



**THE LIAISON OF INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS OF TORONTO (LIFT)
ANNOUNCES AMERICAN VISITING ARTIST
EPHRAIM ASILI**

Toronto, July 27, 2015—The **Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT)** is pleased to announce that American filmmaker **Ephraim Asili** will be joining us in Toronto from **August 1st to 14th, 2015** to work on his on-going series of 16mm films drawing connections between different communities within the African Diaspora; this time focusing on local Black Canadian communities including Little Jamaica and St. James Town. He will also present a screening of his films and other films related to migration on **August 5th** at 8:00pm at CineCycle.

Ephraim Asili is an African American Artist, Filmmaker, DJ, Radio host, and traveler. Inspired by his day-to-day wanderings Asili creates art that situates itself as a series of meditations on everyday experience and media culture. Through audio-visual examinations of societal iconography identity, geography, and architecture Asili strives to present a personal vision. The results are perhaps best described as an amalgam of pop, African American and “moving image” culture filtered through an acute sense of rhythmic improvisation and compositional awareness. Currently Asili serves as Technical Director for the Film and Electronic Arts Department at Bard College and hosts a radio show on WGXC 90.7 FM Hudson, New York. He recently won the Most Promising Filmmaker Award at the Ann Arbor Film Festival and is DJing **Media City Film Festival’s** 2015 opening night party, on July 28th, at the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit. He is currently working on a mix of Brazilian records for Afropop Worldwide.

On **Wednesday August 5th at 8:00pm**, we will be presenting a program of his films at CineCycle, including excerpts of “Points on a Space Age”, his documentary on the **Sun Ra Arkestra** under the direction of **Marshall Allen**. His films will be shown in the context of clips from other films made by African-American filmmakers. The screening takes place at 8:00pm at 129 Spadina Avenue, down the lane. The screening is \$5.00 for LIFT members, and \$8.00 for non-members.

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. <http://lift.ca>