



Regent Park Film Festival 20th Anniversary call for Commissioned Filmmakers: *Regent Park Made Visible*

About RPF

The Regent Park Film Festival (RPF) is Toronto's longest-running, free community film festival, and is the sole community film festival in Canada's largest and oldest public housing neighbourhood. The key communities we serve are Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) communities, people with low-income, people who live in social housing, and Regent Park residents. In 2022 RPF will celebrate its 20th anniversary. Over this time, Regent Park has undergone a revitalization process, changing rapidly from a low-income to mixed-income neighbourhood accompanied by changes to community demographics, networks, and urban geographies.

The project: *Regent Park Made Visible*

To commemorate its 20th anniversary, RPF is seeking local filmmakers to produce digital media arts works that engage with the history of Regent Park. Projects will engage with and respond to visual source material such as archival footage of Regent Park (documentaries, news coverage, home videos etc.), as well as narrative forms set in Regent Park (short and feature films, web series episodes, music videos). The commissioned projects may make film source material a part of their new artistic work with the permission of the creator, creatively respond to any film source material without excerption, or tell their own story that is rooted in the history of Regent Park. The commissioned works should respond to themes that are pertinent to Regent Park today such as gentrification, immigration and belonging, community building, racial justice, housing, income and food security.

Format

The commissions will be designed for digital presentation and are anticipated to take the form of short films or other visual media formats (under 15 minutes), suitable for an online setting. All works will be presented on our online streaming platform in 2022, beginning with an opening night panel online and will then be screened in-person at the 20th Annual Regent Park Film Festival (public health measures permitting).

Project Budget

Commissioned artists will receive \$5,000 in artist fees, in addition to a \$5,000 budget for production and technical costs. Artists will also receive additional fees for any screenings and speaking engagements related to this project.

Timeline

- Sunday October 24, 2021 - Deadline for applications
- November / December, 2021 - Filmmakers hired
- December 2021 - July 2022 - Development and production of films/visual media projects
- August 2022 - Online launch event (digital screenings and talkback)
- November 2022 - Screening and talkback at RPF's 20th anniversary festival

Who can apply

Given RPF's mandate and mission, we will prioritize applications from filmmakers from the following groups and we encourage you to self-identify in your application:

- Are Black, Indigenous and a person of colour (prioritizing gender diversity)
- Are a current or former resident of Regent Park or other public housing communities in Toronto
- Currently Toronto-based

How to Apply

1. Cover letter explaining your interest in the project, any relevant experiences or knowledge and how you plan to approach the project. This can take the form of a video if you wish.
2. Portfolio and links to previous works (pdf document)
3. CV (pdf document)

To apply, please email a PDF document to Manager of Programming, Aashna, at aashna@regentparkfilmfestival.com with the subject line '20th Anniversary Filmmaker Commission'. **Deadline for submissions is Sunday October 24 2021 at 11:59pm.** Questions? Contact aashna@regentparkfilmfestival.com.

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