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2018

Edmonton Short
Film Festival **Gala**

The Orange Hub Theatre

October 13

GALA PROGRAM



SILENT AUCTION

CHECK OUT OUR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS! The Silent Auction will close after the intermission, and winners will be announced before we collect the ballots for the People's Choice Award. Please pay for and pick up your winnings during the ballot count!

FOTOBÜTH



WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH FOTOBÜTH FOR THE RED CARPET PHOTOS. Have some fun with props and get a photo to take home. Upload your phone photos with #ESFF2018 to see yourself on the Live Twitter Wall!

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

ON THE BACK OF YOUR TICKET is a list of all films eligible for the People's Choice Award. At the end of the evening, please select the film that you believe deserves this prestigious award. If you have to leave the gala early, please drop off your ballot before you leave!

ESFF @ K-DAYS 48-HOUR MOBILE DEVICE FILM MAKING CHALLENGE

We are pleased to present several films created at our ESFF @ K-DAYS 48-hour Mobile Device Filmmaking Challenge. Filmmakers were given three challenges to include in their project: spoken dialogue "school's out"; interacting with something gold (metallic) and a visual of flowers. See if you can spot where these challenges were met!



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Darrell Portz

Melon Shorts

Mike Shiell

The Horned Serpent Trailer

Daniel Foreman

DOOR PRIZE AND FILM AWARDS

360/VR FILMS

HEAD INTO THE THEATRE from 5:00–6:45 pm, choose the film you wish to watch and enjoy the 360/VR experience!



Chris Bedyk

VR Wonders of the World—Aurora

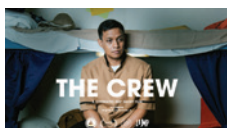
Experience the wonder and magic of the northern lights and reignite your body mind and soul—without the cold.



Chris Bedyk

VR Wonders of the World—Grand Canyon

Transport yourself into one of the oldest mysteries on the planet and explore its depths and heights.



Johan Anderson

The Crew

A Filipino cruise ship cleaner finally gets a chance to perform an opera aria in the crew talent show, but when the show is cancelled he still finds a way to sing.



Daniel Foreman

Bus 7003

A father and his two daughters board a bus for the trip of a lifetime.



Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse

Pow Wow Xperience 360

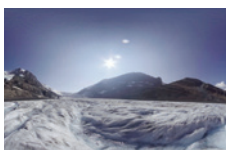
Each one of us comes to the pow wow circle in our own way.



Danilo Guzman

Pyramids of Egypt by The Patuo 360

The Patuo is a 360-travel channel where the next destination is chosen by the public. This episode is about the Pyramids of Egypt.



Ryan Jackson
Spirit of the ice

As the earth climate warms, the Athabasca Glacier in Jasper National Park is melting at an accelerated pace. In this 360/VR journey, Stoney elders teach that, without water, there is no life.



Frederick Kroetsch
KittenTV 360: Kitt'n Around

Kittens jump, sleep, and fight inside a giant playroom in the cutest immersive VR experience ever created.



Vincent McCurley
BeatiBots

Can artificial intelligence deliver happiness? BeatiBot, the AI-powered robotic assistant, makes some amusing attempts.

OVERLOOKED



Carlos Ocegueda
Overlooked

In central Vancouver, a murderer runs wild, killing the neglected, the overlooked...but does anyone notice?



Dylan Pearce
Tall Tales

With their grandson on his first trip to Alberta, two Grandparents try to outdo each other's tall tales on which is the scariest place to live in Alberta: Edmonton or Calgary.



Matt Wright
1200 Roommates

An animated experience inspired by the spoken-word performance of a front-line worker evokes the emotional claustrophobia of staying at the largest homeless shelter in North America.



Matt Wright
Skratcher

Four DJs from the global Scratcher community come together for a graphics-enhanced DJ performance in 360.



THANKS to the team from Full Circle Visuals for providing equipment and expertise to our patrons as they enjoy the 360 videos! And to Wolf Willow Studios and Groove Soldier Productions for loaning equipment.



SHORT FILMS



Stampeed

A gritty COPS style sketch about the dirty streets of Calgary.

Director: **Ramin Eshraghi-Yazdi**
Calgary, Alberta

An award-winning professional film and video producer/director, primarily working out of Calgary Alberta, Ramin Eshraghi-Yazdi has over 12 years of experience with credits in over 250 projects and over 600 videos produced. Ramin is inspired by all that is visually stunning and stories not often told.

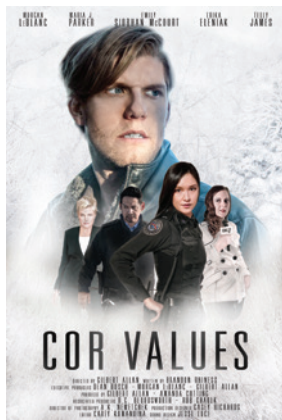


Eggshells

One day, Ellie, an imaginative 11-year-old, stumbles upon a book about faeries and is convinced that she's a faerie child, a changeling. She embarks on a journey of self-discovery to find out who she really is.

Director: **Sarah Clarke**
Edmonton Alberta

Sarah Clarke is a writer and director from Edmonton, Alberta. She is currently studying film at the University of British Columbia. Drawing inspiration from video games and a lifelong love of fantasy and horror films, her work focuses on supernatural and fantastic elements of mundane life.



Cor Values

A reporter returns to his hometown to do a story on a freeway dispute between the town and the neighbouring native reserve only to find that something much more sinister is taking place.

Director: **Gilbert Allan**
Edmonton, Alberta

Gilbert Allan has been at the helm of seven feature films, four of which boast worldwide distribution and three with international distribution. This award-winning director credits his 35 years of experience for his success.

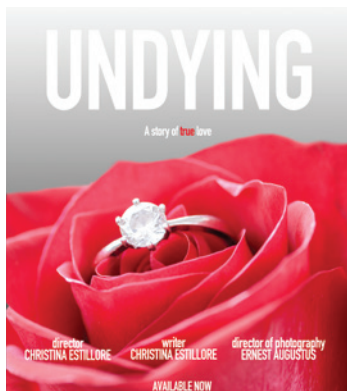


Uncaptured

Uncaptured explores the emotional and physical effects of conscious silence on the thoughts or memories that individuals might have shelved deep within their hearts. It attempts to do this more with visual stories and less with words.

Director: **Fune Aliu**
Calgary, Alberta

Fune Aliu is a Nigerian born Canadian and a self-proclaimed creative. For the last 3 years, he has been making photographs of people almost every day on the streets of Calgary. The moment he clocks out of his engineering job, he transforms into an artist.



Undying

A love so strong, they can't let go.

Director: **Christina Estillore**
Edmonton, Alberta

Christina Estillore started in fashion and photography as a makeup artist, and transitioned from stage to film in 2014. Inspired by the talented people around her, she moved into writing and directing. She produces her own short films, such as "One Minute to Prove Yourself" and "Ghost Hunters," and directed "Azamate," but she saves a special place in her heart for directing theatre. Watch out for her upcoming projects "The Balance," "Bound to Her," and "Her Eyes."



Flowers for Sam

One man's race on an important date.
With love, it's the thought that counts.

Director: **Paul Studiman**
Banff, Alberta

The team for "Flowers for Sam" is based in Banff, Alberta; the film was a collaborative effort. Our media and production background includes shooting, editing, and animation. Our daily work at Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity continually inspires us to create engaging stories through our personal projects.



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Summoned

A grieving mother will do anything to bring her daughter back from the dead.

Director: **Joshua Roach**

Edmonton, Alberta

Josh Roach is a local filmmaker who specializes in making genre films. As a writer/director, he has made short films across a variety of genres—horror, science fiction, documentary, even dabbling in a bit of weird fiction if the mood strikes. Like everyone else who has yet to do so, he wants desperately to make a feature.



The Parent Council

Connor McPherson, a stay-at-home dad, joins his daughter's elementary Parent Council.

Director: **Naddine Madell-Morgan**,

Calgary Alberta

Naddine Madell-Morgan is an independent filmmaker based in Calgary, Alberta. She is currently in production on a feature-length documentary about "FemDom POV," and she is starting work on directing and producing a documentary on Femme Wave, Calgary's only feminist music and arts festival.



The 50th

An 8-time world boxing champion prepares for her career defining fight to defend something more than just a title.

Director: **Moh Mahfouz**
Edmonton, Alberta

Moh Mahfouz is a director and cinematographer, passionate about bringing to life untold stories. Mahfouz most recently received the 2018 Rosie Award "Best Cinematographer" for "Indra's Awakening," a drama under 30 minutes. His creative vision continuously inspires people locally and globally.



Casual Love by FKB

A band travels to a new town to play a show. When they arrive, they realize it's not the kind of show they expected... nor the kind of town.

Director: **Ethan Johnson**
Edmonton, Alberta

Ethan is a 21-year-old from Edmonton who graduated from NAIT's RATV program in 2017. He's been working in the industry as a camera op, editor, and director. This is the first project he's directed and submitted for anything, and he can't wait to direct more.



INTERMISSION

Get your photo taken on the Red Carpet by FotoBüth—have some fun with their props, and receive a souvenir photo! Enjoy original music and popular songs by David Lyons, “The Gentle Yeti”. Check him out on Instagram and Facebook (thegentleyeti).



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Squeeze Smooth Bavarian malt, teasing you with lemon and raspberry, kissing you softly with hops.

Blonde An ale with a crisp, dry palate that balances a slight fruity sweetness and subtle bitterness.

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Girl Brain

"I have girl brain, you have girl brain, we all have girl brain." A new sketch comedy series straight outta Edmonton.

Director: **Belinda Cornish**
Edmonton, Alberta

Belinda Cornish is a celebrated Edmonton actress, director, and writer in theatre and TV. She's really quite awesome.



Never Been to War

"Never Been to War" communicates a sense of gratitude and innocence for the sacrifices of our Armed Forces Service Members.

Director: **Derek Selinger**
Calgary, Alberta

Derek Selinger is in the business of storytelling. As CEO and Creative Director of Wonder Entertainment and Productions, he reaches out to his audiences with his persistent and brilliantly original creativity. Now Derek has expanded his passion to the art of film-making and completed his first short film, "The Walking Man," in 2016, which was accepted at 6 film festivals across North America.



The Child Soldier

Somewhere in the not-too-distant future, two friends head out for school in a war-ravaged village. Along their journey they face the fate their mothers always feared.

Director: **Eppo Eerkes**
Water Valley, Alberta

At the cutting edge of his craft, director Eppo Eerkes is known as a strong and innovative visual storyteller, with an ability to spot and draw out the real-life drama behind any situation Eppo is committed to honing and developing his craft by working on projects that inspire and explore the human spirit.



1979 Lincoln Continental Mark V

Highlights and features of the new 1979 edition Lincoln Continental luxury automobile.

Director: **Darren McInnes**
Olds, Alberta

Darren McInnes is a Fish and Wildlife Officer who moonlights as an amateur filmmaker in his spare time. He and his friends first began making short films in the '80s with the new Sony Handycam but moved on to other interests after a few creative years. Fast forward 25 years, and he's once again been bitten by the filmmaking bug and has slowly worked his way up from nature montages to writing/creating short films with dialogue.



Five Course Meal

A couple in need of fast money agree to take part in a mysterious experiment.

Director: **James Cadden**

Edmonton, Alberta

James Cadden has been dedicating himself to learning the ins and outs of all stages of filmmaking since 2005. With a versatile skillset, direct experience, and deep knowledge about delivering a project from start to completion, James has amassed a wide body of work across event, corporate, and narrative videos. He has worked full-time as a corporate and event video producer since 2011, has an in-depth knowledge of motion graphics and 2D digital effects, and has expanded since 2016 into corporate event photography.



Deadline

Our heroes race all over Edmonton to keep their GOLDEN MOVIE SHORT away from a team of ruthless, arch-rival filmmakers!

Director: **Lutz Papenfuß**

Edmonton, Alberta

Originally from Berlin, Germany, Lutz travelled the world, having lived in Ireland, the USA, and China. He is an honest, dedicated worker, and exudes passion for everything film. He lives with his ever-supportive wife and pet rabbit in St. Albert.



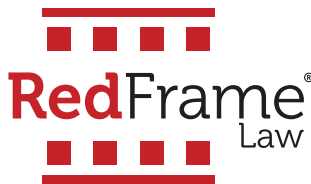
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Pulled Strings

A father teaches his daughter the ancient art of hand-pulled noodles.

Director: **Vicki Chau**
Calgary, Alberta

Vicki Van Chau is an emerging Chinese-Canadian artist born and raised in Calgary. She graduated with distinction from the Alberta College of Art + Design in Media Arts + Digital Technologies, and is currently the Programming Director at EMMEDIA Gallery & Production Society, a non-profit media arts organization.



Universe

A story of love and loss, dedicated to the Humboldt Broncos and the children of NCN Nation in Manitoba.

Director: **Matthew Paproski**
Drumheller, Alberta

Matt has written, produced, and directed for the TV series *Wildlife Wranglers* and TV specials *Cougar Crossings*, *First Response*, and *Fire Attack* with William Shatner, as well as numerous music and corporate videos and short films. He is presently making documentaries with wolves and developing several feature films. His company Starland Studios is based in Drumheller, Alberta.



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EXHIBIT FILMS

We hope you have been enjoying all the films!
Now it's time for you to mark your ballot for the
People's Choice Award!

While the ballots are being counted, we are pleased to screen the films that won honourable mention at the ESFF @ K-Days 48-Hour Mobile Device Film Challenge, plus an excellent short animation submitted from California, and a trailer for an upcoming feature film created by Daniel Foreman.

"Some People's Belts" by Harley Myhovich, won Honourable Mention for "Best Use of the Secret Elements".

"A Daughter's Journey" by Darrell Portz, won Honourable Mention as runner up for BOTH the best film and the best marketing.

"Melon Shorts" is a delightfully fun series of quick jokes, submitted by James Mills. As the Edmonton Short Film Festival screens only Alberta films, this film could not be included in the main program. We hope you enjoy this exhibition film as much as we did!

"The Horned Serpent" Daniel Foreman and Sharlene Millang are preparing to move forward with their first feature film in 2019. This is the world premiere of the trailer for the feature film for *The Horned Serpent*.

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THE HORNED SERPENT



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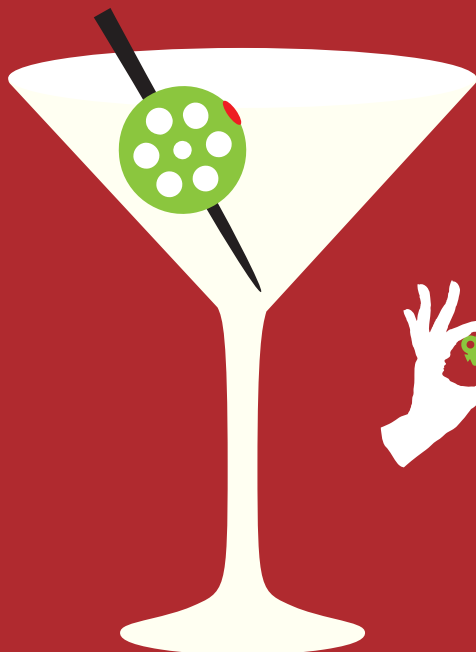
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