

IN COMPETITION

NARRATIVE FEATURES



THE CUBAN

Mina, a young Afghan immigrant, works in a nursing home where she meets Luis, a resident with dementia. She discovers that music triggers Luis' memories and uses it to awaken him.

Regional Connection:

The Cuban was shot mostly in Brantford, Ontario



JAMES VS. HIS FUTURE SELF

When a time-travelling scientist is visited by his future self, he's told that he needs to give up his dream of becoming the world's first-time traveler -- or else.

Regional Connection:

Writer/director Jeremy Lalonde grew up in Caguya, Ontario, and graduated from Niagara College.



A PERFECT PLAN

Four notorious thieves wake up in a fortified warehouse and are forced by a cunning master thief to plan and commit an extraordinary diamond heist.

Regional Connection:

Writer Geoff Hart is a London local, and director Jesse Ikeman graduated from the Ivey Business School of Western University.



THAT IS ALL

As Ryan slips into loneliness, a chance meeting with a friend's boyfriend, Sam, changes that trajectory. As they grow closer, Ryan must come to terms with who he is.

Regional Connection:

Writer/director Mark Weeden grew up in Cambridge, Ontario and attended Wilfrid Laurier University.



KITTY MAMMÁS

A "documentary film crew" captures history unfolding, as disgraced fertility specialist Dr. William Han tries to restart his career, with a medical trial where four women give birth to kittens.

Regional Connection:

Director Dennis Nicholson and Sound Designer Peter Hushca graduated from OIART in London, ON.



SEEKING OBLIVION

Seeking Oblivion follows a young man struggling with depression following a suicide attempt. Is he the broken one, or do those around him need him more?

Regional Connection:

Writer/director Brent Baird was born, raised, and still lives in London Ontario.



THE RIVER YOU STEP IN

When a young First Nations client dies in police custody, social worker Stevie struggles to keep the troubled people she encounters away from the system she no longer trusts

Regional Connection:

The two actresses are from London and the Cinematographer is from St Catharines..



FROM THE VINE

A downtrodden CEO experiencing a moral crisis travels back to Italy to re-calibrate his moral compass.

Regional Connection:

Ken Cancellara, the writer of the book the film is based on, spent many years in Collingwood, Ontario.



LUSORY

Will visits his girlfriend, Emily, over 5 weekends. Emily's currently in school lives with her kind-of-ex, Aaron. Problems arise as the three work out their relationships with each other.

Regional Connection:

Writer/director Brendan Hiles, Ryan Haines & Mauricio Blanco (production team), and Andrew Dodd & Adam Galloway (cast) are Fanshawe College Alumni.



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NARRATIVE SHORTS



A SINGLE MOM

A Single Mom and her teenage daughter communicate with sticky notes.

Regional Connection:

One of the main actors is a Southwestern Ontario resident.



THE MALE GAZE

Two different women are subjected to the subversion of the male gaze. Their confessions reveal what it means to experience a subtle form of harassment.

Regional Connection:

The director/writer is from London, ON, and the cast and crew are all students at Fanshawe College.



BREAKING UP FOR A MODERN GIRL

Mattie is heartbroken. Her heart has been literally ripped from her chest. But with the assistance of a mysterious guide, she slowly makes her way back to shore.

Regional Connection:

This film was edited by the incomparable Matthew Downs, from London, ON.

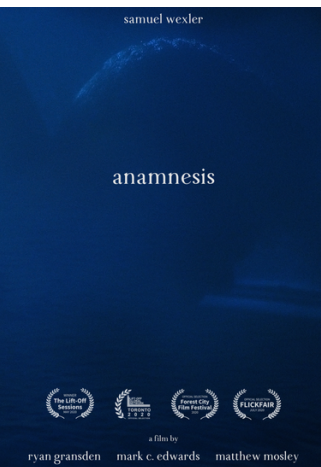


TATTOO

Tattoo tells the story of Emma, a teenager with a passion for anarchy, and Karen, her hard-loving mother whose attempts at affection come across as stern and controlling.

Regional Connection:

Emma Litchi (leading producer) is from New Hamburg, ON. The film was shot and produced in Southern Ontario.



ANAMNESIS

A poetic narrative of a man reliving his most traumatic and cherished memories before death.

Regional Connection:

This is a Sheridan College film, directed and produced by students from London and Mitchell, Ontario.



THE BEACH RAIDERS

Beach Raiders encapsulates the figurative and literal end of summer. Mel and James try to keep it alive for one more night knowing that this life won't last.

Regional Connection:

Director Tyson Breuer is from Grand Bend, Ontario, and the film is also set in Grand Bend.



RIPE

A couple engage in a comedically heartbreaking conversation, as they wrestle with the impossible decision between letting her career soar or realizing his dreams of fatherhood.

Regional Connection:

Our director, screenwriter and star Conor Casey studied in Hamilton for his undergraduate degree.



PLATFORM

A businessman awaiting a subway train is accosted by a stranger and is almost thrown onto tracks, and a small group of bystanders gather around the incident.

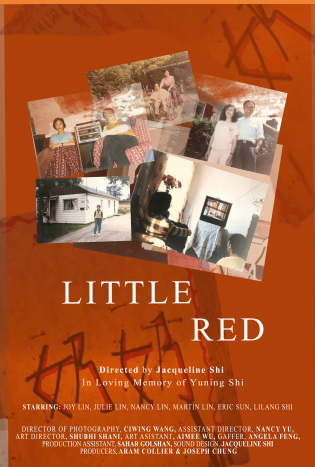
Regional Connection:

The filmmaker is from Cambridge, ON.

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LITTLE RED

Directed by Jacqueline Shi
In Loving Memory of Yuning Shi

STARRING: IYI LIN, JIE LI, LIN, NANCY LIN, MARTIN LIN, ERIC SUN, LILANG SHI
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: CHUNG WANG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: NANCY YE,
ART DIRECTOR: SHIBBE BRAM, SET DESIGNER: ANNE WU, GRIFFIN, ANGELA FENG,
PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS: SAHAR GOUSHAN, SUNDERSHIN, JACQUELINE SHI
PRODUCED BY: ARIAN COLLIER & JOSEPH CHUNG

LITTLE RED

A nostalgic and immersive journey into the immigrant life of Yuning Shi.

Regional Connection:

Director Jacqueline Shi is a second-year Film Studies student at the University of Western Ontario.



Your Mother and I

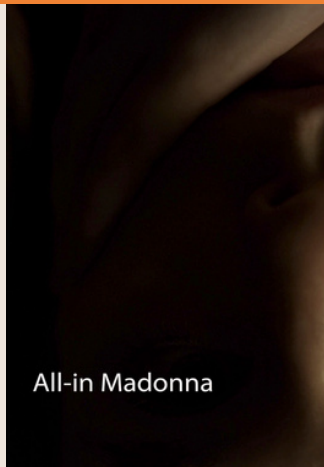
WRITTEN BY ANTHONY MILEY AND STEVE EMMERTY • DIRECTED BY LORRAINE SHIBBLE • CASTING BY YOUR MOTHER AND I
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: COLIN CARROLL, PRODUCED BY JOHN KOSLOV • COSTUME DESIGNER: LORRAINE SHIBBLE • GROOMING: LORRAINE SHIBBLE
EDITORS: FRANKI DIMITROVSKA • MUSIC BY: FRANKI DIMITROVSKA • EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: COLIN CARROLL

YOUR MOTHER AND I

When his parents announce their divorce, 10-year-old Neil is convinced he's stuck in a dream, and sets out on a mission to wake up.

Regional Connection:

The film is produced by Franci Dimitrovska, who grew up in London, Ontario.



All-in Madonna

ALL-IN MADONA

When 17-year-old Maddie attends public school for the first time, she discovers dark secrets about her father and must reconcile herself with the father she thought she knew.

Regional Connection:

Lead actor Tyler Parr is from Southwestern Ontario.



PRESSURE PLAY

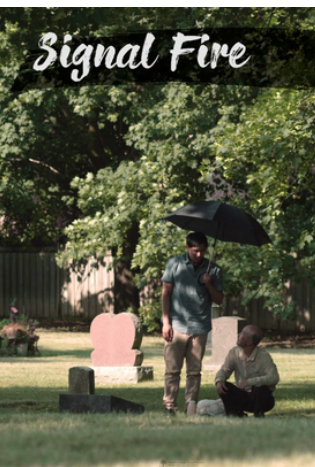
An Eric Bussell Film
Starring: London, Ontario

PRESSURE PLAY

Fraser is shy and introverted but speaks volumes on the basketball court. He has a chance to prove himself when the coach catches him practicing after school.

Regional Connection:

One of the actors resides in St. Catharines ON and several members of our crew reside in Southwestern Ontario.



Signal Fire

SIGNAL FIRE

At a loss for communication, a young man accompanies his stoic traditional Chinese father-in-law to visit a loved one's grave.

Regional Connection:

The Director Alice Il Shin and co-writer Ian Hynd are living in London, Ontario.



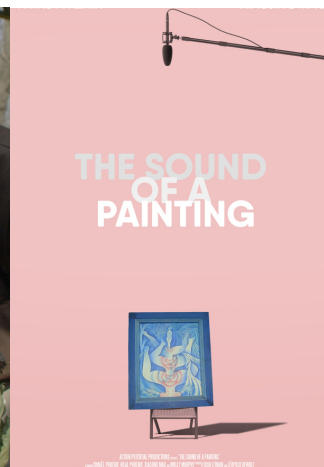
Green Thumb

GREEN THUMB

A solitary gardener, grieving the loss of his wife, seeks to grow the perfect flower to place on her grave.

Regional Connection:

The film stars London theatre icon, John Gerry in the leading role. It's shot in Florence, Ontario and directed by Matthew Downs, born and raised in London.



THE SOUND OF A PAINTING

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As identical twin sound engineers Angel and Clément celebrate the opening of their new recording studio, one of the brothers makes a startling confession about a past relationship.

Regional Connection:

Both the director (Josh Litman) and Sound Editor (Alex Di Carlo) are from London, ON. Alex still lives and works in London.



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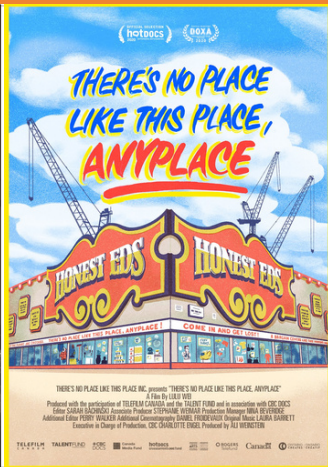
DOCUMENTARY FEATURES



THE WALRUS AND THE WHISTLEBLOWER

Phil Demers is a part-time mailman and ex-trainer at MarineLand in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He's being sued for \$1.5 million for plotting to steal a walrus.

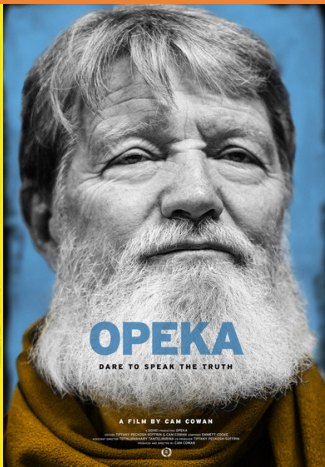
Regional Connection:
The film takes place in Niagara Falls.



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THIS PLACE, ANYPLACE

As a beloved Toronto block is sold to a developer, its members are forced to relocate. This is their story.

Regional Connection:
Director Lulu Wei is from London, Ontario.



OPEKA

An iron-willed Argentine priest inspires hope for an entire nation by teaching people living in Madagascar's largest landfill to build a highly functional city.

Regional Connection:
Director Cam Cowan was born in Petrolia, Ontario and spent his early years in London, Ontario.



WHO FARTED?

Who Farted? suggests that understanding our place in nature is essential to our continued existence as a species.

Regional Connection:
The film was shot in London Ontario Canada. A few local businesses are featured and mentioned in the credits.



THE GENDER LADY: THE FABULOUS DR. MAY COHEN

This is the story of Dr. May Cohen's impacts as a physician, women's health advocate, agent of social change, citizen, and mother.

Regional Connection:
The filmmakers are family physicians who live and work in Hamilton at McMaster University, and in London at Western University.



The Last Out

Three young Cuban baseball players leave their families and risk exile to train in Central America and chase their dreams of playing in the Major Leagues.

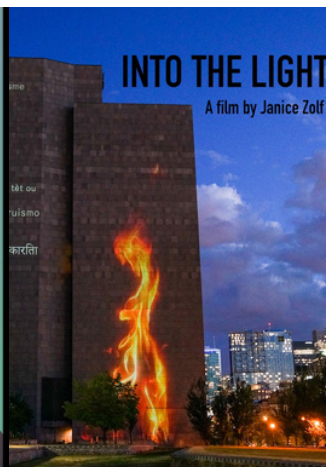
Regional Connection:
Director-producer Sami Khan was born in Sarnia, Ontario



MR. EMANCIPATION: THE WALTER PERRY STORY

Mr. Emancipation is the story of Walter L Perry's determination to put on a celebration that would transcend divisions of race and class.

Regional Connection:
Writer/ director Preston Chase was born and raised in Windsor ON, and footage of Southwestern Ontario towns are used in the film.



INTO THE LIGHT

Travel behind-the-scenes to discover how the walls in Old Montreal are transformed by renowned Cirque du Soleil and VR directors as they show cinematic projections that reimagine Canadian history.

Regional Connection:
Janice Zolf is from London.

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AgriCulture

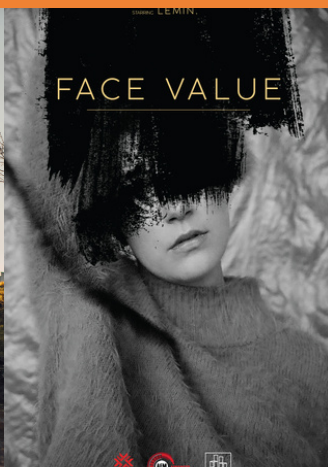
the most dangerous profession in the developed world puts food on your table.

AGRICULTURE

After being seriously injured doing the thing that he loves, how has farmer TJ Klopp's perspective changed? What changes has he made to make his farm safer?

Regional Connection:

The film's subject lives an hour north of London, ON, and much of the crew is from Southwestern Ontario.



FACE VALUE

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Female musical artist lemin. explores the struggles of balancing the ever clashing world of art and capitalism.

Regional Connection:

The subject and director are from London, Ontario, and the student film crew attended Fanshawe College.



REVIVAL

UNBOUND REVIVAL

Students from the Fashion Design Program at Fanshawe College experience the shift from traditional studio space to home-based design during the COVID-19..

Regional Connection:

This is a film about Fanshawe College's students and faculty..



the garden collective

THE GARDEN COLLECTIVE

The formerly-incarcerated women of the Prison for Women Memorial Collective work to build a memorial garden on the grounds of the former prison in Kingston, Ontario.

Regional Connection:

The cinematographer and her family are from London, ON.



MUSEUM STORIES: RON BENNER

London artist Ron Benner showcases his organic installation "As The Crow Flies" and explains its history, significance, and ongoing relevance.

Regional Connection:

This short documentary was produced in London, ON by web.isod.es, a London-based digital story studio.



The Thing with Feathers

THE THING WITH FEATHERS

This the story of a group of ambitious and resilient refugee women in London, ON -- most of whom left their families behind in Syria and Iraq.

Regional Connection:

This was filmed in London Ontario Canada by a crew of comprising of film students from Fanshawe College's Advanced Filmmaking program.



JAAN POLDAAS

new work

JAAN POLDAAS: NEW WORK

Explore the career and methodology of an important Toronto artist as he emerges from retirement to complete his most important yet.

Regional Connection:

Director Patrick Barfoot spent 5 years at Western University and now returns to London, Ontario to settle.



BROKEN ORCHESTRA

This is the story of the innovators behind Symphony for a Broken Orchestra, a music and art project begun in 2017 that raised awareness for Philadelphia's music education funding cuts.

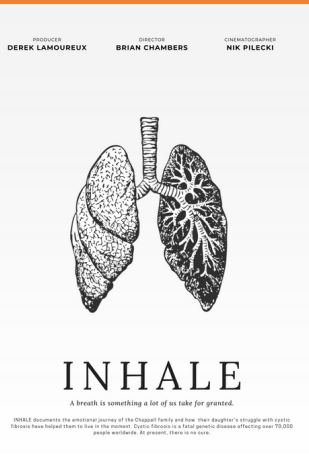
Regional Connection:

Part of the film was shot in Hamilton, ON. Director Charlie Tyrell is from Ancaster, ON.

Stream Films on Eventive from Oct. 17 to Nov. 1

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STREET SAUCE! PUBLIC ARTS IN WATERLOO REGION

INHALE

ALONE TOGETHER

MY WAKING NIGHTMARE

This film explores public art by shining a light on current works in progress, characters, story lines, and artists in the Waterloo Region.

This is the emotional journey of the Chappell family and how their daughter's struggle with Cystic Fibrosis has helped them to live in the moment.

While capturing the eerie desolation of COVID-19, the power of community and support for Frontline & Essential workers in London, Ontario, undeniably shines through.

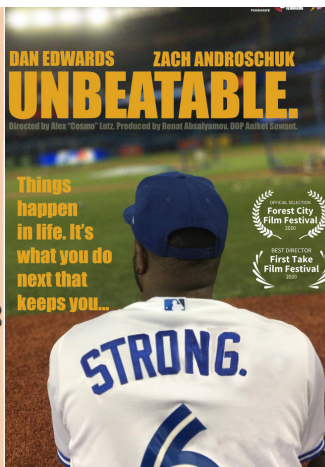
This is a horror-inspired miniature documentary about Becca Serena: a young woman whose life has been irreversibly altered by chronic insomnia.

Regional Connection:
This film focuses on Waterloo, Ontario.

Regional Connection:
The family was from London, Ontario, and moved St Thomas.

Regional Connection:
This film was shot in London, Ontario..

Regional Connection:
The director and featured subject of this documentary are both graduates of Western University in London, ON.



DIRTY DONNA & THE PENIS PAINTINGS

UNBEATABLE

HOLLIE'S DRESS

Artist Donna Ibing's penis paintings explore the use of humour as a method to investigate the male nude and the problem of the penis.

An inspiring true story of friendship that follows two high-school football stars after a freak accident left one of them paralyzed from the neck down.

14-year-old Hollie faces the decision all Mennonite girls must make -- will she become a full member of the Mennonite church, or will she join the wider world?

Regional Connection:
Donna Ibing is a Hamilton-based artist and this film touches on her experiences with the Art Gallery of Hamilton and Burlington.

Regional Connection:
Director Alex "Cosmo" Lutz was born and raised in Sarnia, ON.

Regional Connection:
This project is the story of Hollie, a 14-year-old Markham Mennonite girl from Elmira, Ontario..

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'A TOAST'



WORST ENEMY



THIS I KNOW



STAY



STABALIZE



REUNITE



PLAY TOO



MEANT FOR THIS



HAPPY



GERRY



EGO



FOREST CITY
FIGHTS BACK



BEANIES AND
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NADIA, BUTTERFLY



MIDLAND MOTEL ROOM 77'



THE INCREDIBLE 25TH YEAR OF MITZI BEARCLAW



KUESSIPAN



DISAPPEARANCE AT CLIFTON HILL



THE EMBARGO PROJECT



BENDITA REBELDÍA



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