



The Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto and The Images Festival

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2014 TOM BERNER AWARD

The Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT) and the Images Festival are calling for nominees for the **2014 TOM BERNER AWARD** for Extraordinary Support of Independent Filmmaking.

The TOM BERNER AWARD was created in 2002 to honour Tom Berner, who was an extraordinary supporter of independent filmmaking in Toronto and throughout Canada. Tom retired from DELUXE Laboratories in 2001 after being actively involved with organizations like the National Screen Institute's Drama Prize Program, the OMDC's Calling Card Program, and the CFC's Worldwide Short Film Festival. Tom tirelessly assisted hundreds of independent filmmakers who approached him for advice and help. Tom Berner passed away in December 2004.

Initiated in 2002 by filmmakers Sarah Abbott and Mark Wihak, THE TOM BERNER AWARD recognizes individuals who provide 'extraordinary support for independent filmmaking' in Toronto. Please note: 'Extraordinary' indicates activities above and beyond any obligations of employment or business, and should reflect contributions over a sustained period.

'Support' should be broadly interpreted, and could include individuals who provide Toronto's vibrant independent film community with: production and post-production assistance; creative mentorship; writing about independent film; programming, curating and promotion of independent film; providing facilities for the exhibition of independent film and/or creation of new initiatives that support independent film.

To nominate an individual for the TOM BERNER AWARD, please provide:

- the name and brief biography (1 page max.) of the nominee
- your contact information (Name, telephone and e-mail)
- an explanation (1 page maximum) as to why the individual would be a worthy recipient

Incomplete nominations will not be considered. The award will be decided by a jury of knowledgeable peers from the independent film community, and will be presented at the awards ceremony of the Images Festival in April 2014.

Nominations must reach LIFT by TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014 at 5:00PM.

Previous Tom Berner Award winners:

2013: Deirdre Logue	2007: Roberto Ariganello
2012: Milada Kovacova	2006: Ray Cook
2011: Philip Hoffman	2005: Catherine Rankin
2010: Margaret Wagner	2004: Martin Heath
2009: Michael Hoolboom	2003: Marc Glassman
2008: Sebastjan Henrickson	2002: Tom Berner

HOW TO SUBMIT:

Email: submissions(at)LIFT.on.ca (please put **2014 Tom Berner Nomination** in subject heading)

Mail: Tom Berner Award – 2014 Nominations
c/o Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT)
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