

**Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto
and
imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival
2014 MENTORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

Toronto, April 16, 2014—imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival and the Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT) are pleased to announce that Toronto-based Dene artist **Hannah Schreck** is the recipient of the 10th annual LIFT/imagineNATIVE Mentorship. This annual mentorship was developed to offer an Indigenous artist living in the GTA the opportunity to expand their practice into the realm of film. Hannah will be enrolled in LIFT’s seasonal workshops, be paired with a suitable mentor, be provided with access to LIFT’s production and post-production equipment, and receive additional financial and resource support from imagineNATIVE and mentorship partners, Kodak (www.kodak.ca) and Niagara Custom Lab (www.niagaracustomlab.com), to complete a film for premiere at the 2014 festival.

“LIFT is pleased to be working with Hannah on a film for imagineNATIVE 2014,” says Chris Kennedy, LIFT’s Executive Director. “Hannah’s focus is on animation and her background study of midwifery promises to inform her film with a unique perspective that will enhance our experience of her work. We’re looking forward to this collaboration.”

“We were very impressed at the quality and number of submissions we received this year, which proved a very challenging task to choose only one recipient,” adds Jason Ryle, imagineNATIVE’s Executive Director. “We’re very excited to see the final film from Hannah on screen at imagineNATIVE’s 15th anniversary celebration, which will add to the rich tapestry of films produced by Indigenous artists through this valuable partnership with LIFT.”

“The opportunity to work alongside with a mentor is perhaps one of the most exciting elements of this program. I look forward to receiving feedback on the direction of my film and the best techniques and measures to employ for it. This would not be possible or as enriching if I were working alone.”

— Hannah Schreck

Previous year’s mentees include actor and choreographer Michael Greyeyes (*Seven Seconds*); Dora and Juno Award nominee Jani Lauzon (*eu•tha•na•sia*); actor, filmmaker Michelle Latimer (*Tomorrow*); filmmaker Tyler Hagan (*Estuary*) and last year’s recipient Adrienne Marcus Raja (*Soli*). Hannah Schreck will premiere her new short at the 15th annual imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival, October 22–26, 2014.

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On behalf of the Selection Committee, thank you to all of this year’s incredible applicants! To find out more about this annual mentorship, and other artistic opportunities available through imagineNATIVE, please contact programming@imagineNATIVE.org