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The 48 Film Festival | Co-sponsored by TIFF
Canada-wide screening April 3, 2022 at 7:30pm
TIFF Bell Lightbox, Toronto

“Sure to be one of the most adventurous programmes to screen in Toronto this year, The 48 provides a glimpse today of tomorrow’s movers and shakers.” – Steve Gravestock, TIFF Senior Programmer

Inaugural Canada-wide Film Screening: The 48 Film Festival is the first time-based film challenge exclusively representing filmmakers across Canada. Participants are tasked to write, shoot, direct, edit and produce a short film within 48 hours. All experience levels, genre and filmmaking practice are welcome. The April 3 screening features live action, animation, experimental, a mini-doc and even 16 mm hand processed films.

In preparation for the April 3 screening, over 250 new shorts were made in 2021, with contributions from 9 provinces and territories, ranging from St. John’s and Fredericton in Newfoundland to Whitehorse and Dawson City in the Yukon. Each participating area or group selected two films for screening at the April 3 event.

The 48 is especially excited to be joined on April 3 by **Guy Maddin** and **Terril Calder**, who will present awards for best in eight categories, including best film, following the screening.

Highlights of the 22-film programme are Ryleigh Hatch’s *Life Sentence*, Taylor Brown’s *Phenomena*, Kristen Anderson-Sauvé’s *How to Spell Dad*, Cud Eastbound’s *Stop Looking And Listen*, Travis Grant’s *Rock Paper Soul*, and Brianne Nord-Stewart’s *Shit Sponge*.

The 48 Film Festival created this cross-country challenge to stimulate collaborative independent filmmaking in Canada and elevate fresh, unknown and rising independent voices. “The festival aims to include Québec and Nunavut, and all other provinces and territories not yet represented. We strongly encourage the use of French, Indigenous, and other languages of the rich tapestry of cultures across the ten million squares of this land.” – Ben Williams, Festival Director. ■

Public viewing

The 48 Canada-wide screening | 2022

When: Sunday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: TIFF Bell Lightbox (Theatre # 3), 350 King St W, Toronto

Tickets: Adult Admission is \$14 | On sale at tiff.net/events/the-48

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