

**LIFT ANNOUNCES MEXICAN VISITING ARTIST
MANUELA DE LABORDE**

Toronto, October 15, 2019— The **Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT)** is pleased to announce that **Manuela de Laborde** has joined us from Mexico City as a visiting artist from **October 1 to November 1, 2019** to work on completing *Ficciones*, a new film that she is making for the 66th annual **International Short Film Festival Oberhausen** in May. Commissioned by the festival for Mika Taanila's Conditional Cinema project, *Ficciones* is in the final iteration of a three-year film cycle that reconceptualizes expanded cinema as a growing and organic process.

Over the course of the process, she has built ceramic sculptural terrariums and filmed them as they grew moss and aged over the cycle. She comes to LIFT to finish the final film version, using LIFT's optical printer to manipulate the footage she has shot over the course of the project.

Manuela de Laborde is both a visual artist and filmmaker. She received her MFA at the California Institute of the Arts and BA at Edinburgh College of Art. Laborde's practice, by abstracting concepts from their concrete properties, looks to create [virtual] spaces and [regenerate] the image. Inspired by simplicity of expression, economy of detail, location of exhibition, her practice is a meditation on physical presence. To the eye, her work carries aesthetic claims and pleasure; yet in its presentation is performative and in its purpose, conceptual. Her first film, *As Without So Within*, screened in many venues worldwide, including the Wavelengths program of the Toronto International Film Festival, and won the Best International Short Award at WNDX Film Festival and the Grand Prix at 25fps Festival in Zagreb. <http://manueladelaborde.com>

A public event with Manuela de Laborde will be announced later this month.

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>