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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™](#) 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.

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 (Brienne Nord-Stewart)
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