



LIAISON OF
INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS
OF TORONTO

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

“LIFT is so treasured within Toronto’s film community that it’s easy to take it for granted.”

- Guy Dixon
The Globe and Mail

about

The Liaison of Independent Filmmakers (LIFT) has been at the heart of Toronto’s film community for over three decades.

Well known for our workshops and accessible equipment rentals, LIFT makes its home in Toronto’s west end and is a one stop shop for filmmakers at any level of their careers. In 2019, Toronto’s robust culture of film relies on LIFT’s dedicated team, facility, equipment and programming to keep the love of moving images alive.





values

- Diversity in all its manifestations, including race, ethnicity, language, gender identity, sexuality, class, age, disability, immigration status, film genre and level of experience as a filmmaker.
- Affordable and equitable access to services and programs that minimize economic barriers to creating films.
- The materiality and technology of working with celluloid as a medium.
- Developing and cultivating the “cinematic” qualities within digital cinema and new platforms.
- Serving as a community hub for filmmakers and artists.
- Providing quality service to an engaged and participatory membership.
- Providing a space for diverse communities to produce representations on their own terms.



professional development and media resources

- 180+ workshops a year taught by leading industry professionals
- Expanded equipment and facilities that are available to rent
- Specialized community outreach programs
- Artist in Residence programs hosting filmmakers from around the world
- Countless festivals in Toronto call on LIFT's tech department to make their screenings possible. LIFT has long been a partner to festivals like Hot Docs, Inside Out, Regent Park Film Festival or Open Roof Film Festival!
- LIFT is Toronto's leading supplier of 8mm, 16mm film
- Rental of in-house studios and production equipment



imagineNATIVE Mentorship



Film Access



Filmmentor for Women



Newcomer Filmmentor

outreach and mentorship

Over the past twenty years LIFT's mentorships and specialized outreach programs have set us apart.

Every year we look to forge ahead and collaborate with different communities seeking to learn the craft of filmmaking.

Your donations will maintain this excellence in programming.

commissioning and creating



LIFT has hosted numerous international artists in residence. The residency has attracted artists from Japan, United States, Ireland, Portugal, Germany, Chile, and Mexico, to name just a few. Their time at LIFT is intended to enhance their practice and engage with local members through workshops and screenings.

“My relationship with LIFT is that of a younger sibling. I began my formal relationship as an artist in residence at LIFT, but as the Founder of my own cinema arts non-profit organization (MONO NO AWARE) I look to LIFT as an example. I’m constantly visiting the website, reaching out to Chris and the staff for advice, and connecting with former LIFT workshop participants and residents to learn about their experiences.”

Steve Cossman, NYC - 2013 Artist in Residence

\$150

**ALLOWS US TO ACQUIRE REFURBISHED ANALOGUE
EQUIPMENT**

\$275

CAN HELP DEVELOP A NEW WORKSHOP

\$500

CAN PROVIDE EQUIPMENT RENTALS FOR A MENTORSHIP

**but we need people like you
to continue growing ...**

By joining LIFT's community of supporters, you are making a tangible impact.

You are making a new piece of art and bringing an artist's vision into reality. You are keeping LIFT accessible to all artists

Please consider making a one time or monthly donation via LIFT's Canada Helps page.

2018 tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$10 or more.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/9407>



special fund

We ensure donors receive the public recognition for their financial gifts. There are opportunities to be acknowledged on our website and on social media, seasonal catalogue and annual report. As well as our weekly and monthly e-bulletin.

Community and Youth Fund

Donations to our Education programs are essential to LIFT's mission of accessibility. By contributing you will be lowering the bar of entry for marginalized artists from all walks of life.

Capital Fund

LIFT is committed to providing the best in filmmaking excellence from pre-production to picture lock. Your donations will ensure our facilities are maintained and able to fostering film and nurturing digital for years to come!

LIFT Operating Endowment

This permanently held trust with the Ontario Arts Foundation ensures long-term operational stability.





"The connections I made at LIFT have been meaningful, lasting relationships, and maybe most importantly helped me become a part of a community of filmmakers and artists."

Tyler Hagan

**Filmmaker, 2012 imagineNATIVE/LIFT
Mentee**



"It is a crucial educational space in which hands on learning is facilitated through the availability of gear and the opportunity to learn from artists, professional cinematographers, editors, producers and other professionals."

Terra Jean Long

Filmmaker, Educator



"There is no other organization that embraces the role of 'vital filmmaking services provider' to our industry as LIFT does, without which, access to affordable filmmaker services would be significantly handicapped."

Marva Olliverre

**Award Winning Producer,
Instructor**

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