



**SUNDAR PRIZE**  
FILM FESTIVAL

**2024**

At Centre Stage, Surrey City Hall

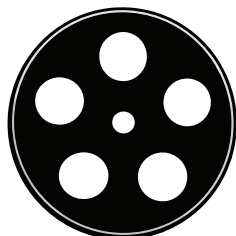
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**HUMAN**  
RESILIENCE

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## Where Cinema Meets Social Change

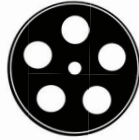


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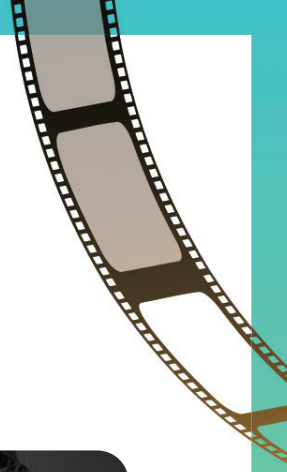
## Celebrating Human Resilience

As we embark on the inaugural Sundar Prize, we find inspiration in the enduring trait of humanity that is its unwavering spirit of resilience.

In times of adversity, whether it be during war, facing injustice, or grappling with climate catastrophes, humans have consistently demonstrated remarkable courage and determination. Our award-winning films encapsulate this essence, portraying narratives where hope triumphs over adversity.



# Meet the Team



**Alex Sangha (he/him)**  
Co-Founder, Finalist Juror, Film  
Producer and Sponsorships



**Vinay Giridhar (he/him)**  
Co-Founder, Finalist Juror,  
Multi-Media Coordinator  
Filmmaker and Editor



**Sidartha Murjani (he/him)**  
Executive Director, Finalist  
Juror, Senior Programmer and  
Filmmaker



**Susan Ruzic (she/her)**  
Finalist Juror, Social Justice Advisor  
and Volunteer Coordinator



**Jagreet Dhadli (she/her)**  
Marketing Coordinator,  
Website, and Newsletter



**Greg Chan (he/him)**  
KDocsFF Emerging Filmmaker  
Residency Juror and KPU Professor



**Rami Kahlon (she/her)**  
Shortlist Juror, Actress, and  
Filmmaker



**Nic Altobelli (she/they)**  
Shortlist Juror, Independent  
Producer, and Actress



**Bhavesh Chauhan (he/they)**  
Festival Advisor, Social Media Manager,  
and Cinematographer



**Joshna Hirani (she/her)**  
Manager of Community  
Engagement



**Varnnitha Venugopal  
(she/her)**  
IT Support



**Charlie Beerling  
(he/him)**  
Official Festival Photographer



**Ian Frayne  
(he/him)**  
Festival Assistant, Actor, and Writer

# The Programme

Day 1 - Saturday, June 15, 2024

## SECTION 1



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|----------|--|
| 12:00 PM | <b>Doors Open</b><br>Centre Stage at Surrey City Hall - 13450 104 Avenue Surrey, BC V3T 1V8  |
| 01:00 PM | <b>Event Starts</b><br>Opening remarks, Indigenous Acknowledgment, Presentation of awards for Best Animation and Best BC Film.   |
| 01:30 PM | <b>Best Animation</b><br><b>Unstoppable Beat</b> (UK, 2023)<br>Luke Dye-Montefiore and Rufus Dye-Montefiore<br>Duration: 5 mins 36 seconds   |
| 01:36 PM | <b>Best BC Film</b><br><b>Dil Rakh; Gloves of Kin</b> (British Columbia, Canada, 2023)<br>Dalj Brar   Duration: 1 hr 39 mins and 23 seconds  |
| 03:20 PM | <b>Panel Discussion</b><br><b>Building Empathy through Film: Fostering Understanding and Connection</b><br>Filmmakers in attendance. Funded by the Government of Canada.<br>Community Partner: Punjabi Market Collective |
| 04:20 PM | <b>Break</b>   |



# The Programme

Day 1 - Saturday, June 15, 2024

## SECTION 2



- 05:00 PM | **Opening Remarks**  
Presentation of awards for KDocsFF Best Emerging Filmmaker and Rogers Group of Funds Best Canadian Documentary
- 05:15 PM | **KDocsFF Best Emerging Filmmaker Residency Prize**  
**Cash Cows** (British Columbia, Canada, 2023)  
Shubham Chhabra | Duration: 10 mins 20 seconds
- 05.21 PM | **Rogers Group of Funds Best Canadian Documentary**  
**Eternal Spring** (Canada, 2023)  
Jason Loftus | Duration: 1 hour 25 mins 23 seconds
- 07:00 PM | **Panel Discussion**  
**Empowerment through Art: The Resilience of Creative Expression**  
Filmmakers in attendance. Funded by the Government of Canada.  
Sponsored by Knowledge Network.  
Community Partner: To be determined.
- 08:00 PM - 11:00 PM | **Filmmaker Reception**  
Fusion Indian and Western Appetizers and Snacks

# The Programme

Day 2 - Sunday, June 16, 2024

## SECTION 3



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| 12:00 PM | <b>Doors Open</b><br>Centre Stage at Surrey City Hall - 13450 104 Avenue Surrey, BC V3T 1V8  |
| 01:00 PM | <b>Event Starts</b><br>Opening remarks, Indigenous Acknowledgment and presentation of awards for Best Short film, Best International Documentary and Best Environmental Film   |
| 01:30 PM | <b>Best Short Film</b><br><b>A Good Day Will Come</b> (Canada, 2023)<br>Amir Zargara   Duration: 29 mins 59 seconds  |
| 02:00 PM | <b>Best International Documentary</b><br><b>Swallow Flying to the South</b> (USA, 2023)<br>Mochi Lin   Duration: 17 mins 38 seconds  |
| 02:18 PM | <b>Break</b>   |
| 02:45 PM | <b>Best Environmental Film</b><br><b>Rematriation</b> (British Columbia, Canada, 2023)<br>Alexi Liotti   Duration: 1 hour 7 mins   |
| 03:55 PM | <b>Panel Discussion</b><br><b>Building Empathy through Film: Fostering Understanding and Connection</b><br>Filmmakers in attendance. Funded by the Government of Canada.<br>Community Partner: Vancouver Asian Film Festival |
| 04:55 PM | <b>Break</b>   |



# The Programme

Day 2 - Sunday, June 16, 2024

## SECTION 4



05:30 PM

### Opening Remarks

Opening remarks and presentation of awards for Best Student Film and Best Feature Film

05:45 PM

### Best Student Film

**Dosh** (United States, 2023)  
Radha Mehta | Duration: 16 mins and 8 seconds

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### Best Feature Film

**Rosie** (Canada, 2022)  
Gail Maurice | Duration: 1 hour and 30 mins

07:34 PM

### Panel Discussion

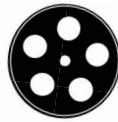
**How do communities make us resilient? How do we build strong genuine communities?** Filmmakers in attendance. Sponsored by the Canadian Race Relations Foundation. Funded by the Government of Canada.  
Community Partner: Sher Vancouver

08:30 PM -  
11:30 PM

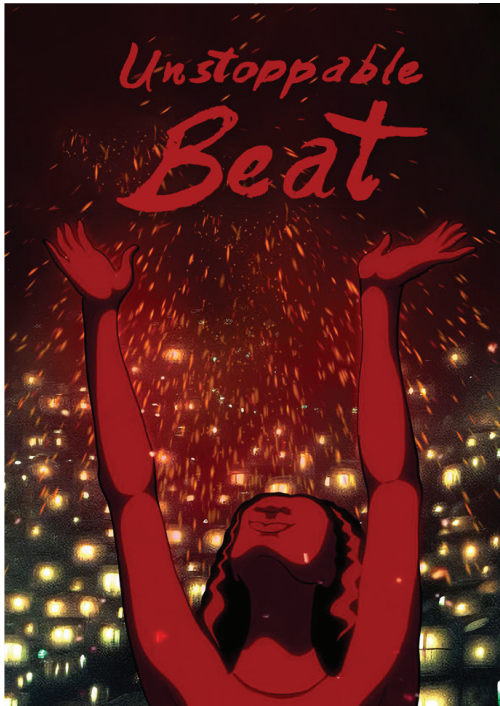
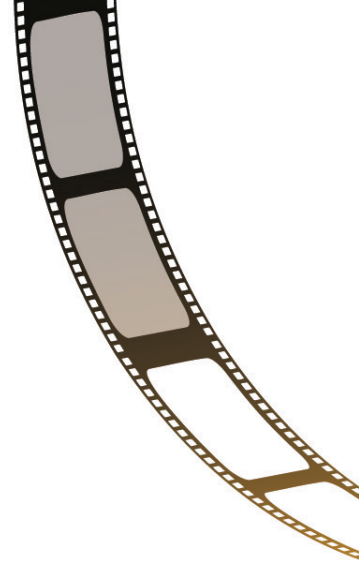
### Community Reception

Fusion Indian and Western Appetizers and Snacks

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**BEST ANIMATION**

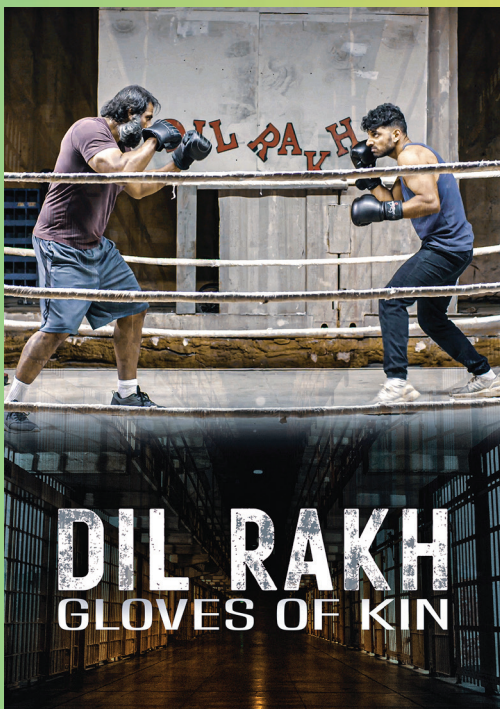
**Unstoppable Beat**

DIRECTED BY: LUKE DYE-MONTEFIORE & RUFUS DYE-MONTEFIORE

DURATION: 5 MINS 36 SECONDS

UK, 2023

The animated film tells the story of a Haitian migrant in Brazil fighting for his rights to work, buy a house and most importantly, reunite with his family from Haiti.



**BEST BC FILM**

**Dil Rakh: Gloves of Kin**

DIRECTED BY: DALJ BRAR

DURATION: 1 HR 39 MINS AND 23 SECONDS

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, 2023

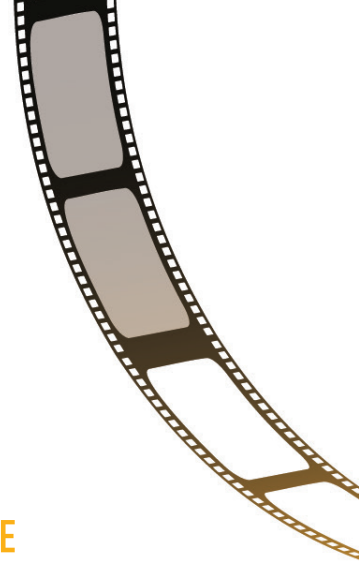
After spending 20 years in prison, an Indian father attempts to reconcile with his estranged son while they battle racism in a small town.



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## KDocsFF BEST EMERGING FILMMAKER RESIDENCY PRIZE

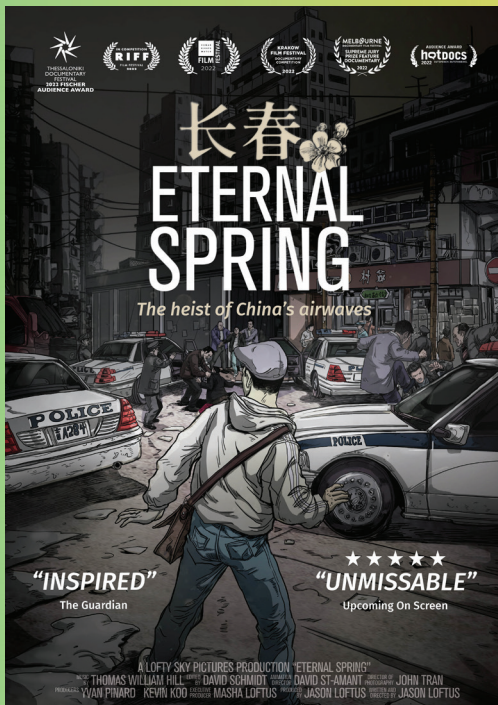
### Cash Cows

DIRECTED BY: SHUBHAM CHHABRA

DURATION: 10 MINS 20 SECONDS

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, 2023

Cash Cows follow the journey of an immigrant who falls victim to an employment scam. Desperate to secure a permanent residency and a better life, he must confront the true cost of the sacrifices he's made.



## ROGERS GROUP OF FUNDS BEST CANADIAN DOCUMENTARY

### Eternal Spring

DIRECTED BY: JASON LOFTUS

DURATION: 1 HOUR 25 MINS 23 SECONDS

CANADA, 2023

Confronted with government denunciations and human rights violations against their spiritual practice, a group of Chinese activists executes a bold and perilous plan to hack into state television.



BEST SHORT FILM

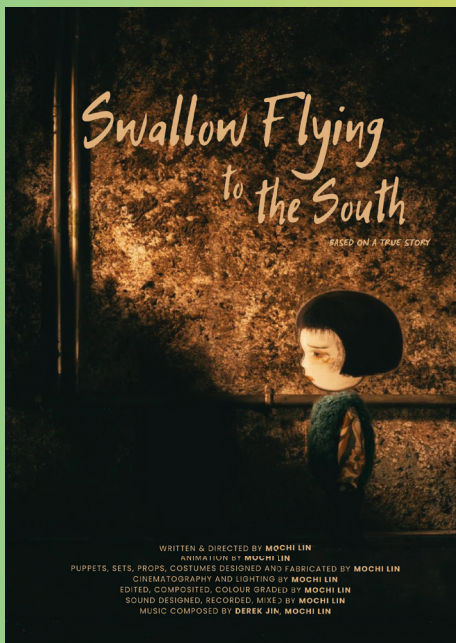
A Good Day Will Come

DIRECTED BY: AMIR ZARGARA

DURATION: 29 MINS 59 SECONDS

CANADA, 2023

Arash is a professional wrestler with dreams of representing his country and winning gold medals. The country is in turmoil and its people are suffering. Arash must decide between using his platform to stand up to tyranny, or put his head down and remain silent.



BEST INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY

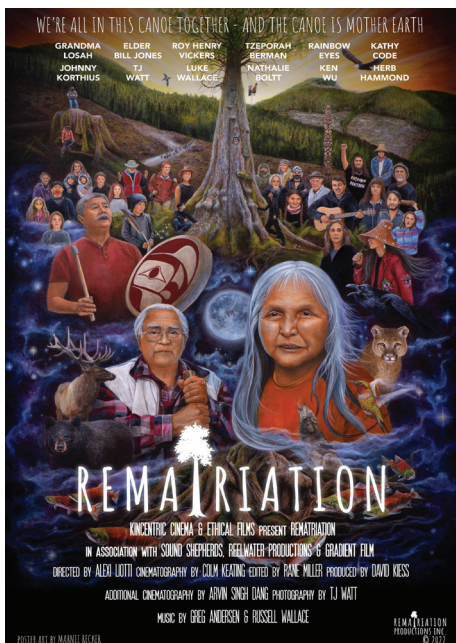
Swallow Flying to The South

DIRECTED BY: MOCHI LIN

DURATION: 17 MINS 38 SECONDS

UNITED STATES, 2023

Spring 1976, 5-year-old Swallow is abandoned at a public boarding preschool in central Beijing. When the persimmons are ripe, Swallow masters how to cry, but doesn't forget how to fly.



BEST ENVIRONMENTAL FILM

Rematriation

DIRECTED BY: ALEXI LIOTTI

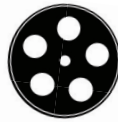
DURATION: 1 HOUR AND 7 MINS

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, 2023

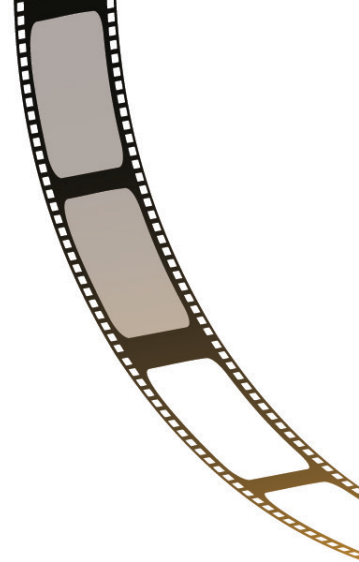
Rematriation explores scientific, cultural, economic and sociopolitical perspectives, as citizens fight to protect the last big trees in British Columbia from being felled. The lessons we take away permeate the fabric of Canadian identity.



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## BEST STUDENT FILM

### Dosh

DIRECTED BY: RADHA MEHTA

DURATION: 16 MINS AND 8 SECONDS

UNITED STATES, 2023

When her son's life is put at risk at their family's pre-wedding ritual, a hard-of-hearing mother must decide how to seek help for her husband in order to keep her family safe.



## BEST FEATURE FILM

### Rosie

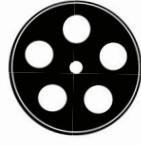
DIRECTED BY: GAIL MAURICE

DURATION: 1 HOUR 30 MINS

CANADA, 2022

An orphaned Indigenous girl is forced to live with her reluctant, street-smart, francophone aunty and her two gender-bending best friends in 80's Montreal.

# SPECIAL THANKS



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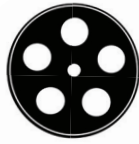
**DOXA**  
DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

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FILM FESTIVAL**

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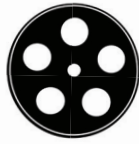
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