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**Honouring Indigenous Voices at the 2025 Sundar Prize Film Festival**

**Surrey, British Columbia, Canada - The Sundar Prize Film Festival** is proud to celebrate the voices of **Indigenous filmmakers and communities** through a diverse slate of films that explore themes of resilience, environmental justice, and cultural heritage. These powerful works shine a light on Indigenous stories while fostering meaningful conversations around reconciliation and empowerment.

**Featured Indigenous Films & Stories:**

- **Tea Creek** (British Columbia, 2024, 75 min, Ryan David Lee Dickie)  
A transformative journey with Indigenous entrepreneur Jacob Beaton, who turns his family farm into a hub for food sovereignty and healing amidst colonial legacies and environmental challenges. [Assets](#).
- **HA NII TOKXW: Our Food Table** (British Columbia, 2023, 40 min, Farhan Umedaly)  
An urgent exploration of the Gitanyow Nation's fight to protect their traditional lands from industrial encroachment while preserving cultural food systems for future generations. [Assets](#).
- **The Stand** (British Columbia, 2023, 94 min, Christopher Auchter)  
A groundbreaking documentary chronicling the historic 1985 blockade by the Haida Nation on Lyell Island—a defining moment in Indigenous-led environmental activism. [Assets](#).
- **Lifers** (British Columbia, 2024, 12 min, Ranjit Samra)  
An emotional narrative of friendship and solidarity between a young cop and an Indigenous man in a BC hospital ward, spotlighting systemic inequities in the healthcare system. [Assets](#).
- **Kids Are Only Kids Once** (British Columbia, 2024, 11 min, Alysha Collie & Dallas Yellowfly) – Surrey Premiere  
A thought-provoking documentary that addresses the ongoing trauma of Indigenous child apprehensions and advocates for systemic change. [Assets](#)
- **Conviction** (British Columbia, 2022, 13 min, Bruce Thomas Miller) – Surrey Premiere  
A powerful story of redemption as a formerly incarcerated Indigenous man battles internal struggles to find true freedom and forgiveness. [Assets](#)

This year's Indigenous programming reflects the festival's ongoing commitment to amplifying underrepresented voices, fostering reconciliation, and promoting authentic stories of resilience and cultural survival.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### **54 Films, Inspiring Stories – Sundar Prize 2025 Programme & Tickets Released!**

The 2nd Annual Sundar Prize Film Festival, taking place April 10–13, 2025, is set to showcase a compelling lineup of films that reflect the festival's theme, "Life in Motion: Journeys of Growth and Discovery." Held at SFU Surrey and Landmark Cinemas Guildford, the festival will feature a diverse slate of 54 films, panels, and special events that spotlight underrepresented voices and celebrate the transformative power of storytelling.

Following a highly successful inaugural year, the 2025 edition of the festival boasts an impressive 70% Canadian content, with 57% of selected films originating from British Columbia. The festival continues to champion diversity, with 54% of films directed by women and 67% by BIPOC filmmakers.

[Full Program Line-Up and Tickets](#)

## SCHEDULE SUMMARY

Festival Pre-Launch - Wednesday, April 9th, 2025 - Location To Be Determined, Evening

Day 1 - Thursday, April 10, 2025 at SFU Surrey Campus, Opening Night and Networking Reception with Open Mic Pitch Session, 5:30 pm onwards - [Event](#)

Day 2 - Friday, April 11, 2025 at Landmark Cinemas, Guildford, 12 pm to 11 pm - [Event](#)

Day 3 - Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Landmark Cinemas, Guildford, 12 pm to 11 pm - [Event](#)

Day 4 - Sunday, April 13, 2025 at Landmark Cinemas, Guildford, Awards Ceremony and Closing Night, 12 pm to 11 pm - [Event](#)

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