



The 20th Gimli Film Festival runs July 22 - 26, 2020

GIMLI FILM FESTIVAL LAUNCHES THE MANITOBA PROJECT

GIMLI – September 4, 2019 – The Gimli Film Festival (GFF) will celebrate its 20th anniversary by launching The Manitoba Project, a year-long project focused on engaging Manitoba filmmakers and exploring the province’s history through film. GFF’s 20th anniversary coincides with Manitoba’s 150th celebration in 2020.

Part of this project will include The Manitoba Project’s Film Production Fund. This grant will commission at least six to eight new works created by filmmakers currently living in Manitoba that celebrate, reflect upon and reconcile Manitoba’s past, present and/or future.

“This project will fund Manitoba filmmakers to create new works about our province and share important stories from a variety of perspectives,” says Aaron Zeghers, Festival Director. “The Festival has always been an important platform for Manitoba filmmakers to exhibit their work. In 2020, we will take this a step further by taking an active role in commissioning important new films that will resonate with Manitobans.”

The production fund will offer grants between \$5,000 to \$10,000 to Manitoba-based filmmakers. The films created as part of *The Manitoba Project* will screen as part of the Opening Night Films at GFF 2020.

Emerging and established filmmakers are encouraged to apply and can review the application guidelines on GFF’s website at gimlifilm.com/the-manitoba-project. To apply, applicants will fill out the [online form](#) on GFF’s website.

Applications close September 30, 2019. Successful applicants will be contacted by October 15, 2019. Applications will be judged by a peer jury made up of established filmmakers and artists along with Manitoba film industry professionals.

The Manitoba Project has been made possible by the *Thomas Sill Foundation* and the *Canada Council for the Arts*. If you or your organization is interested in getting involved in this historic project, please contact GFF at manitobaproject@gimlifilm.com

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The Gimli Film Festival is Manitoba’s premier film festival. In 2020, the Festival will celebrate its 20th anniversary July 22 – 26. The Festival showcases critical, engaging and entertaining cinema from the most promising Manitoban and Canadian filmmakers and an exceptional selection of feature films and documentaries from around the world!

- *Four indoor venues and the popular RBC Sunset Screenings: Free on-the-beach movies!*
- *Local and Canadian premieres of award-winning films from around the world*
- *Over \$11,000 awarded in pitch competitions & film competitions*
- *Q & As with filmmakers*
- *Workshop and panels for aspiring filmmakers*
- *Special Events*

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