

## THE LIAISON OF INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS OF TORONTO (LIFT) ANNOUNCES THE FALL 2015 SEASON OF ONTARIO TOURING FILMMAKING WORKSHOPS

**Toronto, September 2, 2015**—The **Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT)** is pleased to announce the fall 2015 season of the Ontario touring filmmaking workshops program. Building on successful production training in Toronto, LIFT is working closely with partner media arts organizations across Ontario to deliver workshops that will expand knowledge and encourage experimentation by the local talent base of each community.

On offer this season is a diverse set of filmmaking workshops and professional development opportunities for independent filmmakers. The workshops range from cameraless animation techniques to writing workshops that will demystify the short film form and grant writing for arts councils. In process cinema participants will learn how to shoot and hand process 16mm film with experimental filmmaker Philip Hoffman. We are excited to partner with **Cinéfest Sudbury International Film Festival** by hosting filmmaker talks with Adam Garnet Jones and Victoria Lean who are both screening their first feature length film at the 2015 festival.

This season's workshops will take place in Belleville with **Downtown DocFest**, London with the **London Ontario Media Arts Association (LOMAA)**, North Bay with the **Near North Mobile Media Lab (N2M2L)** and in Sudbury at the **Cinéfest Sudbury International Film Festival** with **Cultural Industries Ontario North (CION)**. Full details about each individual workshop can be found on LIFT's website.

Workshops will be taught by Ontario-based independent filmmakers and film professionals. Instructors include: Chris Gehman, Philip Hoffman, Adam Garnet Jones, Eva Kolcze, Victoria Lean, and Matthew Miller.

The touring program is generously supported by the **Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF)**.

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

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