bayani



HORROR SHORTS

9:30PM | \$10 | SC
94m

- **GETTING AWAY**, 9min, Ottawa, Adam Kirkey
- **THE DEVIL YOU KNOW**, 12m, Toronto, Nelson Dunk
- **ANGEL**, 7m, Canada, Julian Vetrone
- **A THING OF DREAMS**, 11m, USA, K. Spencer Jones
- **GOD'S MADMEN**, 9m, Canada, Michael Uccello
- **THE FEED**, 15m, Toronto, Josef Beey
- **MASKS**, 6m, Canada, Peter Genoway
- **NECROPHAGUS: THE CARTER DOCUMENT**, 4m, Hamilton, Colin Baxter
- **HIGH TEA**, 10m, Hamilton, Luke Meneok
- **NOSTALGIA**, 11m, Hamilton, Dylan-Pickett Fallis



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OPENING NIGHT

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9

HAMILTON SHORTS 7PM | \$10 | Z

Get a solid sampling of films that were made in, near or by Hamiltonians! A selection of Drama, Comedy, Experimental and Horror is on tap for this evening in the Hammer!!

- **SACRED WATERFALL**, 7m, Hamilton, Juliana Lachance
- **HIDDEN FEATURE**, 7m, Stoney Creek, Abby Rose Kompare
- **POURING OUT TWO PLATES IN THE STILLNESS**, 7m, Hamilton, Alex Davies
- **WAR ON LOVE**, 5m, Hamilton, Aron Safranyos
- **POPIES**, 20m, USA, Myles Yaksich (Hamilton born)
- **HEAVY LOSSES**, 9m, Burlington, Ian O'Neill
- **DEADMAN'S PUNCH**, 5m, Hamilton, Logan Hill
- **DANA**, 5min, Hamilton, Nicholas Kleban
- **BACKYARD ASTRONAUT**, 6m, Hamilton, Aron Safranyos
- **DETECTIVE STEELE**, 2m, Hamilton, James Orr
- **CHESTERFIELD**, 20m, Hamilton, Taylor Heres

COMEDY SHORTS! 7PM | \$10 | SC

Always a sell-out, Comedy shorts have long been a tradition at the Staircase Theatre and this night is no exception! We've curated some of the funniest shorts this side of the equator.

You will see some famous faces and some fresh talent.

- **LA MERDE**, 8m, UK, Ben Adam-Harris
- **JILL**, 6m, Canada, Michael York
- **SCATTERED**, 10m, Vancouver, Ellie Harvie
- **PASS THE SALT**, 10m, Canada, Panta Mosleh / Hayley Gray
- **THE WEDDING**, 2m, UK, Ben and Chris Blaine
- **FORALDRASKAP**, 14m, Canada, Mazi Khalighi
- **SNOWSTORM ROULETTE**, 10m, Newfoundland, Matt Wright
- **TRY A LITTLE TENDERNSA**, 11m, UK, Michelle Craig
- **FIVE STAR FOUAD**, 8m, USA, Ollie Wolf
- **MR. GOODY**, 5m, USA, Jason MacDonald
- **SPECIAL GUEST**, 13m, Toronto, Mark Dautin



UP TO SNUFF 7:30PM | \$8 | EMT 80m, USA, Mark Maxey

Millions of people have been touched by his music, yet few know the journey, hardships and triumphs of American musician and composer W.G. Snuffy Walden. In UP TO SNUFF, friends and collaborators share personal stories, laughs and insights about

this generous soul who overcame the excesses of rock and roll to find success as one of the most beloved composers in television history.



MET WHILE INCARCERATED

9PM | \$12 | Z
Documentary, 78m, Mississauga, Catherine Legge

The provocative and touching love story of 3 successful, strong, intelligent women who've shocked themselves and their loved ones by falling for a man who is in prison for a violent crime.

MWI challenges the stereotypes -- both around society's monsters and the imagined divide between "us" and "them" when it comes to crime and punishment, good and evil, forgiveness and redemption.

DARK COMEDY SHORTS! 9PM | \$10 | SC

If you like your funny with a side of dark, this is it!!

- **HEY ABBOTT!**, 9m, Toronto, Andrew Simpson
- **THE SUNSET CAMPION**, 17m, Toronto, Matthew Kinahan
- **I LOVE YOU MORE**, 5m, Halifax, Kevin Hartford
- **PARO CARO**, 15m, Hamilton, Caroline Concordia
- **THE LAST MINUTE OF MY LIFE**, 10m, Canada, Yinglun Wang
- **L'HOMME ET LE POIS-**

SON, 4m, Toronto, Lewis Leon

- **DOGGED, NOVA SCOTIA**, 5m, Nicole Steeves / Struan Sutherland
- **FOWL PLAY**, 11m, Canada, Rachel Cairns / Brendan Jeffers
- **LAST RESPECTS**, 16m, UK, Philip Sansom
- **HANGOVER FOOD**, 10m, UK, Ross McGowan
- **THE LEGEND OF BOB LEONARD**, 8m, UK, Will Kenning

MIDNIGHT MADNESS : ALIENS WITH KNIVES

MIDNIGHT | \$10 | **SC**

91m, Canada, Struan Sutherland, Nicole Steeves

If at first you don't succeed, take another stab at it.

In this dark comedy, Neila, a discontented pregnant woman is prescribed some rest at a cabin in the woods with her unstable husband. When a creepy stranger, a mysterious doctor, and some space aliens show up, Neila has to embrace her survival instincts in order to save not only her unborn child, but all of humanity.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10

10AM - 5PM | \$10 | **SH**

10AM CREATIVE EXCHANGE

Networking and meet-up HFF selected films, Canadian Film Market participants - Free Entry

The 10am - 11:30 Creative Exchange is free to everyone and if you attend this, you will get a wristband that admits you to the rest of the Industry Day.
General Public - \$10



Presented by the City of Hamilton, this creative meet-up happens quarterly and focuses on the fashion, music and film industry in the city. All creatives are welcome to attend and it is a great way to get to know some of the talent and businesses that operate in the arts sector.

12PM GUEST SPEAKER

Jason MacDonald (Actor / Writer / Director)
Picture

Jason MacDonald made his professional acting debut in 1998 on the soap opera *Another World* and appeared on every New York based soap including *As The World Turns*, *All My Children*, *The Guiding Light* and as Principal Fletcher on *One Life To Live*.

2PM DISTRIBUTION

Distribution is something that many filmmakers are seeking but to really know what distribution looks like in 2018, and what you should have prepared before approaching a distributor, will be discussed.

3PM FINANCING

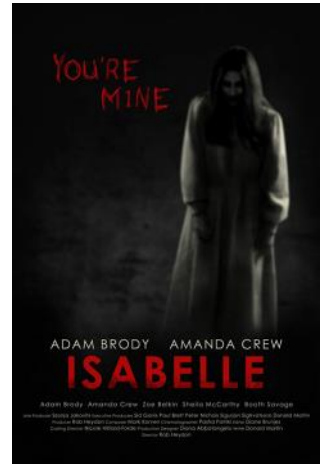
As a follow-up to distribution, the #1 question filmmakers ask is "where can I get funding?" The panel will be rounded out with someone who has completed a successful

crowd-funded campaign, an independent financier and a funding body.

4PM MUSIC FOR FILM

Pitching for Sync & Licensing

Presented by Music Ontario. Music placements in film, TV, ads, video games and other digital content are universally sought after by artists and industry alike. Sync and licensing mean that your music is working for you behind the scenes and generating royalties. So how can you get your catalogue heard by the right people? What are the best practices and approaches, and dos and don'ts to get there? Prep your questions for our panel of experts!



ISABELLE

7PM | \$12 | **Z**

80m, Hamilton, Rob Heydon

A young couple's dream of starting a family shatters as they descend into the depths of paranoia and must struggle to survive an evil presence that wants nothing more than their very own lives. Adam Brody, Amanda Crew, Zoe Belkin, Sheila McCarthy, Booth Savage

DRAMA SHORTS 1

7PM | \$10 | SC

107m, Canada, Germany, Spain, UK

- **DON'T CALL ME BRO**, 19m, Germany, Gina Wenzel
- **SQUIDEYE**, 11m, Toronto, Tommy Marshall
- **MILK**, 14m, Nova Scotia, Heather Young
- **SEVEN**, 11m, UK, James Morgan
- **MIMICRY**, 26m, Germany, Jennifer von Schuckmann
- **MAELSTRÖM**, 3m, Spain, Carlos Gómez-Trigo
- **ABNEGATION**, 10m, Newmarket, Nicole Rosas
- **ASSET MANAGEMENT**, 8m, UK, Ewan Fletcher
- **SAUCHA**, 5m, Quebec, Claudia Chabot

BIJOU BAXTER BABY

7:30PM | \$8 | EMT

86m, Drama / Thriller (Compiled Footage), Hamilton, Allen Saulnier

In 2011 Bijou Baxter received a video camera for her birthday and with it she created a YouTube channel called Bijou Baxter Baby (look it up). She shared her life with the world and as it began to fall apart, all that anyone could do was watch. Having lost her father and mother, Bijou and her older sister Jillian struggled with money, rivalry and the perils of adolescence. When a troubled teen named Maibe starts dating Bijou the real strangeness begins. An obsession with Bijou and the occult leads to the shocking events that shook a community. What was captured by Bijou was both terrifying and shocking.

SIDEBOOB

9PM | \$12 | Z

86m, Toronto, Richard Rotter

A bromantic comedy that will make you dance your face off...

On the eve of a legendary dance club closing its doors forever, three friends prepare for an epic night of beats, connectivity and revelations.



DRAMA SHORTS 2

9:30PM | \$10 | SC

105m, Canada, Germany, Ireland, UK

- **UNCONVENTIONAL**, 11m, Toronto, Hannah Michielsen
- **BLESS ME FATHER**, 16m, Ireland, Paul M. Horan
- **LOVE & SPIRIT**, 10m, UK, Helen Crosse
- **NEKO NO HI - CAT DAYS**, 11m, Germany, Jon Frickey
- **OFF BY HEART**, 8m, Mississauga, Nabil Badine
- **IT'S GETTING DARKER EVERY DAY**, Germany, 5m, Natalie MacMahon
- **STUCK**, 15m, Toronto, Corey Surge
- **IDOL**, 7m, Germany, Luisa Taraz
- **NERVOSA**, 9m, Winnipeg, Paul Carvelli
- **THE HUMAN PROJECT**, 13m, Toronto, K. Spencer Jones

ERMON COUNTY: GATEWAY OF THE FALLEN

9:30PM | \$8 | EMT

94m, Hamilton, David Jacombs, Jr.

A found-footage style mystery thriller. Set in an old farmhouse, the story unravels through surveillance cameras capturing a brother and sister as they struggle to decipher the mystery of their missing brother. A mystery that eventually goes deeper than human existence, itself.

Veterans will be admitted free all day.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

SURVIVING BOKATOR

1PM | \$10 | Z

91m, Hamilton, Mark Bochsler

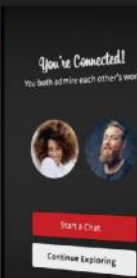
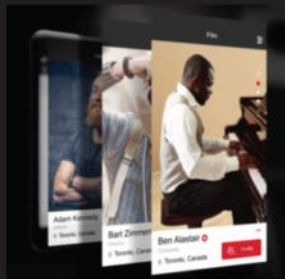
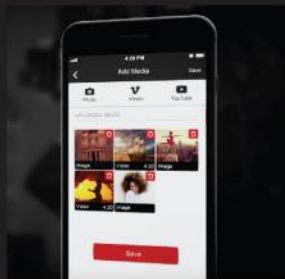
What started as a genocide survivor's dream to revive an ancient sport becomes an inspiring mission to heal a nation.

A heartfelt story about reclaiming cultural identity and building bridges between generations. Filmed over 5 years, it is told through the struggle of an elder genocide survivor to resurrect the ancient Cambodian martial art of Bokator and preserve it in the nation's youth. Through their journey, the film gets to the very core of the generational fracture happening in Cambodian communities around the world today, between genocide survivors determined to revive and maintain traditional ways and Cambodia's youth looking to forge anew.



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TRULY INDEPENDENT AWARD 2018

The TRULY INDEPENDENT award goes to someone who is a champion of the film festival. It can be a filmmaker who has contributed films over the years, a super volunteer or simply someone who shouts about us from the mountain top! (the escarpment) Steve Parton has been all three.

His earliest contributions came through his Avalon Movie-Making Camp, where kids would make a film and HFF dedicated a program to show it. It was really the birth of us showing youth-made films. Steve offered help to the festival where ever it was needed. Gear, promotion, attendance...anything. A few years ago he put his music and filmmaking skills on our screens in the short films SUPERGROUP and JUDAS' DEMISE.

If a young filmmaker crosses his path, he always directs them to the Hamilton Film Festival. This year, during the KIDS CAN FILM screening, we have a film called AVALON that we will present. It's a short documentary about Steve and his former music school, made by a former student of the Avalon Music Academy Kandel Kindred.

I could go on about his impact on the music scene but I would need a few more pages. Truly honoured to name Steve as the 2018 TRULY INDEPENDENT award recipient.

The award will be given out on Sun Nov 11th at the Awards Ceremony at the Staircase Theatre, 6pm.

Past winners include :

- *The late Eves Raja*
- *Ken Turner*
- *Craig F. Watkins*
- *Bob Ezergailis*
- *Katie and Joanne Uhlmann*
- *Colette Kendall*
- *Kathy Garneau*
- *Hugh MacLeod A.K.A. The Staircase*
- *Sharon Borbill*



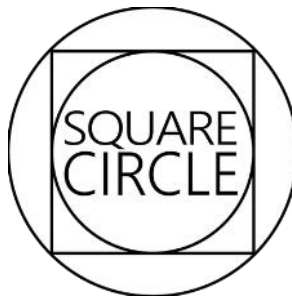
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