

**LIFT ANNOUNCES THE INAUGURAL WINNER OF
THE ROBERTO ARIGANELLO AWARD
CECILIA ARANEDA**

Toronto, July 7, 2017—The **Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT)** is pleased to announce that Winnipeg filmmaker **Cecilia Araneda** has been selected as the inaugural recipient of the **Roberto Ariganello Award**. The awards honours the legacy of Roberto Ariganello, the late LIFT Executive Director who did much to encourage artists to make films, and comes in the form of month long production residency for the recipient to make a film. Araneda has joined us this summer to work on her current work in progress, utilizing many of LIFT's resources towards this process-based film.

Cecilia Araneda was born in Chile and came to Canada at a young age as a refugee with her family after they escaped Chile's coup d'état. She grew up in northern Manitoba and currently lives in Winnipeg. Araneda holds a BFA (hons) in Theatre (playwriting) from York University and an MFA in Creative Writing (screenplay writing) from the University of British Columbia, where she studied under thesis advisor Hart Hanson. She is additionally a three-time alumna of the fabled Film Farm. She has completed 14 short films and videos as director and writer, which have won awards and screened in festivals, curated programs and art house cinemas internationally.
www.ceciliaaraneda.ca

Araneda served as Executive Director of the Winnipeg Film Group from 2006 to 2017. Through her work in this organization, she has fostered the development of many Winnipeg-based filmmakers who have gone on to garner national and international attention. In 2011, she was recognized by the Government of Manitoba for her work as a woman artist working for social change.

Araneda will present a program of her work on **July 25, 2017** at PIX Film Gallery.

In Reflection: The Films of Cecilia Araneda

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

7:00pm

PIX Film Gallery

1411 Dufferin Street, Unit C

FREE Admission

The **Roberto Ariganello National Residency** is funded out of the Roberto Ariganello Memorial Fund and is sustainable for a three-year trial period. Anyone interested in making a donation to continue this residency can make a charitable donation to the fund via www.canadahelps.org/dn/9407

Cecilia Araneda's screening at PIX Film Gallery is generously supported by the **LivingArts Kitchen**.

The Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT) is Canada's foremost artist-run production and education organization dedicated to celebrating excellence in the moving image. LIFT exists to provide support and encouragement for independent filmmakers and artists through affordable access to production, post-production and exhibition equipment; professional and creative development; workshops and courses; commissioning and exhibitions; artist-residencies; and a variety of other services. LIFT is supported by its membership, Canada Council for the Arts, Ontario Arts Council, Ontario Trillium Foundation, Ontario Arts Foundation, the Government of Ontario and the Toronto Arts Council. www.lift.ca