

**DAVID CAFÉ-FÉBRISSEY ELECTED  
CHAIR OF LIFT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Toronto, August 11, 2016**—The **Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT)** is pleased to announce the election of **David Café-Fébrissey** as the new Chair of its Board of Directors.

Café-Fébrissey replaces **Kathryn MacKay**, who moved to Berkeley, California this summer to become the Associate Film Curator of the UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA). MacKay served on the board since 2009 and contributed greatly towards the revitalization of LIFT as it settled into its new space at 1137 Dupont Street. MacKay says of her time at LIFT, “I think it's an amazing organization and it's been a pleasure to help to support it over the last few years. Thanks to the incredibly dedicated, knowledgeable and enthusiastic staff and membership for making LIFT in to such a vital resource for all aspects of moving image production. I look forward to seeing how LIFT will continue to evolve in years to come.”

Environmental Engineer by education, Actor and Theatre Director by passion, David Café-Fébrissey brings his expertise in strategic planning and project management, as well as his financial acumen to LIFT as the new Chair of the Board of Directors. He hopes his time at LIFT will help further strengthen bridges between the media arts community and creative entrepreneurship. “I am excited to work at LIFT because it is a vibrant place where creativity, knowledge and passion mix altogether,” Café-Fébrissey says, “It really motivates me.”

“It's always deeply encouraging for staff and members to see the level of commitment that volunteers to our board bring to the organization,” Executive Director Chris Kennedy says. “David has already proved himself a great asset to our future planning for LIFT and he is an excellent addition to the team. We look forward to a very successful collaboration.”

**2015/2016 LIFT Board of Directors as of August 11, 2016:**

Chair: David Café-Fébrissey

Vice-Chair: Arshed Bhatti

Board Members: Dagny Thompson (Treasurer), Daniel McIntyre (Secretary), Katia Café-Fébrissey, Catherine Laird, Peter McAuley, Jim Shedden

**About LIFT**

**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.

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