

MAY 2010  
Inaugural Year

# RICH TAPESTRY, MOSAIC FRAGMENTS

Films about York Region for York Region

*A CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS*

Deadline for entries: **February 15, 2010**

Screenings: **Dates in May 2010 to be announced**



York Region Multimedia Film Development Council

YORK REGION ANNUAL MULTIMEDIA FILM FESTIVAL

## Submission Themes

### 1. Diverse Identities & Challenges: A Rich Inheritance

Submissions should explore the experiences of diverse individuals and their communities across York Region.

What is the experience of a teenaged youth who recently arrived from Kowloon, Hong Kong to Mount Albert, East Gwillimbury? How is a recent immigrant from Xining, China to Nobleton, Township of King or an elderly person from Peshawar, Pakistan to Richmond Hill settling in?

### 2. York Region: A Rich Inheritance of Mosaic Fragments

Submissions should explore our collective identity as residents of York Region with all the richness and diverse identities we embody as a whole and as individuals--the true coming together of cultures, identities, experiences, and challenges.

What of our geographic identities? Do you see yourself as being from Maple, Vaughan, York Region or all three? What unifies us across the Region? Is there such a thing as a York Region identity?

### 3. Population Infusion: Individual & Collective Challenges

Submissions should explore the varied social needs and issues within our Region through the eyes of those who are experiencing them.

What is the experience of those who are: poor, homeless, living with mental health issues, survivors of family violence, living with AIDS, or those discriminated against based on their sexual orientation?

### 4. Rapid Regional Growth: Environment Challenges

Submissions should delve into matters concerning our cultivation and responsibility to the air, water, soil, and vegetation we have temporarily claimed stewardship over.

Have we found the perfect balance between human development and environmental preservation? Are we in search of that balance as we continue to sculpt the land around us? What are we doing right and what can we improve on? In essence, are we good environmental guardians of our Region?

## Submission Categories

1. **Documentaries** (maximum 30 minutes in length)
2. **Drama** (maximum 30 minutes in length)
3. **Photo-Voice** (maximum 8 minutes in length)
4. **Animation** (maximum 8 minutes in length)

Submissions will be selected by the Programming Committee for the Adjudicated Stream or the Open Stream:

- ★ **Adjudicated Stream:** Submissions will be screened at the film festival and are eligible for one or more awards.
- ★ **Open Stream:** Submissions will be screened online and at alternative venues prior to, during, and after the multimedia film festival.

In **April 2010**, all applicants will be notified if their submission was selected for the Adjudicated Stream or the Open Steam.

## Awards

Films screened at the York Region Annual Multimedia Film Festival are eligible for the following awards:

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| ★ Top Three Documentaries | ★ Best Screenplay     |
| ★ Top Three Photo-Voices  | ★ Best Cinematography |
| ★ Best Drama              | ★ Best Editor         |
| ★ Best Animation          |                       |

Winners will be announced shortly after the film festival and prior to the awards gala.

## Submission Rules

- ★ No entry fee is required.
- ★ Submissions that promote/contain: gratuitous violence, excessive coarse language, explicit sexual content, or hate/discriminatory practices will not be considered.
- ★ All submissions must be created on or after September 1, 2007.
- ★ Submissions must be sent by mail. Submissions/information received by email will not be accepted.
- ★ A limit of two entries per person.
- ★ Photo-voice/multimedia submissions must not exceed 8 minutes.
- ★ Video and film submissions are not to exceed 30 minutes.
- ★ VHS, BETA, digiBETA, and DV tapes will not be accepted.

## Submission Details

1. Submit three (3) labeled NTSC DVDs of your film/photo-voice/multimedia submission for the Programming Committee's review.
2. Clearly label each DVD with the: Film Title, Director's Name, and Exact Running Time.
3. Include a printed version of your completed and signed application form.
4. Include a CD containing the following electronic documents:
  - ★ A maximum 100 word synopsis of your submission
  - ★ A maximum 60 word abstract of the Director's biography
  - ★ A full cast list and a complete and accurate list of credits
  - ★ An electronic copy of your completed application form
5. Clearly label each file on the CD (e.g. Homeless but not Lifeless\_Synopsis.txt).
6. Clearly label the CD with the title of your submission, your name, your phone number, and your email address.
7. Send all of the above by mail to:

**York Region Multimedia Film Development Council c/o  
York Region Children's Aid Society  
120 East Beaver Creek Drive, 3rd Floor  
Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4B 4V1**

Cost of delivery will not be reimbursed. DVDs and CDs will be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

## Press Release Requirements

- ★ Still photos from the film (300 dpi; JPEG or TIFF; colour and black & white)
- ★ Press kit and/or electronic press kit.

## Deadline

All submissions must be received by **February 15, 2010 before 5:00 pm.**

## Questions/Comments

For more information, visit [www.yorkregionfilmfestival.com](http://www.yorkregionfilmfestival.com)  
If you have questions or comments, contact Michael Bowe at **1 (800) 718-3850 (toll free)**  
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