

# 2024 FESTIVAL GUIDE



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



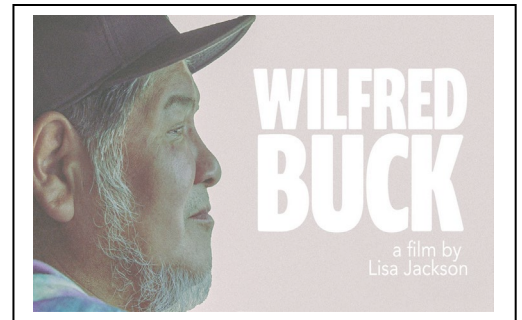
## ▶ THURSDAY MAY 23

### 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

Presented by The Clean Energy Show

*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.

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# Panels and Workshops

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

Presented by Yorkton Film Festival

*Location: Convention Room A - 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**

Presented by SMPFA

*Location: Convention Room A - 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

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## **Networking Luncheon / 11:45 am - 1:30 pm**

Presented by City of Yorkton

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# ▶ FRIDAY MAY 24

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

Presented by Telefilm Canada

*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, Janine Steele

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
- Michelle McCree, Executive In Charge of Production at CBC Docs
- Will Dixon, Program Manager, Original Production (Citytv, OMNI, Citytv Sask).
- Marni Goldman, Production Executive, Original Content - Corus Entertainment Inc
- Shirley Vercruysse, 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
- Mark Miller, President, Cineflix Studios Vancouver
- Steven Foster, Business Agent for the DGC Manitoba & DGC Saskatchewan
- Jon Taylor, CEO, Independent Production Fund

# ▶ **FRIDAY MAY 24**

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

- Johnny Zhang - Sr. 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 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.

### **ATTENTION!**

Bar Tickets are  
**CASH** only.

### **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**

Presented by Canada Media Fund

*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**

Presented by Sask Lotteries

*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

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

Moderator - Leslea Mair

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

Presented by Warner Bros. Discovery Access Canada

*Location: The Tower Theatre, Downtown*

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 The Clean Energy Show

*Location: The Tower Theatre, Downtown*

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

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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 an Ukrainian feast and prestigious awards gala, honouring the winners of the 2024 Golden Sheaf Awards.

#### 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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