

Portals: Experimental Shorts

Thurs., Aug. 8, 9:30pm
@ Arts Court Theatre (2 Daly Ave.)

Program Length: 1h 26m

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One of Those Families

Stephanie Joline • 3 minutes • 2024 • Canada • English

"One of Those Families" is a deeply personal animated short film that brings together the exquisite hand-painted illustrations of Mi'kmaw artist Pauline Young, the animation expertise of Struan Sutherland, and the poignant poetry of Rebecca Thomas.



A Poem for Giselle, a Poem for a Peasant

**Diana Mora, Camilo Correa Costa • 8 minutes 42 seconds • 2023 • Germany/Bolivia •
Quechua, Spanish**

Through the reconstruction of memory and reinterpretation of the classical ballet "Giselle," Diana develops a message of solidarity with Bolivian peasants of the North Potosí, thereby illuminating the impact of racism in a postcolonial global society and mending her own connection with her lineage and personal identity.



Circles

Sarah Houle • 4 minutes 25 seconds • 2024 • Canada • Cree, English

Circles is an exploration of my matriarchal relationships and the intersecting, overlapping stories that shape us. Circles is grounded in the Cree teaching of closing circles after opening them and using this concept as a practical and spiritual practice for balance and peace; reflecting on universal questions of where we come from and where we will go after this life.



future ready: cusp

KJ Edwards • 7 minutes • 2023 • Canada

A temporal observation of nature, reflecting on the relational: the tethering of animal, earthly and human energies through moments of connection, both calm and chaotic, moving toward a shared future shrouded in uncertainty as the planet warms.

The central screen is made from phytograms where the artist placed plants in an eco-developer, then left the film strips in the sunlight for an hour. The artist then fixed the emulsion in place for three days in a salt bath. All B&W film was shot on a bolex and eco-processed with caffenol by the artist.



Musk.

Rylan Friday • 6 minutes 33 seconds • 2023 • Canada • English

A short visual poem about an Indigenous Womxn's healing journey as she reconnects with world around her as she lets go of her grief.



Arc-en-noir

Eric Plamondon • 5 minutes • 2023 • Canada • French

Inspiré de l'ère Beatnik, Arc-en-noir est une expérience poétique en prose. Émanant d'un artiste indigiqueer contemporain qui permet à ses pensées de se dire tel qu'elles lui viennent. Voltigeant entre l'urbain et en nature, entre désirs et réalités.



Mother (EADNI)

Liselotte Wajstedt • 7 minutes • 2023 • Sweden • Sami

Mythology, beings, childhood memories and the power of nature.

A film about human's relationship to nature. When my aunt tells about the being from the woods named Haldi that lured her out in the woods as a child, she tells it with the same naturalness as you and I are sitting here. Haldi is a part of her woods - sometimes she takes the shape of a tree, or becomes a part of the moss.

EADNI, which means mother, is a multi-layered visual saga that provokes thought. Focusing on Haldi, the whole story is a creation story with the hope that we will protect nature and ensure that the eternal cycle continues.

The never-ending saga of the essence of life



In the Wake of the Cedar Tree

Towustasin • 24 minutes • 2019 • Canada • English, Haida

Past traumas of Haida Gwaii, economic, cultural & environmental depression explored by Haida poet & videographer Towustasin.



The Take

Yuma Dean Hester • 22 minutes • 2024 • Canada • English

Set in the future following the third cultural collapse. An aspiring Haudenosaunee artist receives an invitation to an exclusive dinner. Not knowing what to expect, the evening delves into a game with extremely dire consequences. An Indigenous short film centred around the fetishization of Indigenous cultures and current threads in "public" art spaces.

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