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2024

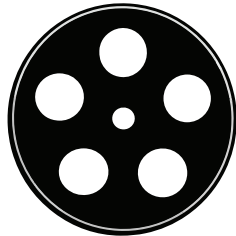
At Centre Stage, Surrey City Hall

CELEBRATING
HUMAN
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Where Cinema Meets Social Change

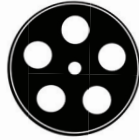


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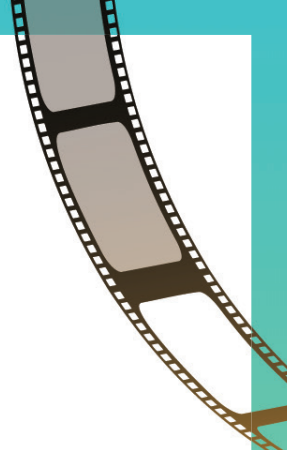
Celebrating Human Resilience

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



12:00 PM

Doors Open

Centre Stage at Surrey City Hall - 13450 104 Avenue Surrey, BC V3T 1V8

01:00 PM

Event Starts

Opening remarks, Indigenous Acknowledgment, Presentation of awards for Best Animation and Best BC Film.

01:30 PM

Best Animation

Unstoppable Beat (UK, 2023)

Luke Dye-Montefiore and Rufus Dye-Montefiore

Duration: 5 mins 36 seconds

01:36 PM

Best BC Film

Dil Rakh; Gloves of Kin (British Columbia, Canada, 2023)

Dalj Brar | Duration: 1 hr 39 mins and 23 seconds

03:20 PM

Panel Discussion

Building Empathy through Film: Fostering Understanding and Connection

Filmmakers in attendance. Funded by the Government of Canada and Creative BC

Community Partner: Punjabi Market Collective

04:20 PM

Break

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

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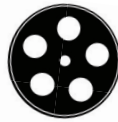
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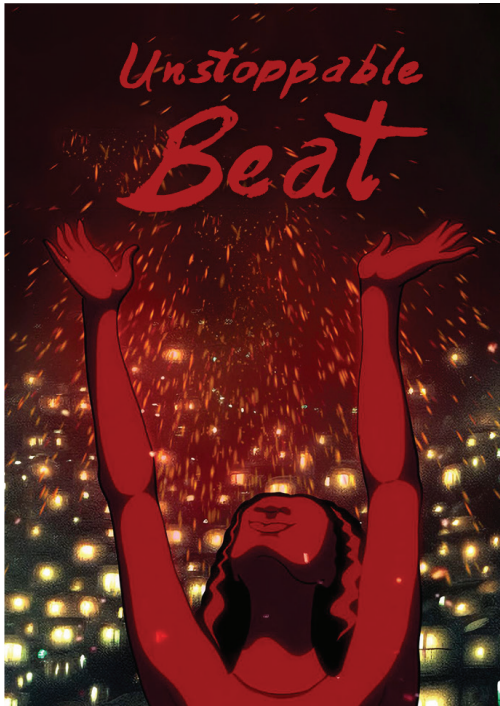
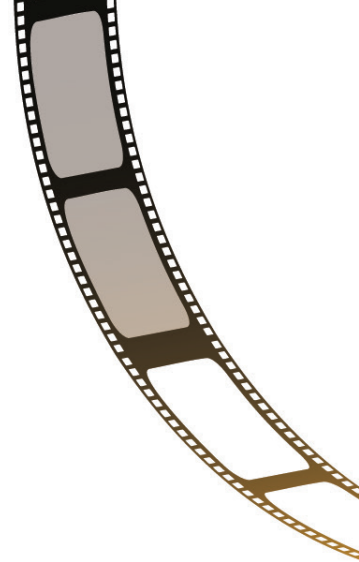


- 05:30 PM | **Opening Remarks**
Opening remarks and presentation of awards for Best Student Film and Best Feature Film
- 05:45 PM | **Best Student Film**
Dosh (United States, 2023)
Radha Mehta | Duration: 16 mins and 8 seconds
- 06.02 PM | **Best Feature Film**
Rosie (Canada, 2022)
Gail Maurice | Duration: 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.
Funded by the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and Creative BC
Community Partner: Sher Vancouver
- 08:30 PM - 11:30 PM | **Community Reception**
Fusion Indian and Western Appetizers and Snacks

AWARD



WINNERS



BEST ANIMATION

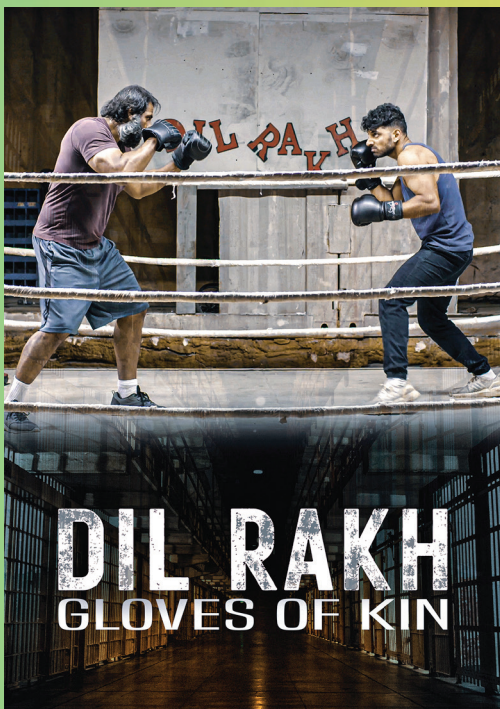
Unstoppable Beat

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

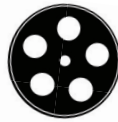
DIRECTED BY: DALJ BRAR

DURATION: 1 HR 39 MINS AND 23 SECONDS

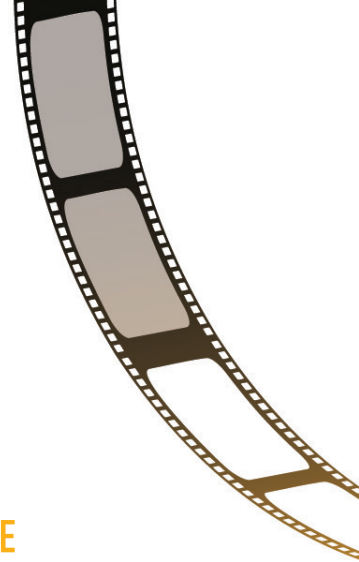
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, 2023

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

AWARD



WINNERS



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

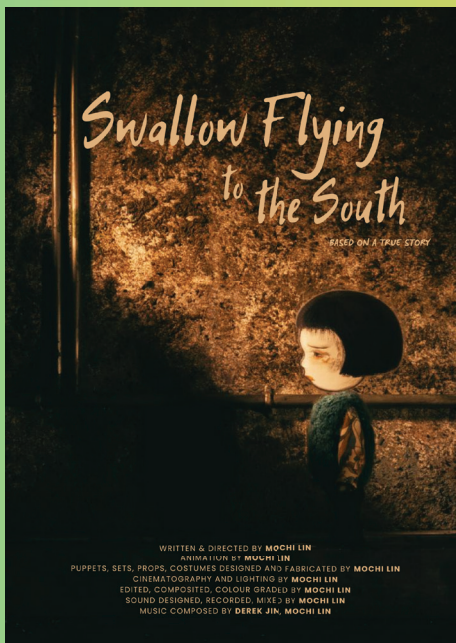
A Good Day Will Come

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

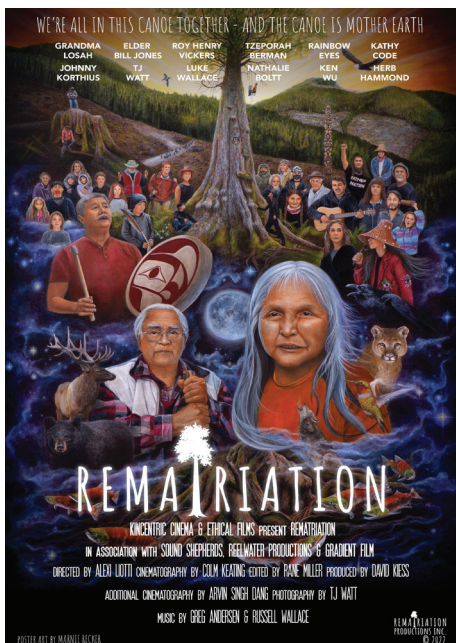
Swallow Flying to The South

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

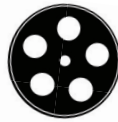
DIRECTED BY: ALEXI LIOTTI

DURATION: 1 HOUR AND 7 MINS

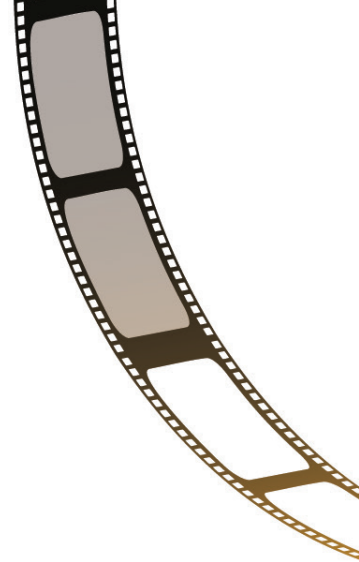
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, 2023

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.

AWARD



WINNERS



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

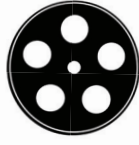
DIRECTED BY: GAIL MAURICE

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.

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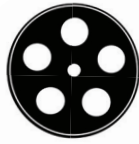
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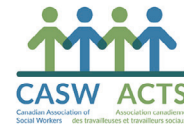


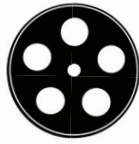
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