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**The 7th Annual 'Vancouver Women in Film Festival' kicks off on International Women's Day at the Vancity Theatre March 8 - 11, 2012**

*Horror, Hip-Hop, Drama, and Comedy dominate at this year's festival*

**Vancouver, Canada** - The **7th Annual Vancouver Women in Film Festival 2012 (VWIFF)**, presented by **Women In Film + Television Vancouver (WIFTV)**, celebrates the kick off on International Women's Day commencing Thursday, March 8 to Sunday, March 11, with the **Women In Film + Television International (WIFTI)** short film showcase screenings on March 8.

Today, more than ever, women behind the lens are playing a significant role in the film industry; however, in contrast to their male counter-parts, women still face the challenge to receive recognition for their films. According to [Telefilm Canada's 2010 report](#) on the state of women in the Canadian Feature Film Industry, women professionals report they are disadvantaged with respect to visibility at Canadian film festivals.

**Festival Director, Roslyn Muir** states, "The **Vancouver Women in Film Festival** and **Women In Film + Television Vancouver** programs are an integral part of the industry. Without our support, women filmmakers in Western Canada would not have the same filmmaking opportunities that exist today." Muir continues, "Each year, our submissions and audience numbers continue to grow and, to me, that proves that there is a need to have women's stories seen, heard and celebrated in the public arena."

On March 8, the **Vancouver Women in Film Festival** kicks off with the [Spotlight Awards Gala](#)<sup>TM</sup> and the **WIFTI short film showcase**. The **VWIFF** will announce the **Legacy Awards** to the top three BC filmmakers at the festival, and the **Women in the Director's Chair (WIDC) Feature Film Award**, curated by WIDC President Carol Whiteman, will present a \$120,000 in-kind award to this year's recipient, which is administered by Creative Women Workshops. Additional events include a **Pre-Festival Launch Party**, a [Digital Media Masterclass](#), Pitching sessions, Receptions, and Networking Lunch presentation.

Featuring a talented line-up of Canadian, US and International women filmmakers, the **VWIFF** will showcase **six features** and over **50 short films**, made by both first-time and veteran filmmakers. Curated by **Roslyn Muir**, the festival's feature-length highlights include seasoned filmmaker Desiree Lim's **horror 'The House'**, Netherland director Kaat Beels **drama 'Hotel Swooni'**, director Amy Bohigian's **same-sex adoption** documentary **'Conceiving Family'**, and Tracy D. Smith's **'Everything and Everyone'**, which features some of Vancouver's premier talent.

Curated by **Tara Hungerford**, the festival **short films and director** highlights include: **Mina Shum's comedy 'Hip Hop Mom'**; **Rainmaker's animated** production **'Luna'** directed by Donna Brockopp; and **MPPIA winner 'Move Out Clean'**, by Kelly-Ruth Mercier, which was also rated **#1** on the [Shortsreport](#) blogspot. In addition, **VWIFF** will showcase the **'Wise + Wild' Yukon shorts**, curated by filmmaker Lulu Keating, which includes **festival award-winners** such as **'Time Lines'** by Suzanne Crocker, **'Soft Spoken'** by Evan Rensch, and **'Longest Dream'** by Kim Beggs, to name a few.

All events take place at the **Vancity Theatre**, 1181 Seymour Street, Vancouver, Canada. For [tickets](#) or more information, visit [www.womeninfilm.ca](http://www.womeninfilm.ca).

**Vancouver Women in Film Festival** is grateful to all of their media sponsors involved in the festival this year and would like to thank **24 Hours Vancouver, City TV, Global BC, CBC, MeTV KVOS, WE (Westender), City of Vancouver, Playback, and Shaw** for their support.

Established in 1989, **Women In Film & Television Vancouver (WIFTV)** is an internationally affiliated non-profit society committed to advancing & celebrating women in screen-based media.



## VANCOUVER WOMEN IN FILM FESTIVAL 2012 FILMS BY GENRE & TOPIC OF INTEREST

### FEATURE FILMS

The House ( BC)

OH! SUSHI - From the Land of the BC Roll with Love (BC Falling From the Sky

Hotel Swooni (Netherlands)

Lady Razorback

Conceiving Family (BC)

OH! SUSHI - From the Land of the BC Roll with Love

Everything and Everyone (BC)

Kiyumi's poetry and sayuru's embroidery

Vixens & Virgins... And Other Mythological Creatures (BC The Invisible Red Thread

The Invisible Red Thread (BC)

### ASIAN/ASIAN AMERICA

From Her to Eternity

### ABORIGINAL SUBJECT FILMS

Dance of the Little Old Men; The Heist

The Provider (Brianne Nord-Stewart

Bloodland

The House

Parkdale

Anna-May Got Lost

Doll Parts

### ACTION/LIVE ACTION

Kiyumi's poetry and sayuru's embroidery

Ms Thing

Biatch!

Bloodland

Anna-May Got Lost

To the Sea

Run

Run Dry

Arte, Ardore, Onore: The World of Swordplay

Run

Arte, Ardore, Onore: The World of Swordplay

The Soldier Game

Falling From the Sky

OH! SUSHI - From the Land of the BC Roll with Love

### ANIMATION

Monster

Luna

Run

Dancing with the Moon

Luna

Conceiving Family

Dancing with the Moon

Hip Hop Mom

Move Out Clean

### ASIAN/ASIAN AMERICA

Kiyumi's poetry and sayuru's embroidery

Dance of the Little Old Men; The Heist

Doll Parts

Everything and Everyone

The House

### AFRICAN/AFRICAN AMERICAN

Anna-May Got Lost

Rendez-vous



## VANCOUVER WOMEN IN FILM FESTIVAL 2012 FILMS BY GENRE & TOPIC OF INTEREST

### COMEDY

Fitting  
The Provider (Brianne Nord-Stewart)  
Face It  
Neighbors  
Luna  
Hip Hop Mom  
Everything and Everyone  
Ms Thing

### COMING OF AGE

Everything and Everyone  
Kiyumi's poetry and sayuru's embroidery  
Anna-May Got Lost  
To the Sea  
Run  
Fireworks /Cohetes (SPAN)  
Isolda  
The Soldier Game

### DANCE, MUSIC, HIP HOP, & ART

The Perfect Vacuum  
Dance of the Little Old Men; The Heist  
From Her to Eternity  
Isolda  
Hip Hop Mom

### DRAMEDY

Fitting  
The Provider (Brianne Nord-Stewart)  
Fireworks /Cohetes

### DRAMA

Everything and Everyone  
Kiyumi's poetry and sayuru's embroidery  
A World Apart  
Move Out Clean  
The Provider (Brianne Nord-Stewart)  
Biatch! (UK)  
The Crossing of the Living Room (La traversée du salon)  
The House  
Face It  
From Her to Eternity  
Bloodland  
To the Sea  
Run Dry  
Run  
Fireworks /Cohetes  
Isolda  
Falling From the Sky  
Lady Razorback  
Neighbors  
Hotel Swooni  
Fitting  
Parkdale  
I Still Remember

### DOCUMENTARY & TRUE STORIES

Arte, Ardore, Onore: The World of Swordplay  
Falling From the Sky  
Lady Razorback  
OH! SUSHI - From the Land of the BC Roll with Love  
Dancing with the Moon  
Conceiving Family  
The Lost Garden (NFB)  
Bone Wind Fire (NFB)  
Vixens & Virgins... And Other Mythological Creatures



## **VANCOUVER WOMEN IN FILM FESTIVAL 2012 FILMS BY GENRE & TOPIC OF INTEREST**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Bloodland  
Run Dry

### **FAMILY/PARENTHOOD**

Vixens & Virgins... And Other Mythological Creatures  
The Invisible Red Thread  
Everything and Everyone  
Conceiving Family  
Hip Hop Mom  
The Soldier Game

### **FRENCH-LANGUAGE FILMS**

La traversée du salon/The Crossing of the Living Room  
Rendez-vous  
Le Jeu Des Soldats/The Soldier Game  
Kiyumi's poetry and sayuru's embroidery/  
La poésie de Kiyumi, la broderie de Sayuru

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILMS**

Fireworks /Cohetes (SPAN)  
Isolda (Ukraine)  
Arte, Ardore, Onore: The World of Swordplay (FR, IT)  
Dancing with the Moon (FR,GER,IT - subtitles)

### **GAY/LESBIAN**

Everything and Everyone  
The House  
Conceiving Family  
Ms Thing

### **HISTORY/HISTORICAL**

Arte, Ardore, Onore: The World of Swordplay  
The Soldier Game

### **HORROR**

The House  
The Provider (Brienne Nord-Stewart)  
Doll Parts  
Bloodland  
The Provider (Maira Sauer)

### **HUMAN RIGHTS/SOCIAL ISSUES**

Bloodland  
Conceiving Family  
Everything and Everyone  
Run  
Falling From the Sky  
Lady Razorback  
Dancing with the Moon

### **LATINO**

Dance of the Little Old Men; The Heist  
Fireworks /Cohetes

### **LOVE/ROMANCE**

A World Apart  
Dance of the Little Old Men; The Heist  
From Her to Eternity  
To the Sea  
Fireworks /Cohetes  
Neighbors  
Luna



## **VANCOUVER WOMEN IN FILM FESTIVAL 2012 FILMS BY GENRE & TOPIC OF INTEREST**

### **MAGICAL REALISM**

Move Out Clean  
Monster  
Anna-May Got Lost  
Rendez-vous  
Isolda

### **SCI-FI/SUPERNATURAL/FANTASY**

Move Out Clean  
Monster  
Anna-May Got Lost  
Rendez-vous  
The House  
Doll Parts  
Bloodland  
The Red Hood

### **SPIRITUAL**

Dancing with the Moon  
Lady Razorbacks  
Falling From the Sky  
Isolda  
Bloodland  
Anna-May Got Lost

### **WESTERN**

Dance of the Little Old Men; The Heist  
Arte, Ardore, Onore: The World of Swordplay

### **YUKON FILMS**

The Romance of Helen Trent  
Our Changing Homelands Our Changing Lives  
Soft Spoken

### **YUKON FILMS**

Ice Road to Tuk  
Longest Dream  
Time Lines  
Aydaygooy  
The Wild and the Untamed  
Last Stop for Miles  
48 Hour Sonata  
Gold River  
Embroidered Guy; a business card flip book  
animation experiment

### **YOUTH/TEEN/STUDENT**

Vixens & Virgins... And Other Mythological Creatures  
The Invisible Red Thread  
Kiyumi's poetry and sayuru's embroidery  
Fitting  
The Provider (Brianne Nord-Stewart)  
Biatch! (UK)  
Anna-May Got Lost  
Bloodland  
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Arte, Ardore, Onore: The World of Swordplay  
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