



**EDMONTON
SHORT
FILM
FESTIVAL**

2017


**SHOWCASING
ALBERTA INDIE FILM**

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OCT. 14, 2017**

ESFF PRE-SHOW

Thank you to the musicians who have generously shared their videos with us! We wanted to make sure you had a chance to enjoy these wonderful music videos before the show!

******PLUS a special screening of James P. White's home video "Den of Sadness: Episode 1 – Fine Washables" courtesy of our friends from the Locker Room at Cruz 95.7******



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| Cameron Basler | Die Alone |
| Cameron Basler | Luckiest Guy |
| Ali Bright | Legend and Love Song |
| Laura Combden | Colour My Love |
| Mark Davies | Pillowtalk |
| Barrett Klesko | Could've Been Me |
| Mohamad Mahfouz | Fadeaway |
| Simon Morgan | Lyra Brown's A Little Vulture Told Me |
| Marlon Wilson | Too Many Too's |

The films being screened tonight are created by the following Alberta independent filmmakers. Remember to vote for your favourite at the end of the evening using the ballot at the back of your ticket!

How to Learn Anything | Action Star Stephen Robinson



Logline: To try and become an 80's action star, Stephen learns how to do the splits while taking a full size remote control jeep off a jump.

Lindsay Robinson is an Edmonton based director who specializes in music videos, and has recently branched off into a collaboration with his brother Stephen to create the award winning series How to Learn Anything.

Flight of the Polar Bear Norm Fassbender



Logline: A polar bear swims for its life as a camera crew in a helicopter debates the ethics of helping the 'dumb animal'.

Norm Fassbender has worn many hats throughout his film & video career in Edmonton - including Director, Writer, Producer, Editor, and DOP. His favourite is the joy, freedom and pure adventure of writing for and directing of animation.

The Hundy Seth Williams



Logline: *A day in the life of a hundred dollar bill.*

Bristol native 19-year-old Seth has lived in America, New Zealand, England and Australia and in 2010 became a permanent resident of Canada. His long term goal was to attend film school and follow his cinematic dreams of writing and directing. In 2016, Seth graduated from SAIT with a deep and passionate understanding of the film making process.

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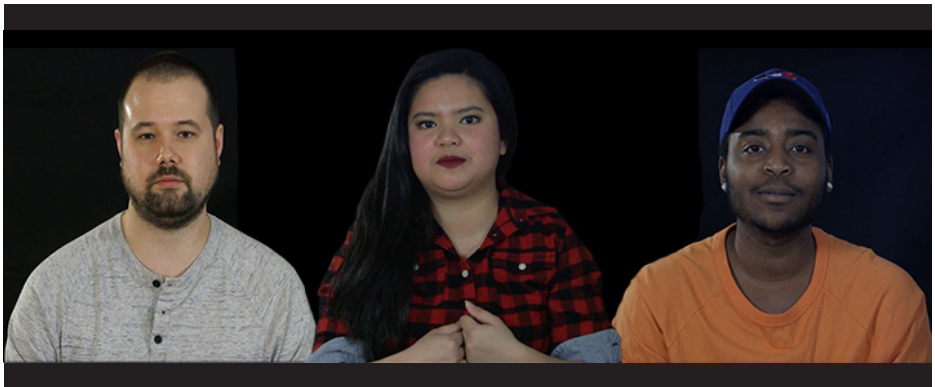
Rellik - Mama's Song *Bill LeBlanc*



Logline: A powerful song and video pertaining to the loss of a parent, from the eyes and words of a young boy , very close to his mother.

Originally from Edmonton, Doug Bedard (Plex) moved to Toronto in 2007. He has since worked with Jennifer Podemski and her company Redcloud Studios where he oversees production, post production and music supervision for corporate, non profit and commercial clients.

Dear Diary: Coming Out *Megan Strachan*



Logline: Three brave individuals share their controversial and daring journey on coming out as gay, lesbian, and transgender.

In 2015, Megan graduated from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology with a diploma in Television Broadcasting. She worked for three years in the production industry gaining experience in videography, editing, and directing. She aims to create more documentaries and web series in the future.

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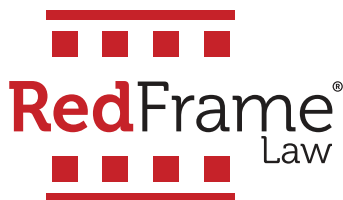
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Happy Birthday, Mango! *Eva Colmers*



Logline: *How to connect when you are worlds apart? Almara tries to reach her son in the Philippines but everything goes wrong. A visually lush shortfilm about our struggles to connect in a busy world.*

Eva Colmers is an independent filmmaker who has written, directed and/or produced over a dozen award-winning short films in the dramatic, experimental and documentary genre including 2.57k, We Regret to Inform You, Granny Baby and The Weightless Traveller.

Waiting *Hans Grossmann*



Logline: *When an age old rivalry and a tense game of bingo erupt into a full-fledged food fight, these retirement home occupants realize they haven't felt this young and alive in years!*

Hans's career in film began when he got a summer job at a film studio in Romania at the young age of 13. Hans graduated the Film and Video Production Program at SAIT. He began collaborating with musicians and other filmmakers, creating numerous live performance and music videos ranging from no-budget to medium sized budgets.

A night-time photograph of the Edmonton skyline, with numerous skyscrapers and buildings illuminated by city lights. The lights are reflected in a body of water in the foreground, creating a symmetrical effect. The sky is a deep blue.

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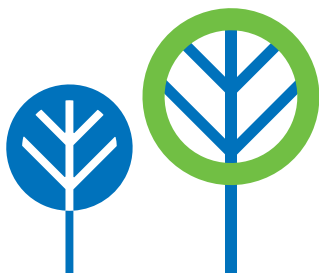
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Live music by Olivia Rose and her band (Josh Ruzicki guitar/vocals & Trevor Henson bass), sponsored by The Needle Vinyl Tavern



18-year old Olivia Rose is a rising country singer-songwriter with over a decade of experience. She grew up in Elk Point and began writing songs early, taking cues from the greats like Dolly Parton and Johnny Cash. Her compositions struck a chord with listeners and she earned a litany of accolades. Olivia was named a finalist in the CBC Searchlight songwriting competition, It's Your Shot national songwriting competition, Calgary FolkFest Songwriting competition, and was awarded the CN Youth Award at Edmonton's Mayor's Celebration for the Arts.

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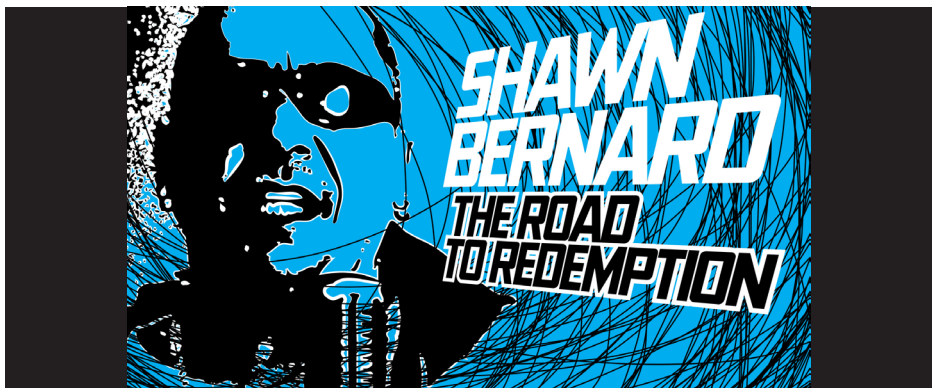
Chicken Lover *Jason Kuchar*



Logline: *A chicken delivery goes awry and crazy shenanigans ensue in this ludicrous music video by Electric Audrey 2*

Jason Kuchar is a first time screenwriter, director and video editor, with no prior experience or formal education in media arts whatsoever. Thanks to a layoff in early 2016 and ample time on his hands, he was able to plan out and produce the filming of the zany music video. With some help from a professional cinematographer, he directed, produced and edited most of the Chicken Lover video.

Shawn Bernard-The Road Redemption *Ben Babchishin*



Logline: *Can the road to redemption take a detour around Karma?*

Ben Babchishin DGC has been a writer/producer/director for almost 35 years. In his early years, Ben worked primarily in advertising, creating television commercials and corporate video. He has since branched out into documentary, drama and digital media.

Gerry Mouse Charlotte Cooper



Logline: A child mouse facing homelessness and shelter life for the first time steps up to challenges from friends and foe.

Charlotte Cooper is a retired hospital social worker and writer who lives in Edmonton. She has written children's books, screen plays, one act plays, song lyrics, and poetry. Publications include a children's book trilogy from which she created the screen play for the animated short, Gerry Mouse, that she co-produced with Tom Robinson.

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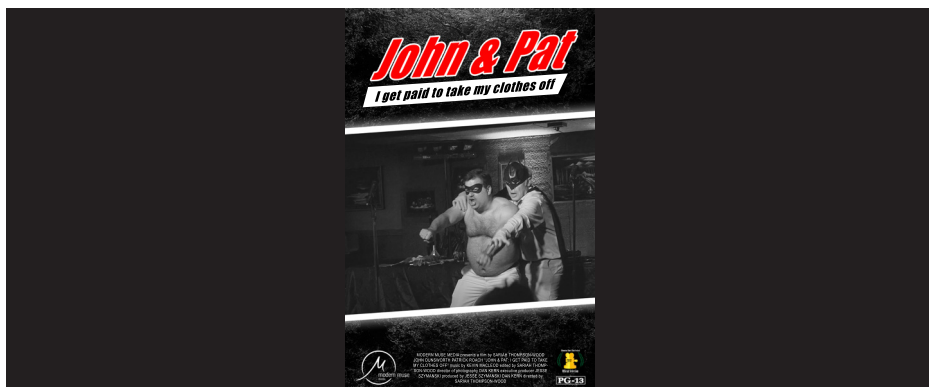
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John and Pat: I Get Paid to Take My Clothes Off *Sariah Thompson-Wood*



Logline: *The veteran comics have done around 1000 comedy shows and don't plan to stop anytime soon.*

Sariah is originally from Toronto and graduated from the Advanced Filmmaking program at Fanshawe College. She was the Director and Editor of various projects for Jonathan Torrens, most well known for his role of J-Roc in Trailer Park Boys. She is now in Edmonton working as Video Editor/Junior Producer at Modern Muse Media.

Race Anonymous *Melanee Murray-Hunt*



Logline: *When it comes to race ... everybody's hooked.*

Melanee has written the play Nothing Like The Sun which premiered at Sage Theatre's Ignite Festival and has had a one act play produced at the Mint Theatre in New York. Her solo theatre show The 'Hoodwink won first place in three categories at the Calgary One Act Festival and has received accolades at various festivals including the Estrogenius Festival in New York.

The Princess and the Beer *Katalin Szonyi*



Logline: *To stop a deadly curse, a Witch Princess—mislead by ancient tales about the power of a kiss—foolishly snogs a two-ton toad.*

A few years after the Iron Curtain fell, Katalin felt compelled to see what this “West”—that only a few from the Soviet Bloc were allowed to visit—was about. She spent a few years in a nerdy Ontario college and a few more in a nerdier university. Katalin moved to Edmonton and stayed. It’s a crazy good small big city. These days, when not working she writes—hopefully stories that make the world a better place.

Where Do You Wander...? *Mohamad Mahfouz*



Logline: *A writer explores Edmonton’s hidden corners.*

Moh Mahfouz is a director and cinematographer, passionate about bringing to life untold stories. Mahfouz has collaborated on music videos with artists including K-Riz and Mazen. Notable projects include his short film “Donut Day” featured at the Edmonton International Film Festival 2017 and the “Startup City Project” series at Startup Edmonton Week.

I Phub You Justin Kueber



Logline: *After an incident that leaves the world around him silent, Kurtis discovers what it means to communicate in a technologically consumed society.*

Shannon Hunt has a degree in music composition and is also an experienced actor and aspiring screenwriter. A multi-instrumentalist, she has studied/performed music her whole life and has a BMus in Composition. Shannon recently interned under Hans Zimmer, and has written music for over 10 ads/commercials and 2 independent films.

48-HOUR CHALLENGE

The Edmonton Short Film Festival has a revolutionary 48 Hour Mobile Device Film Challenge open to all Albertans. All you need is your phone and a great idea and you too can be a filmmaker!

Maximum length is two minutes and immediately before the challenge opens you are given secret elements which **MUST** be included in your film. For 2017, these challenges included seeing a person using a Canadian loonie dollar coin; having one of the actors is to say “Celebrate (celebrated/celebrating) Canada’s 150th” and we had to see a beaver. It looked like our participants had a lot of fun with this!

Congratulations to our top two films:

When Alien Beavers Attack, created by Chris & Elisa Friesen

Yearning, created by Adriel Rosenfeldt

Raven and the Little Makers *Daniel Foreman*



Logline: *Raven is searching for his missing friends, while a hungry, angry Coyote is on the prowl after them all!*

Daniel Foreman is a Métis filmmaker from Canada. For the past ten years, he has focused his energy and creative talents on creating short films. He has created music videos, a black and white short drama on 16mm, and several short films. His first animation was completed in 2016 which led to the development of a series of Raven Adventures animations (all of which are available on TELUS Optik Local).



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
DOORS OPEN 2:00 PM
Royal Alberta Museum

Featuring a special presentation by Hollywood Actor, Joshua Emerson, and the Canadian Premiere of his short film "Tide of Whispers", followed by a conversation between Josh and the audience.

Join us for another day of great Alberta short films, including many created by students:

Raven Goes Fishing

Daniel Foreman

Raven is hungry. Fishing in the Great Grizzly's stream gets him in trouble but he just can't resist teasing the bear!

Love Bug

Sue Chandra

Love is in the air...

A Trickster Tale

Julian Black Antelope

Bored with responsibility, an immortal shape-shifting being takes on a human form (Napi) in order to seek out adventure amongst the four races of man.

Ladybug, Come Fly on Me

Angel Berry STUDENT

A young girl has a day of adventure with a Ladybug and learns about the value of Friendship

Assassins' Cupcake

Emily Marsden STUDENT

Two death dealing assassins have a dramatic showdown over one coveted cupcake.

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Did you know

Sabrina Anderson STUDENT

An Edmonton Oil Kings special.

Squeaks & Cheeks

Rebecca Campbell

Squeaks and Cheeks visit their friend Bailey Bear, and discover a horrible smell. They soon discover where the smell is coming from.

Power of Kindness

Gia Zviadadze STUDENT

A life of the homeless boy, and how each person, with a little act of kindness, can change the poor's life.



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The Legend of the Bunny Phantom

Simon Chan

In a race against time to save his city from imminent destruction, the Bunny Phantom must face his greatest challenge.

The Monotonous Adventures of Sir Reginald Esquire the Third

Demmi Dupri

As darkness pours into the study Sir Reginald sees his arch-nemesis has crept in thus realizing the wellbeing of the entire castle rests in his hands.

Rain on Flowers

Catherine Dubois

When a young woman feels an inkling of sadness, flowers grow on her body. She bottles up these emotions and puts them on a shelf.

Tide of Whispers and Q&A with Josh

Joshua Emerson

A man goes to work for a stranger that holds the key to his past

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Chokecherry

Alexa Gilker

A young girl must choose to either remain in a world of imagination or the inevitability of growing up.

The Intrepid Explorers:

Bumpy Road

Trevor Talbott

Two British explorers navigate the pitfalls that come with exploring a new country in their trusty Land Rover.

Companions

Kieran Jardine

A woman and her AI companion navigate through an emotional day,

When We Listen

Amr Moustafa STUDENT

Amal the 20 years old Syrian female needed someone to listen to her unspoken words and give her hope in life again.

Raven and the Sea Wolf

Daniel Foreman

Raven transforms into a man to charm the most beautiful girl! In order to marry her, he must kill the dreaded Sea Wolf.

Don't Jump Yet

Conor McDavid STUDENT

A depressed man goes up to the roof to jump, but another man tries to convince him to give up his belongings before he jumps.

Simply Replaceable

MacKenzie McElligott STUDENT

A lonely housewife and mother, ignored by her own family, slips into depression.

The Jacket

Kieran Jardine STUDENT

When a man grows tired of sleeping in the bush he devises a crude plan to finally sleep

Beautiful Animals

Michelle Tran STUDENT

A girl with strange features gains the ability to achieve beauty by stealing the characteristics from her beautiful friend.

Join The Dance

David Kohl STUDENT

Vincent takes the stage to relive memories of Mary, who departed abruptly three years ago.

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Submission Deadlines: June 30 (early bird); August 24 (final)

Filmmakers' Skills Class: September 15

48 Hour Mobile Device Film Challenge: September 28-30

Festival Weekend: October 13 & 14