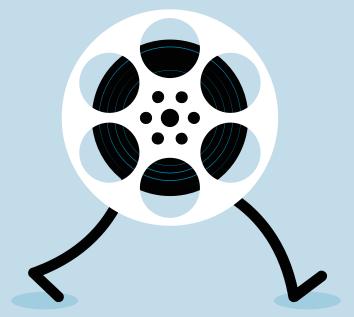


# **JUNE 20-23!**



## **2019 FESTIVAL PROGRAMME**







## A message from the **Board of Directors**

Welcome to the sixth annual Willson Oakville Film Festival! The festival has become an Oakville cultural institution that brings the best local. Canadian, and international film, as well as filmmakers, actors, musicians. and other artists here to Oakville to celebrate the transcendental power of film, and the arts.

We continue to explore themes related to the resilience of the human spirit. while touching on important topical and social issues, such as women's and Indigenous issues, ageism, conservation, propaganda, and human trafficking. We have a record number of features, documentaries, and short films this year, as well as more filmmakers, panels, and Q&As than ever before. Our new Thursday night Gala, Women Who Give, recognizes the power of women to enact positive change in the world, through volunteerism, philanthropy, and dedication, inviting men and women alike to celebrate the strength and resilience of women the world over.

Film continues to be our passion, one that we want to share with you. We encourage you to be inspired, transported, entertained, and encouraged to take action on issues that impact our community.

We want to extend a special note of gratitude to Peter Willson and Willson International, whose continuing support over the past four years has been instrumental in our success. Thank you to Peter and to all of our corporate and government grant partners - we could not have done it without you!

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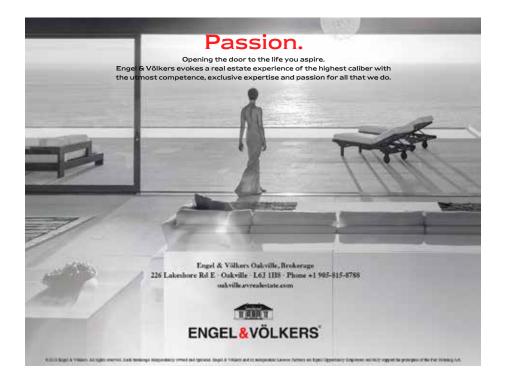


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#### **ALITA ROSE**

Alita Rose is a commercial actress and model and has been cast in television, print, and online commercials and campaigns in North America, Dubai, and Europe. Alita has filmed national commercials for EB Games, TSN, Hakim Optical and Stagg Chili, and has modelled for Joe Boxer, The Shopping Channel, Rogers, Canadian Tire, Air Canada, and a Levi's campaign in HOLR Magazine. Alita has also interviewed nominees and winners for the 2017 Marty Awards and has been a presenter for the Canadian International Autoshow in Toronto, Vancouver, and Ottawa for the last 5 years. Alongside her creative career, Alita is an English and French Occasional Teacher for grades 4-12.

Paul Saltzman is a two-time Emmy Award-winning, Toron-

to-based film and television director- producer known for over 300 productions. He's also known worldwide as an

educator and mentor. In 2011, he founded the non-profit organization Moving Beyond Prejudice to work with police

forces, students, youth-at-risk, and community and faith groups utilizing *Prom Night in Mississippi* and *The Last* 

White Knight. In December 2011, Paul was invited to the

tion with President Obama and the First Lady.

White House to screen his prom movie and hold a Moving Beyond Prejudice discussion with the audience. While there, he was honoured as a Community Leader at a recep-





#### **ALAN CROSS**

Alan Cross is an internationally known broadcaster, interviewer, writer, consultant, blogger and speaker.

In his nearly 40 years in the broadcasting and music business, Alan has interviewed the biggest names in rock and is also known as a musicologist and documentarian through programs like the long-running show, *The Ongoing History* of New Music.

Alan has been deeply involved exploring the present and future relationships between music, technology and social networking. More information on Alan can be found at his website, www.ajournalofmusicalthings.com.





**PAUL SALTZMAN** 



# SPECIAL PRE-FESTIVAL EVENT \* Wednesday June 19

## An Evening with Chantal Kreviazuk & Raine Maida

7:30PM | Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts

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## FILM PRESENTATION: I'M GOING TO BREAK YOUR HEART

#### 1h 30m | PG DOCUMENTARY

Directors: Annie Bradley, Jim Morrison

Starring: Chantal Kreviazuk, Raine Maida

I'm Going to Break Your Heart, which captures the raw, heart wrenching journey renowned Canadian singersongwriters Chantal Kreviazuk and Raine Maida (Our Lady Peace) took to find their way back to one another. Shot on location on France's isolated St. Pierre and Miquelon islands, this film offers viewers an intimate look into the relationship struggles of these two talented artists and how they rediscovered love through creativity.

This special event includes an intimate performance and Q&A following the screening with Juno-award winning singer Chantal Kreviazuk and her husband, Raine Maida. The event is moderated by Canadian radio broadcaster and journalist Alan Cross.

An Evening with Chantal Kreviazuk & Raine Maida



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## GALA ★ Thursday June 20

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## Women Who Give

7:30PM | Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts 1h 30m | PG BIOGRAPHY, DRAMA CANADIAN PREMIERE

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#### FILM PRESENTATION: SAINT JUDY

Director: Sean Hanish

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Starring: Michelle Monaghan, Leem Lubany, Common

The Canadian Premiere of the Film Saint Judy features the true story of immigration attorney Judy Wood, and how she single-handedly changed the U.S. law of asylum to save women's lives. This is followed by an engaging panel discussion on issues presented in the film, and ways to facilitate change.

This event emphasizes the impact that women have in the world and on our community through volunteerism, philanthropy and dedication. Through the power of film, we will connect, converse and celebrate.

Panel discussion on issues presented in the film and on the state of women's rights worldwide featuring lawyer Judy Wood, Producers Trevor and Marisol Brisbin, and Human Rights advocate Khadija Cajee. Moderated by Alita Rose Madeira.

#### SHORTS

Winter Mirage | Canada | Sheridan | Chunlin Yang Simple Simon | Canada | Maninder Chana

#### **CANADIAN WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN**

\$10 from every paid ticket will be donated to Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan. A market will be set up before and after the film featuring jewellery made in Afghanistan plus other accessories such as Red Pashminas and purses designed by Afghan women, with all proceeds going to charity.











## GALA 🛧 Friday June 21

## Sometimes Always Never

7:30PM | Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts 1h 31m | PG

#### COMEDY, DRAMA, FANTASY EASTERN CANADIAN PREMIERE

Director: Carl Hunter

Starring: Bill Nighy, Sam Riley, Alice Lowe

Alan is a stylish tailor with moves as sharp as his suits. He has spent years searching tirelessly for his missing son Michael who stormed out over a game of scrabble. With a body to identify and his family torn apart, Alan must repair the relationship with his youngest son Peter and solve the mystery of an online player who he thinks could be Michael, so he can finally move on and reunite his family.

Director Carl Hunter and award-winning British actor Tim McInnerny (Notting Hill, Blackadder, Game of Thrones) will attend from the UK for a Q&A. This event is hosted by Paul Saltzman.

#### SHORTS

**Queen of the Island** | Canada | Justin Harding **Swap** | Canada | Sheridan | Elliot Maxted

#### ARTHOUSE DANCERS WILL PERFORM BEFORE THE FILM

ArtHouse is a Halton focused charity that proudly offers FREE programs for children and youth age 5-17, focusing on individuals who have little or no access to the arts.

The dancers are Isaac Lupien, Josh Cezar, Claude Labuschagne, Nathan Dey & Joshua St. John.



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## Saturday June 22 A Girl, A Boy, A Penny and a Very, Very, Very Long Road

12:00рм 1h 15m | NOT RATED

**COMEDY, DRAMA** 

Director: Julia Beney

**Starring:** Sherman Tsang, Hardi Zala, Jacqueline Godbout

After turning down a long road in a 1968 Ford Galaxie named Archie, Yuna encounters a philosophical hitchhiker, a girl with (almost) pink hair and an unusual Old Lady who asks her to put all of who she is in a small empty box.

Director Julia Beney and actors Sherman Tsang, Hardi Zala, Jacqueline Godbout, and other cast & crew will be in attendance

#### SHORTS

**Radio Moon** | France | Dir. Pierre Gaffie **Allurement** | Canada (Oakville) | Benjamin Del Vasto

## The Divided Brain

12:30рм 1h 18m | NOT RATED

DOCUMENTARY

Director: Manfred Becker

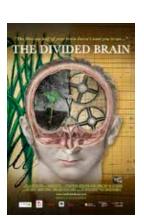
Starring: Iain McGilchrist, Seana McKenna

Psychiatrist Dr. lain McGilchrist tests a radical theory with the potential to explain the problems of Western society: that the left brain hemisphere is taking power, and we're feeding it.

*Dr. lain McGilchrist to be on Skype for a panel discussion, as well as writer Stephen Milton and psychiatrist Dr. Ralph Lewis of Sunnybrook Hospital. He is the recent author of Finding Purpose in a Godless World: Why We Care Even When the Universe Does Not* 

#### SHORTS

*A Voice for Change: the Laura Hillier Story* | Canada | Sarah Gonyea *Dotage* | Canada | Director Cat Hostick | Writer Zoe Gamache



A Girl, A Bay, A Venny

and a very, very, very

Long Road

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## Saturday June 22

Propaganda: The Art of Selling Lies

3:00рм RATED: G

DOCUMENTARY

Director: Larry Weinstein

Starring: David Mortin, Andrew Edmonds

Why are we so easily seduced by propaganda? This documentary traces the history of the art of persuasion from the remote past up to our present when we are bombarded by more propaganda than ever before.

A panel discussion featuring Director Larry Weinstein and Sheridan College Professor, expert in Media Literacy, and former CITYtv news Producer Dr. Nicole Blanchette Neheli

SHORT

Mother's Day | Canada | Alexander Desouza

## Art Matters Shorts Compilation 3:30PM

#### **VARIOUS SHORT FILMS**

Through a series of short film presentations and discussion, this event will illustrate how art matters in our world – for creativity, morality, society, sociability and humanity. A panel discussion will focus on short film as a catalyst for the integration of the arts into society.

**BAO** is a Sheridan College animated short film by former student, Domee Shi, which won the Academy Award in 2019 for best animated short film.

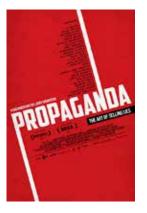
What I See In You (Canada, Sheridan College, animation), Director Megan Lawless

Maternal | Canada | Andrew Simpson

*Through Her Lens* | Czech Republic | Tereza Hirsch *Selfish* | Sheridan animation | Po Chien Chen

Leading Me Straight | USA | Burke Heffner

The Wet Season | Canada | Martha Ferguson | stars Ellen Page Swap | World Premiere | Sheridan College, Director Elliot Maxted CRUSH | USA | Giacomo Gex



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## Saturday June 22

Firecrackers

6:00рм 1h 33m | 14A

DRAMA

Director: Jasmin Mozaffari

Starring: Michaela Kurimsky, Karena Evans, Callum Thompson

A teenage girl and her friend run into problems when they plan to leave town.

#### Cast and crew to be confirmed for this screening

#### SHORTS

The Knockers | Canada | Michelle Olson Girlfriend | Canada | Sheridan | Maddy Woodland



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**COMEDY, DRAMA** 

Director: Zack Bernbaum

**Starring:** Katherine Fogler, Douglas Nyback, Doroftei Anis

An estranged sister and brother travel to Poland at the request of their dying grandmother to retrieve an object from her past.

Director/Producer Zack Bernbaum, Producer/DP Stephen Chandler Whitehead and lead actress Katherine Fogler and lead actor Douglas Nyback are confirmed to attend for a Q&A

#### SHORTS

*Flicker* | Canada | Sheridan | Huzaifa Mohamedbhai *Copenhagen Road* | Canada | Lee Chambers



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## GALA 🛧 Saturday June 22

## David Crosby: Remember My Name

7:30Pm | Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts 1h 35m | PG

Warning: this film contains occasional language and drug use

DOCUMENTARY, MUSIC CANADIAN PREMIERE

Director: A.J. Eaton

Starring: David Crosby, Cameron Crowe, Henry Dlitz

Produced by Cameron Crowe, Meet David Crosby is a documentary portrait of a man with everything but an easy retirement on his mind. The film is an honest, warts and all self-examination of the life and career of Crosby, as the musical icon seeks a creative renaissance at age 77.

The documentary will be preceded by a performance by two-time Juno-award winning Indigenous songwriter and performer, Derek Miller (Rumble). David Crosby will do a Q&A on Skype moderated by award-winning journalist/ DJ Alan Cross.

#### SHORTS

Fairy Tail | USA | Justin & Kristin Schaack Third Wheel | Canada | Mark Datuin

#### **DEREK MILLER**

Derek Miller is a Mohawk Canadian singer-songwriter and a recipient of two Juno Awards. He performed at the Closing Ceremonies of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics and as an actor in films and TV.





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## Saturday June 22

Lift

9:00pm

PG-13

COMEDY

Director: Alexander Kaminer

Starring: Ilia Volok, Jill Renner, Alexander Kaminer

With the help of his conscience Jimmy, the unlikely hero, Misha, finds the strength to overcome his ego and earn money using a ride sharing app called LIFT that sets him on an ethereal journey where he'll rediscover himself, find true love and finally realize his dream.

#### Director Alexander Kaminer will be in attendance

#### SHORTS

Maps | Canada | Ryan Gautama Wibowo Recommended for You | USA | Andrew Garcia



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COMEDY

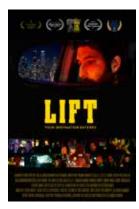
Director: Heath Davis

Starring: Toby Schmitz, Jolene Anderson, Maya Stange

A jaded high school English teacher is forced to re-evaluate his life when his novel is passed over for one of his students.

#### SHORTS

*Club Six* | Canada | Anthony J Baldwin *Pudge* | Canada | Sheridan | Murphy Jones



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## Sunday June 23 Wolves Unleashed: Against All Odds

12:00рм 1h 26m | NOT RATED

DOCUMENTARY, ADVENTURE, DRAMA, FAMILY

Director: Andrew Simpson

Starring: Shaofeng Feng

Wolves Unleashed: Against All Odds is the next film in the award-winning series which follows world renowned animal trainer, Andrew Simpson. This time his journey takes him to China, where he and his team are given the difficult task of raising and training wild Mongolian wolves.

#### Director Andrew Simpson will be in attendance

#### SHORTS

Wolfrids Wish | Canada | Sheridan | Anna Ryzhkova Wolf's Child | Canada | Sheridan | Kenny Ko

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Little Ray's Reptile Zoo will bring a family-friendly exhibit of crocodiles, skunks, wolves and other animals to this screening!

## **Red Rover**

12:30рм 1h 35m | NOT RATED

COMEDY, ROMANCE

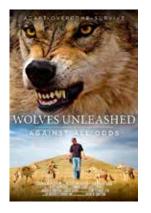
Director: Shane Belcourt

Starring: Kristian Bruun, Cara Gee, Meghan Heffern

After feeling he has nothing left to live for on earth, a lonely geologist tries to qualify for a one-way mission to Mars with the help of an offbeat musician who is just as lost as he is.

Director Shane Belcourt will do a Q&A

SHORT Robot Attack | Canada | Brian Vowles



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## Sunday June 23 The Woman Who

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DOCUMENTARY

Director: Alison Reid

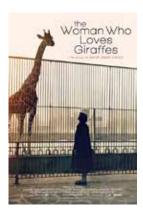
Starring: Dr. Anne Innis Dagg, Fred Bercovitch

Dr. Anne Innis Dagg re-traces the steps of her groundbreaking 1956 journey to South Africa to study giraffes in the wild.

*Dr. Anne Innis Dagg and Director Alison Reid will be in attendance for the Q&A* 

#### SHORTS

All Sheridan animated films: The Golden Ice Cream | Chayadol Lomtong Yolk | Renee Y Liang Selfish | Po Chien Chen Piggies | Zach Gray



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### Honey Bee

**3:30**рм **1h 33m | NOT RATED** 

DRAMA

Director: Rama Rau

Starring: Julia Sarah Stone, Martha Plimpton, Steven Love

Honey Bee follows the journey of Natalie "Honey Bee" Sorensen, an underage truck stop prostitute trapped in a human trafficking ring until she is transplanted into foster care in remote Northern Ontario and forced to confront her identity.

Actress Michelle McLeod (Don't Talk to Irene) & Producer Sally Karam will attend for a Q&A and panel discussion with Shae Invidiata from Free Them

SHORT Walk Away | Canada | Brian Quintero



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## Sunday June 23

### Nowhere

6:00рм 1h 33m | NOT RATED

#### **DRAMA, THRILLER**

Director: Thomas Michael

Starring: Kate Drummond, Rya Kihlstedt, Al Mukadam

Single mother Claire moves to a small town so she and her daughter Sarah can have a fresh start. But when Sarah suddenly goes missing, Claire's life is thrown into a tailspin.

Writer/Producer Paolo Mancini and actress Kate Drummond who plays Claire Porter are confirmed for a Q&A

#### SHORTS

Here There Be Tygers | Canada | Michael Johnston Line of Fire | Canada | Michael Johnston





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## Trouble in the Garden

6:30рм 1h 20m | 14A

#### DRAMA

Director: Roz Owen

Starring: Cara Gee, Jon Cor, Fiona Reid

Bailed out and taken in by a brother she hasn't seen in years, an Indigenous protester and her adoptive family reckon with betrayal – of love, land, and blood.

Director/Writer Roz Owen and Executive Producer Jim Miller will do a Q&A

#### SHORT

*Her Water Drum* | Canada (Six Nations) | Jonathan Elliott and other cast and crew will be present for Q&A



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## Sunday June 23

Red Joan

9:00<sub>РМ</sub> 1h 41m | PG

#### **BIOGRAPHY, DRAMA, ROMANCE**

Director: Trevor Nunn

**Starring:** Judi Dench, Sophie Cookson, Stephen Campbell Moore

The story of Joan Stanley, who was exposed as the KGB's longest-serving British spy.

Journalist & author Will Fripp, MA in Intelligence & International Relations, will do a Q&A on the Cold war and the role of women in espionage

#### SHORT

**Desperate Church Wives** | Canada | Cathleen MacDonald, Diane Johnstone writer/producer/actor



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## Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked The World 9:30PM 1h 43m | PG

**DOCUMENTARY, MUSIC** 

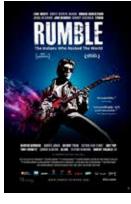
Director: Catherine Bainbridge, Alfonso Maiorana

Starring: Apl.de.Ap, Dan Auerbach, Lisa Michelle Axelrod

This powerful documentary about the role of Native Americans in contemporary music history-featuring some of the greatest music stars of our time-exposes a critical missing chapter, revealing how indigenous musicians helped shape the soundtracks of our lives and, through their contributions, influenced popular culture.

*Tim Johnson, Executive Producer to attend for a Q&A, along with Juno Award-winning Indigenous performer Derek Miller* 

SHORT Uncolonize | Canada | Anand Pavamani



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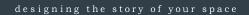


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