

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:
THE ROBERTO ARIGANELLO NATIONAL ARTIST RESIDENCY 2017**

Toronto, August 4, 2016—In remembrance of the tenth anniversary of the passing of former Executive Director **Roberto Ariganello**, the **Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT)** is announcing the creation of the annual **ROBERTO ARIGANELLO NATIONAL ARTIST RESIDENCY**. We are seeking applications from Canadian citizens and permanent residents **living outside of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)** to apply for a 4–6 week individual production residency to take place in 2017. Building on our successful International Artist-in-Residence program and our local Members' Production Grants, the National Residency is a way to reach out to Canadian artists who want to access the wealth of resources LIFT has available. It honours the legacy of Roberto Ariganello, the late LIFT Executive Director who did much to encourage artists to make films, and often reached out to redistribute excess film equipment across the country. Sadly, Roberto suddenly passed away in 2007 after delivering a Steenbeck editing system to the Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative (AFCOOP) in Halifax.

LIFT is an artist-run production and educational media arts organization dedicated to celebrating excellence in the moving image. We support a wide range of production formats, including Regular 8mm, Super 8mm, 16mm, Super 16mm, 35mm and HD; our facilities include film and digital editing suites, optical printers, contact printers, animation stands, a darkroom, and more. Toronto also offers a range of lab facilities, a large pool of experienced technicians and talent, a vibrant film community and a dynamic arts environment.

Priority for LIFT's residency program focuses on the production of film-based works with equipment and facilities to which the artist would not have access to in their local region, although strong digital applications will also be considered. Artists are expected to be at an established point in their practice (although not necessarily working predominantly with moving images). Applicants must also consider what they would bring to Toronto in terms of community collaboration, teaching workshops, artist talks and/or presentation activities—these engagements are a valuable part of each residency offered by LIFT. Note that your proposed film project does not have to be Toronto-specific, but you should think of what you can offer to the community while you are in town working on your own film.

The maximum cash funding for projects is \$2,000 (CAD) for travel, accommodation and per diems. Additional equipment and facilities will be provided by LIFT in-kind to a maximum value of \$2,000 (CAD); LIFT equipment rates can be found at www.lift.ca. The artist is responsible for the costs of all film stock, chemicals, lab fees and other expendables.

The **ROBERTO ARIGANELLO NATIONAL ARTIST RESIDENCY** is funded out of the Roberto Ariganello Memorial Fund and is sustainable for a three-year trial period. Anyone interested in making a donation to continue this residency can make a charitable donation to the fund via <http://www.canadahelps.org/dn/9407>

Interested artists should submit proposals, including:

1. Proposal and Artist Statement (including how you intend to engage the local Toronto community during your stay and what LIFT can offer you that is not available in your home location)
2. Please note how you heard about LIFT's National Artist Residency
3. Curriculum vitae
4. Proposed budget, including travel and accommodation and funding sources for materials.
5. Visual support material of past work (do not send originals, documentation will *not* be returned).

Accepted formats: URL links or DVDs (NTSC)

Deadline: Monday, October 3, 2016 by 5pm EST

Please Note: Applications are open only to Canadian citizens and permanent residents living outside of the Greater Toronto Area.

Email submissions are preferred.

Email applications to [submissions\(at\)lift.on.ca](mailto:submissions@lift.on.ca)

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Mail applications to:

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c/o Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT)

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