

# 2023 FESTIVAL GUIDE



Gallagher Centre, Yorkton  
455 Broadway Street West

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 24**

### **Heavy is the Burden – An Evening with Jeffery Straker / 7:30 pm**

Presented by Yorkton Film Festival, Yorkton Arts Council & Sask. Registered Music Teachers' Assoc.

Location: St Andrew's United Church – 29 Smith Street E, Yorkton

Piano Performance/ Film Screening/Q&A

Moderator: Bob Maloney

**Registration by donation!**

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## **THURSDAY, MAY 25**

### **Masterclass with Madison Thomas/ 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Presented by Warner Bros Discovery Access Canada

Location: Gallagher Centre

Buffy Sainte-Marie: Carry It On centres on the life and groundbreaking career of singer-songwriter, social activist, educator and artist Buffy Sainte-Marie. In this masterclass, director and co-writer Madison Thomas will take you through the process of working with Buffy, the care and trust it takes to make a film based on someone's life and how they worked together to bring this film to the screen. We will hear from Madison on the trajectory of her career, how she works and what it was like to work with the incomparable Buffy Sainte-Marie.

Moderator: David McLeod

### **Opening Night Screening / 7:00 pm**

Presented by The Painted Hand Casino

Location: Parkland Room – Painted Hand Casino

### **Buffy Saint Marie – Carry It On - Documentary -1h:30m**

Madison Thomas' feature documentary is a joyous, challenging account of the cultural and musical icon's lifelong commitment to music and sharing the truth.

Buffy shares her own story from her early love of music to the activism she continues to this day, despite her career being suppressed because of it.

Additional interviews include Alanis Obomsawin, Joni Mitchell, Robbie Robertson, and many others whose lives Buffy has touched.

**FREE to the public!**

## ▶ **FRIDAY, MAY 26**

### **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**

### **Why CBC Matters More Than Ever! / 9:30 am – 10:30 am**

Presented by Yorkton Film Festival

Location: Gallagher Centre

President and CEO of CBC/Radio Canada, Catherine Tait sits down with Charlotte Engel for an intimate conversation about the public broadcaster, its relevance and importance to Canadians in an increasingly polarized world, the challenges all content creators face in a crowded marketplace and CBC's commitment to reflecting Canadian stories from coast to coast to coast.

Moderator: Charlotte Engel

### **Pitch-O-Rama / 10:45 am - 12:00 pm**

Presented by Yorkton Film Festival

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

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

Presented by City of Yorkton

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## ▶ **FRIDAY, MAY 26**

### **View from the Top / 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm**

Presented by SMPA

Location: Gallagher Centre

A conversation with Val Creighton - President and CEO of the Canada Media Fund.

Moderator: Daniel Cross

### **Meet the Decision Makers Broadcasters and Distributors / 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
- Tina Apostolopoulos, Sr. Production Executive - Bell Media
- Will Dixon, Program Manager- Original Production (Citytv, OMNI, Citytv Sask), Rogers Sports and Media
- Lesley Birchard, Executive in Charge of Production - CBC Docs
- David Christensen, Executive Producer - National Film Board
- Chehala Leonard, Producer - National Film Board
- Everett Sokol, Associate Producer - National Film Board

#### **Other Agencies:**

- Erin Dean, Chief Executive Officer - Creative Saskatchewan
- Kaya Wheeler, Program Manager - Indigenous Screen Office
- Ursula Lawson, Sr. Programs Manager - National Screen Institute



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- Jessica Gibson, Programs and Development Manager- National Screen Institute

### **RBC - Royal Bank of Canada**

- Johnny Zhang - Sr. Relationship Manager, Commercial Financial Services
- Amir Khalil - Relationship Manager, Commercial Financial Services

### **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 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.



### **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 27**

### **Animating Turtle Island- 9:30 am - 10:30 am**

Presented by SK Arts

Location: Gallagher Centre

Sharing culture, history, childhood, and language – from stop-motion to 3D animation.

- With Dennis Jackson and Eric Jackson

Moderator: Stephen Hall

### **TikTok Panel 10:45 am - 12:00 pm**

Presented by Yorkton Film Festival

Location: Gallagher Centre

Storytellers are leading the way in utilizing new and exciting platforms. Tiktok is not new to content creators and influencers but IS just one example of how storytellers are doing this. This moderated panel will hear from the storytellers themselves and the funding and training organizations that are supporting their work. Learn the ins and outs of producing for TikTok, how projects develop and sustain audiences, where audiences can take a project and creator, and what the future of the platform holds.

Panelists: Daniel and Josh and Sarah Simpson-Yellowquill from the ISO

Moderator: Erin Mussolum

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### **Networking Lunch – Joanne Levy-CRTC / 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

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After lunch the festival will be moving to the Tower Theatre.  
Shuttles to the theatre will be departing  
from the front entrance of the Gallagher Centre at 1:10 pm

▶ **SATURDAY, MAY 27**

**From the Halifax Pier to the Oscars: Special Screening and Panel with Wendy Tilby and Amanda Forbis / 1:30 - 2:30 pm**

Presented by Yorkton Film Festival

Location: The Tower Theatre

Join us at the Tower Theatre for a special presentation of Wendy Tilby and Amanda Forbis' *The Flying Sailor*, nominee for Best Animated Short Film at the 2023 Academy Awards. Inspired by the true-life story of the 1917 Halifax explosion and a sailor who was blown skyward and flew a mile before landing uphill, naked and unharmed, *The Flying Sailor* is third Oscar nomination for the Calgary based duo. After sweeping the international awards circuit, the sailor finally makes ground at Yorkton for an in-depth discussion with Wendy and Amanda on inspiration, technique, and a life in art. With support from the North West Studio, National Film Board of Canada.

Moderator: Jon Montes

**Programmed Screening at the Tower Theatre / 2:45 pm- 4:50 pm**

Presented by Yorkton Film Festival

Location: The Tower Theatre

Programmed screenings and cinematic experience at the Tower Theatre.

Moderator: Robert Hardy and David McLeod

**FREE to the public!**



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## GOLDEN SHEAF

### AWARDS GALA

SATURDAY, MAY 27 / 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

Ace Taxi	306.621.7750
York City Taxi	306.782.6666
Redline Taxi	306.783.1010
C I Taxi	306.782.1313

### Questions?

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