

**LIFT ANNOUNCES 2020 BAICC RESIDENT
VALENTINA ALVARADO MATOS**

Toronto, February 12, 2020—The **Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT)** is pleased to welcome Venezuelan filmmaker **Valentina Alvarado Matos** as the current resident in the third edition of the **BAICC Residencias Artísticas Internacionales de Creacion Cinematográfica**, a collaboration between the **(S8) Mostra Internacional de Cinema Periférico, Acción Cultural Española (AC/E)** and LIFT. The residency supports the making of a new analogue film-based work by creators born or living in Spain. The work made in the residency will premiere at the next iteration of the S8 Film Festival, held during the first week of June 2020 in A Coruña, Spain. Alvarado Matos will be in Toronto until the end of February to work on her film *Properties of a Parallel Sphere*. The piece consists of a 16mm film combining the winter environment of Toronto with contrasting landscapes drawn from postcards from her home country. These collaged postcards will be placed in front of the lens during the shooting process, tropicalizing the Canadian winter environment. The piece plays with the idea of constructing other new possible landscapes from a climatic, geographical, and emotional distance.

Through a multidisciplinary artistic practice, **Valentina Alvarado Matos** (Maracaibo, 1986) explores the hybridization of the various plastic languages that she uses—collage, ceramics, photography and analog film—to elaborate discourses linked to memory and identity displayed in unfinished geographies. Her work establishes a constant dialogue between the digital and analog were the poetic and the political form an important part of her artistic proposal. She is currently a resident of La Escocesa.
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Valentina Alvarado Matos's residency is made possible in part through support from **(S8) Mostra de Cinema Periférico** and the **Acción Cultural Española (AC/E)**.



(S8) Mostra de Cinema Periférico is a unique event held in A Coruña, Spain focused on avant-garde cinema and small gauge film formats, where filmmakers, journalists, film professionals, students and a passionate audience from all over the world meet around leading figures of cinema and contemporary filmmakers.
<https://s8cinema.com>

Acción Cultural Española (AC/E) is a state agency for the promotion of culture. It fosters the Spanish creative and cultural sectors through a broad program of activities, fostering the internationalisation of creative professionals, with initiatives such as artist residencies. Projects supported by AC/E underline the diverse Spanish contribution to the global culture, as well as recent contributions of Spanish talent in the main creative fields. <https://www.accioncultural.es/en>



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. <https://lift.ca>

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