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20th imagineNATIVE
FILM + MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL

October 22-27, 2019

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About imagineNATIVE - 20 years old!

imagineNATIVE is a registered charity committed to inspiring and connecting communities through original, Indigenous film and media arts. We are located on the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee, and the Huron-Wendat nations. We acknowledge the Dish With One Spoon covenant, a treaty whose spirit is one based in collective stewardship and sharing of land and resources, and one which extends to all nations living in present-day Toronto.

The imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival, is the world's largest festival showcasing film, video, audio, and digital + interactive media made by Indigenous screen-content creators. For 20 years, the Festival has presented compelling and distinctive works from Canada and around the globe, reflecting the diversity of Indigenous nations and illustrating the vitality and dynamism of Indigenous arts, perspectives, and cultures in contemporary media.

In addition to the Festival, imagineNATIVE presents the annual imagineNATIVE Film + VR Tour and community co-presentation screenings nationally and internationally which extend our mandate year-round. The imagineNATIVE Institute presents professional development labs and workshops for Indigenous screen-content creators.

For more information on our mandate and the organisation - and to make a donation to support our work - please visit www.imagineNATIVE.org

Registered Charity #8989 38717 RR0001

Ticket Information

Discounted prices for Individual Tickets available for Elders/Seniors, Students with valid ID, and low income individuals. Please visit our website or the TIFF Bell Lightbox Box Office for details.

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

Opening Night Gala (including Opening Night Party) \$15

Regular Screenings \$6

All Friday Screenings FREE (tickets required)

in Pursuit of Venus [infected] Artist Talk FREE (tickets required via AGO website)

Night of the Indigenous Devs \$15

The Beat \$15

20th Birthday Party \$15

Awards Presentation FREE (ticket required)

Closing Night Gala \$6

PASS

Festival Supporter Pass \$250

1 ticket per screening or event, pending availability, plus tax receipt for \$150

BUY ONLINE

<https://am.ticketmaster.com/tiff3>

BY PHONE

+ 1.416.599.2033

Toll free: 1.888.258.8433

IN PERSON

TIFF Bell Lightbox Box Office

350 King St W



iNDigital Space

FREE!

TIFF Bell Lightbox Gallery, Main Floor

Wednesday, October 23 - Saturday, October 26 | 10:00am - 7:00pm
Sunday, October 27 | 10:00am - 5:00pm

imagineNATIVE presents a large-scale exhibition of digital and interactive work in a curated space on the main floor of the TIFF Bell Lightbox.

Come to the iNDigital Space to see and play an exciting showcase of VR, games, interactive websites and more! Listen to digital and interactive artists talk about their works and process during our daily one hour Artist Talk Series (1:00-2:00pm, Wednesday to Sunday).

Join us and experience the richness and diversity of contemporary Indigenous digital and interactive media arts!



THE
READY
COMMITMENT

TD FREE Friday at #iN20 **FREE!**

All Festival screenings on Friday, October 25, 2019 are FREE. Tickets can be picked up at the TIFF Bell Lightbox Box Office (pending availability).

This initiative has been made possible by the generous support of TD Bank Group's The Ready Commitment corporate citizenship platform.



Exhibitions

Constructive Interference

A Space Gallery

401 Richmond St W, Suite 110
September 24 - November 2, 2019

FREE!

Listen, Speak and Sing

Prefix ICA

401 Richmond St W, Suite 124
October 4 - November 30, 2019

FREE!

gathering across moana

Trinity Square Video

401 Richmond St W, Suite 121
October 4 - November 2, 2019

FREE!

spatial codifications

YYZ Artists' Outlet

401 Richmond St W, Suite 140
September 28 - November 30, 2019

FREE!

A Space WINDOWS

401 Richmond St W, Suite 110
September 24 - November 2, 2019

FREE!

Among All These Tundras

Onsite Gallery

199 Richmond St W
September 18 - December 7, 2019

FREE!

Canadian Filmmakers

Distribution Centre

32 Lisgar St
September 30 - October 27, 2019

FREE!

iNDigital Expanded

Bachir/Yerex

Presentation Space

401 Richmond St W, Suite 440
October 23 - October 26, 2019

FREE!

in Pursuit of Venus [infected]

Art Gallery of Ontario

317 Dundas St W
September 21, 2019 - March 29, 2020

FREE!

**Visit our website for more
information on exhibitions.**



in Pursuit of Venus [infected]

Art Crawl

FREE!

**Art Crawl takes place on
Thursday, October 24 starting at 5:15pm at
Onsite Gallery, 199 Richmond St W**

5:15pm – Onsite Gallery, 199 Richmond St W

5:45pm – Collective walk down the street to 401 Richmond St W

6:00pm – A Space Gallery, Suite 110

6:30pm – YYZ Artists' Outlet, Suite 140

7:00pm – Prefix Institute of Contemporary Art, Suite 124

7:30pm – Trinity Square Video, Suite 121

8:00-8:15pm – Bus shuttle, Spadina Ave & Camden St (pick up on Camden St)

Buses are FREE and on a first-come, first-seated basis.

8:30pm – Canadian Filmmakers' Distribution Centre, 32 Lisgar St





Special Events

Welcome Gathering Native Canadian Centre of Toronto

16 Spadina Rd
Tuesday, October 22
2:00pm - 4:00pm

FREE!

Welcome to the official opening of the 20th imagineNATIVE Festival with singing, dance performances, and food.

Opening Night Party Early Mercy

540 King St W
Tuesday, October 22
9:00pm - 1:00am
\$10 (19+)

*Free entry with Opening Night ticket

Celebrate the 20th annual Festival launch following the Opening Night Gala with music and dancing. Shuttles available from Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema (first come, first served).

A Wall Is A Screen

Meeting point: TBA
Wednesday, October 23
7:30pm - 9:30pm

FREE!

Part walking tour, part film screening, this exciting event projects Indigenous-made short films onto various surfaces along a designated urban path.

Night of the Indigenous Devs TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3

350 King St W
Friday, October 25
6:00pm - 8:00pm
\$15

Experience a taste of the iNDigital Space in the comfort of a TIFF Theatre, listening to game creators talk about their project while a volunteer plays their game on the big screen.



**Talks: Lisa Reihana in
Conversation with
Julie Nagam**

FREE!

Art Gallery of Ontario

317 Dundas St W
Friday, October 25
6:00pm - 7:00pm

In this special event, artist Lisa Reihana will be in conversation with curator Dr. Julie Nagam about her artistic practice and thinking behind her artwork in *Pursuit of Venus [infected]*.
(Tickets required through AGO website)

The Beat Music Night

Horseshoe Tavern

370 Queen St W
Friday, October 25
9:00pm - close
\$15

A roster of Indigenous music talent curated by Revolutions Per Minute.

20th Birthday Party

Pilsner Hall (Steam Whistle)

255 Bremner Blvd
(Near the base of the CN Tower)
Saturday, October 26
9:00pm - close
\$15

Join us for an evening of music, food + fun plus a special surprise reveal!

Awards Presentation

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 1

FREE!

350 King St W
Sunday, October 27
4:00pm - 5:15pm

Celebrate Indigenous achievement in film and media arts as we announce the Juries' picks for this year's prizes!



MERATA: How Mum Decolonised the Screen



Waaki - Sanctuary
(Victor Masayesva, Jr. Retrospective)

Special Presentations

**MERATA: How Mum
Decolonised the Screen**
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2
Wednesday, October 23
3:30pm

This remarkable, beautiful documentary will be followed by an extended Q&A featuring Hepi Mita, Chelsea Winstanley, and Alanis Obomsawin.

**Victor Masayesva, Jr.
Retrospective/
Dawson: Making Meaning**
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2
Thursday, October 24
1:00pm

FREE!

This year's Artist Spotlight shines on the great Hopi filmmaker and Elder Victor Masayesva, Jr.

Blood Quantum
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3
Thursday, October 24
9:30pm

The highly anticipated second feature from auteur Jeff Barnaby! Zombies! Limited Seating!

**nîpawistamâsowin:
We Will Stand Up**
TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2
Friday, October 25
1:00pm

FREE!

This powerful, game-changing documentary will be followed by a moderated conversation featuring Tasha Hubbard and members of Colten Boushie's family. No Q&A.



nīpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up



Jordan River Anderson, The Messenger

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The Messenger**

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 1

Saturday, October 26

4:00pm

The latest documentary from legendary filmmaker, Alanis Obsomsawin!

Barb Cranmer Tribute

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3

FREE!

Sunday, October 27

1:30pm

A retrospective screening of the work of the late great 'Namgis leader and filmmaker.

Awards Winners I

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 3

FREE!

Sunday, October 27

9:00pm

A selection of works recognised by the Juries at Sunday afternoon's Awards Presentation.

Awards Winners II

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 2

FREE!

Sunday, October 27

9:15pm

A selection of works recognised by the Juries at Sunday afternoon's Awards Presentation.



One Day in the Life of Noah Piugattuk

DAILY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 22

EVENT:

Welcome Gathering

2:00pm | Native Canadian Centre of Toronto

FREE!

GALA PRESENTATION:

Opening Night Gala: One Day in the Life of Noah Piugattuk

7:00pm | Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema

EVENT:

Opening Night Party

9:00pm | Early Mercy

\$10





Ushui



For My Father's Kingdom

Wednesday, October 23

SCREENING:

Eating Up Easter

10:00am | TBLB Cinema 2

SCREENING:

Shorts Program: Metamorphosis

10:15am | TBLB Cinema 3

SCREENING:

Shorts Program: Activation

12:30pm | TBLB Cinema 3

SCREENING:

For My Father's Kingdom

12:45pm | TBLB Cinema 2

EVENT:

Audio Artist Talk

1:00pm | iNDigital Space
(TBLB Gallery)

FREE!

EVENT:

**iNDigital Expanded:
Opening**

2:15pm | Bachir/Yerex
Presentation Space
(401 Richmond St W)

FREE!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

**MERATA: How Mum
Decolonised the Screen**

3:30pm | TBLB Cinema 2

SCREENING:

**The Body Remembers
When the World Broke Open**

5:45pm | TBLB Cinema 1

SCREENING:

Ushui

6:00pm | TBLB Cinema 3

EVENT:

A Wall Is A Screen

7:30pm | Meeting point: TBA

FREE!

SCREENING:

Red Snow

8:45pm | TBLB Cinema 1

SCREENING:

Fukry

9:00pm | TBLB Cinema 3



Vai



Nancy From Now On (Indig Love Stories)

Thursday, October 24

SCREENING:

Shorts Program: Tribulations

10:00am | TBLB Cinema 2

SCREENING:

Mothers of the Land

10:30am | TBLB Cinema 1

OPEN CAPTIONED SCREENING:

Top End Wedding

11:00am | TBLB Cinema 3

FREE!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Victor Masayesva, Jr.

Retrospective/

Dawson: Making Meaning

1:00pm | TBLB Cinema 2

FREE!

EVENT:

Video Games Artist Talk

1:00pm | iNDigital Space

(TBLB Gallery)

FREE!

SCREENING:

Shorts Program: Indig Love Stories

3:45pm | TBLB Cinema 1

SCREENING:

Not Just Numbers

4:00pm | TBLB Cinema 2

EVENT:

Art Crawl

5:15pm | Starting at

Onsite Gallery,

199 Richmond St W

(see p.7 for details)

FREE!

SCREENING:

Shorts Program: Imprint

5:30pm | TBLB Cinema 3

SCREENING:

Vai

7:00pm | TBLB Cinema 1

SCREENING:

Dark Place

8:30pm | TBLB Cinema 2

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Blood Quantum

9:30pm | TBLB Cinema 3



The Incredible 25th
Year of Mitzi Bearclaw

All
Friday
screenings
are
FREE!

Friday, October 25

TD Free Friday  **THE
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SCREENING:

The Book of the Sea

10:00am | TBLB Cinema 2

SCREENING:

Shorts Program: Perceptions

10:30am | TBLB Cinema 3

EVENT:

From the Reel to the Digital

10:45am | Artscape Sandbox

FREE!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

nīpawistamāšowin: We Will Stand Up

1:00pm | TBLB Cinema 2

EVENT:

**Worn Trails/New Trails:
Footsteps**

1:00pm | Artscape Sandbox

FREE!

EVENT:

VR Artist Talk

1:00pm | iNDigital Space (TBLB Gallery)

FREE!

SCREENING:

**Shorts Program:
imagineNATIVE Originals**

1:30pm | TBLB Cinema 3

EVENT:

Fluid Futurisms

3:00pm | Artscape Sandbox

FREE!

SCREENING:

Shorts Program: Deviations

3:15pm | TBLB Cinema 3

SCREENING:

Shorts Program: Talkback

4:30pm | Bachir/Yerex

Presentation Space (401 Richmond St W)

SCREENING:

The Incredible 25th Year of Mitzi Bearclaw

5:15pm | TBLB Cinema 1

SCREENING:

N. Scott Momaday: Words From a Bear

6:00pm | TBLB Cinema 2

EVENT:

Night of the Indigenous Devs

6:00pm | TBLB Cinema 3

\$15

EVENT:

**In Pursuit of Venus [infected]:
Curator & Artist Talk**

6:00pm | Art Gallery of Ontario

FREE!

SCREENING:

Shorts Program: Translations

8:00pm | TBLB Cinema 1

SCREENING:

The Cursed Harp

9:00pm | TBLB Cinema 2

EVENT:

The Beat

9:00pm | Horseshoe Tavern

\$15



The Book of the Sea

Ngā KoeKoeā (Perceptions)

Saturday, October 26

SCREENING:

Ruthless Souls

10:00am | TBLB Cinema 2

SCREENING:

Wik vs Queensland

10:30am | TBLB Cinema 3

SECOND SCREENING:

Vai

12:30pm | TBLB Cinema 2

EVENT:

**Indigenous Learning
Goes Interactive**

1:00pm | iNDigital Space
(TBLB Gallery)

FREE!

SCREENING:

Shorts Program: Precipice

1:15pm | TBLB Cinema 3

SENSORY FRIENDLY SCREENING:

**The Incredible 25th Year
of Mitzi Bearclaw**

2:00pm | TBLB Cinema 5

FREE!

SCREENING:

Rustic Oracle

3:15pm | TBLB Cinema 2

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

**Jordan River Anderson,
The Messenger**

4:00pm | TBLB Cinema 1

SCREENING:

Top End Wedding

6:15pm | TBLB Cinema 2

SCREENING:

Shorts Program: Fight or Flight

7:00pm | TBLB Cinema 3

EVENT:

**imagineNATIVE's 20th
Birthday Party**

9:00pm | Pilsner Hall
(Steam Whistle)

\$15



The Sun Above Me Never Sets

Sunday, October 27

SCREENING:

Mau'i's Hook

10:00am | TBLB Cinema 1

SECOND SCREENING:

Shorts Program: Metamorphosis

10:30am | TBLB Cinema 2

OPEN CAPTIONED SCREENING:

**The Body Remembers
When the World Broke Open**

10:45am | TBLB Cinema 3

FREE!

SCREENING:

Hugo Blanco, Deep River

1:00pm | TBLB Cinema 2

EVENT:

Web Artist Talk

1:00pm | iNDigital Space
(TBLB Gallery)

FREE!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Barb Cranmer Tribute

1:30pm | TBLB Cinema 3

FREE!

EVENTS:

Awards Presentation

4:00pm | TBLB Cinema 1

FREE!

SENSORY FRIENDLY SCREENING:

**N. Scott Momaday:
Words From a Bear**

4:00pm | TBLB Cinema 5

FREE!

GALA PRESENTATION:

**Closing Gala: The Sun
Above Me Never Sets**

6:00pm | TBLB Cinema 2

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Awards Winners I

9:00pm | TBLB Cinema 3

FREE!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Awards Winners II

9:15pm | TBLB Cinema 2

FREE!



Accessible Screenings

As part of imagineNATIVE's ongoing commitment to improving accessibility measures, we offer closed captions for all films in English, two open-captioned screenings, and two sensory friendly (relaxed) screenings.

Open Captioned Screenings:

Thursday, October 24 | 11:00am | TBLB Cinema 3: Top End Wedding

Sunday, October 27 | 10:45am | TBLB Cinema 3: The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open

Sensory Friendly Screenings:

Saturday, October 26 | 2:00pm | TBLB Cinema 5: The Incredible 25th Year of Mitzi Bearclaw

Sunday, October 27 | 4:00pm | TBLB Cinema 5: N. Scott Momaday: Words from a Bear

ASL Interpretation & Live Captioning

Selected Q&As that occur post screenings will have Live Captioning & ASL Interpretation.

Closed caption devices available for free at the TIFF Bell Lightbox Box Office on a first-come, first served basis. Limited quantities.

Visit imagineNATIVE.org/accessibility for more info.

Onsite Elder and Support Workers

TIFF Bell Lightbox, Greenroom (2nd Floor)
Wednesday, October 23 | 5:45pm - 11:30pm
Thursday, October 24 | 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Friday, October 25 | 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Saturday, October 26 | 12:45pm - 1:30pm
Sunday, October 27 | 12:45pm - 1:30pm



With many Indigenous people from across all nations in the process of healing, we are ensuring that support is there for when you need it. imagineNATIVE greatly values the importance of healing and cultural safety. We understand that some content may be upsetting or triggering for direct or intergenerational survivors of trauma. For this reason, Elders and support workers from Ontario Indian Residential School Support Services (OIRSSS) will be available onsite at the Festival at the TIFF Bell Lightbox, Greenroom from Wednesday, October 23 through Sunday, October 27.

These services are for anyone, including non-Indigenous people, requiring emotional support.

At imagineNATIVE, we support uncensored Indigenous expression. Verbal disclaimers will be given during introductions for any programs containing scenes of graphic physical or sexual violence, or that deal with issues of Indian Residential Schools.



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