

2024 FESTIVAL GUIDE



**Gallagher Centre, Yorkton 455
Broadway Street West**



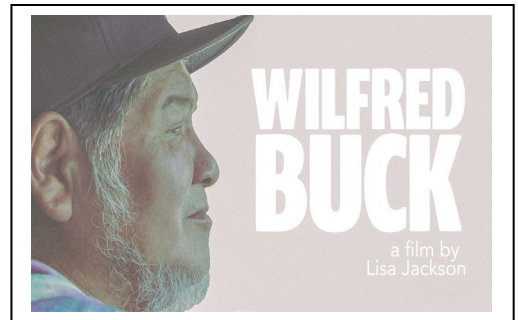
▶ THURSDAY, MAY 23

Opening Night Screening / 7:00 pm

Presented by The Painted Hand Casino

Location: Parkland Room – Painted Hand Casino

Wilfred Buck – Documentary - 1h:30m



Wilfred Buck - the acclaimed debut feature documentary from Anishinaabe filmmaker Lisa Jackson - made its international debut at Copenhagen's prestigious CPH:DOX and is an official selection of Hot Docs 2024. Sensitive directed and produced over 6 years, Wilfred Buck is a co-production between Jackson's Door Number 3 Productions and the National Film Board of Canada, in association with Clique Pictures.

Synopsis -Moving between earth and stars, past and present, this hybrid feature documentary follows the extraordinary life of Wilfred Buck, a charismatic and irreverent Indigenous Elder who overcame a harrowing history of displacement, racism, and addiction by reclaiming ancestral star knowledge and ceremony.

FREE to the public!

▶ FRIDAY, MAY 24

Programmed Screenings / 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Ravine Room and Sports Lounge: Gallagher Centre

Schedule available at the registration desk.

YFF on Demand / 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Youth Room: Gallagher Centre

Schedule available at the registration desk.

FREE to the public!



Panels and Workshops

Coffee Talk / 8:30 am - 9:15 am

Presented by Yorkton Film Festival

Location: Food Court - Gallagher Centre

First time at Yorkton? Drop in and grab an informal coffee with members of our program committee for any questions you might have about making the most of the festival.

Guests: Jon, Leslea, Charlotte, Dan, Rob

Sounds Like a Panel / 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Location: Gallagher Centre

Join our panel of audio experts Jim Krysko (AMI), Steve Allen (Wavelength Entertainment), and Cary Ciesielski (Twisted Pair Productions) in a discussion around all things audio- from prep to post. Learn about best practices for making sound the best - and the most accessible - for your film for all audiences.

Moderator: Daniel Cross

Pitch-O-Rama / 10:45 am - 11:45 am

Presented by Yorkton Film Festival

Location: Gallagher Centre

Test your pitching skills and be judged by an esteemed panel of broadcasters, directors, and distributors. This is not your regular pitch session so leave your pitches at home. Be brave and spin the "Wheel of Spin" and see what idea you and your team will be forced to pitch.

Moderator: Charlotte Engel

Networking Luncheon / 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Presented by City of Yorkton

▶ **FRIDAY, MAY 24**

Unlocking the Cinematic Future: AI in Filmmaking / 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Location: Gallagher Centre

Artificial intelligence (AI) is emerging as a powerful force offering filmmakers unparalleled tools to enhance creativity, streamline production processes, and captivate audiences in entirely new ways. But what are the first steps in creating an AI mindset and adopting this new and far-reaching technology? How are policymakers responding? In this lively presentation and discussion, we'll hear about the pros, cons, fears and feats of the intersection of AI and creativity, and see how it's changing the spectrum of filmmaking, from pre-production to distribution and beyond.

Panelists: Kris Krug, Leif Kaldor (Zoot Pictures), Janine Steele (CMF)

Moderator: Erin Mussolum

Industry 1-on-1s / 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Presented by Creative Saskatchewan

Location: Gallagher Centre

Looking for the right partner or buyer for your project? Sit down with broadcasters, development executives, distributors, and executive producers to find out what they are looking for, ask questions and talk about your projects.

Broadcasters:

- Jim Krysko, Content Development Specialist - Accessible Media Inc.
- Cara Nye, Director Content Development and Production - Accessible Media Inc.
- Shelley MacDougall, Acquisitions Manager - APTN
- Tom Hastings, Head of Original Programming - Paramount+ Canada
- Will Dixon, Program Manager, Original Production (Citytv, OMNI, Citytv Sask).
- Marni Goldman, Production Executive, Original Content - Corus Entertainment Inc
- Shirley Vercruyse, Executive Producer - NFB Western Canada
- Alison Korogyi, Development Executive, Original Programming - Bell Media

Other Agencies:

- Erin Dean, Chief Executive Officer - Creative Saskatchewan
- Kaya Wheeler, Program Manager - Indigenous Screen Office
- Jessica Gibson, Programs and Development Manager - National Screen Institute



Check out the bios of
our panelists, decision
makers and moderators
www.vorktonfilm.com

▶ **FRIDAY, MAY 24**

Lobsterfest / 5:30 pm

Location: Yorkton Wildlife Federation Clubhouse, York Lake

Join us at the Yorkton Wildlife Federation for our signature event! Enjoy a delicious East Coast meal with a side order of trap shooting.

***Tickets are required for meal and trap shooting.**

Spring evenings in Saskatchewan can be chilly.

Please dress up for the weather.

Shuttles to and from Lobsterfest will begin departing at 5:30 pm from the front entrance of the Gallagher Centre. and Holiday Inn Express.

A circular callout box with a dashed border containing the text 'ATTENTION!' and 'Bar Tickets are CASH only.'

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Questions?

Any of our festival staff and volunteers will be more than happy to help, or you can call or text us at **639.540.0801**

▶ **SATURDAY, MAY 25**

Looking Ahead: The CMF in a Changing Ecosystem / 9:00 am – 9:30 am

Location: Gallagher Centre

From gaming to docs, web series to broadcast television, the Canada Media Fund touches all aspects of media production in Canada. Join Val Creighton, CEO of the CMF, for an overview of how the CMF is adapting to recent changes in the screen-based sector. Moderated by industry veteran Dan Cross (EyeSteel Film), this session will dig into the stories behind the decisions, looking ahead to where industry and audiences are going.

Moderator: Daniel Cross

The Big Picture: Industry Landscape / 9:40 am - 10:50 am

Location: Gallagher Centre

From news of the Indigenous Screen Office's historic permanent funding to major changes in broadcasting and funding alike, three visionary leaders will offer insights into how their organizations are evolving to meet changing Canadian realities. Join Valerie Creighton, President & CEO of the Canada Media Fund, Kerry Swanson, CEO of the ISO, and Michelle Van Beusekom, President & CEO of Knowledge Network, for this candid discussion, moderated by Joy Loewen, VP of Growth and Inclusion for the CMF.

Panelists: Val Creighton (CMF), Michelle VB (Knowledge), Kerry Swanson (ISO)

Moderator: Joy Loewen

Sound Speed: Intro to Field Recording / 9:40 am - 10:50 am

Location: Curling Rink - Gallagher Centre

Interested in knowing what it takes to record location sound? Facilitated by working audio professionals, this hands-on workshop will cover the fundamentals of recording, from choosing the right gear to tips and tricks for working effectively with microphones, booms, and recording devices while navigating the challenges of field recording. Due to the hands-on nature of this workshop, space is limited and by advance registration only.

Panelists: Steve Allen, Cary Ciesielski, T-Bone

Moderator: Daniel Cross

**Preregistration
Required!**

**Maximum 6 – 8
people.**

▶ **SATURDAY, MAY 25**

Reality Bites: The Documentary Landscape / 11:00 am - 11:50 am

Location: Gallagher Centre

With participation from two of the country's major doc players, this panel will discuss the current reality for feature documentary making and distribution. Join Richard Cormier, Director General of Creation and Innovation for the NFB, and Sarah Spring, Executive Director of the Documentary Organization of Canada, as they review the role of broadcasters and streamers to both commission and distribute these films and the role the NFB plays with these funders. A golden opportunity to learn from each about how their organizations are responding to new realities within the Canadian landscape, in the tradition of Yorkton, this panel promises to be an enlightening, reflective and future gazing dialogue between the country's public producer and its principal documentary filmmaker organization.

Moderator: Daniel Cross, founder of EyeSteelFilm

Power Lunch: Making Sense of Policy-Joanne Levy-CRTC / 12:00pm - 1:10pm

Moderator - Leslea Mair

After lunch the festival will be moving to the Tower Theatre.
Shuttles to the theatre will depart from the front entrance of the Gallagher Centre
at 1:15 pm

Enjoy a ride to the
theatre in style!
Sponsored by the
Antique Auto
Club

Dive into Storytelling: A Master Class with Jennifer Podemski / 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Location: The Tower Theatre

Join acclaimed actor, producer, and showrunner Jennifer Podemski for an intimate master class. From her breakout series Moccasin Flats to the masterful Little Bird, in the running for 19 nominations at the 2024 Canadian Screen Awards, explore her inspiring career journey and gain insights into the creative process. This conversation will discuss Jennifer's transition from captivating audiences on screen to leading the charge behind the camera, sharing valuable lessons about storytelling and navigating the ever-evolving entertainment industry at the highest levels.

Moderator: Kaya Wheeler

An Afternoon at the Movies! / 2:45 pm - 4:50 pm

Presented by Yorkton Film Festival

Location: The Tower Theatre

Back by popular demand, grab some popcorn and kick back at Yorkton's iconic Tower Theatre for screenings and Q&As with some of this year's nominated filmmakers!

Moderator: David McLeod

FREE to the public!

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GOLDEN SHEAF

AWARDS GALA

SATURDAY, MAY 25 / 5:45 pm - 10:00 pm

National Bank Convention Room
Gallagher Centre

Join us for a Ukrainian feast and the prestigious awards gala as we honour the winners of this year's Golden Sheaf Awards competition.

Ticket required.

Cocktails	5:45 pm - 6:30 pm
Supper	6:30 pm - 7:50 pm
Awards	8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

A special thank you to the Paper Bag Players for their help with the red carpet.

GETTING AROUND

SHUTTLES

Regina to Yorkton

Shuttles are pre-booked as per your flight itinerary. If you are unsure of your shuttle booking information, please call Amarah at 306.621.3157

Lobsterfest

Shuttles to and from Lobsterfest will begin departing at 5:30 pm, from the front entrance of the Gallagher Centre and Holiday Inn Express.

TAXI

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