

2023 Community Report



CALGARY
JUSTICE
FILM FESTIVAL

**Bringing
Global Issues
Into Focus**

About the Festival

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Since 2006, the volunteer-run Calgary Justice Film Festival has invited Calgarians to engage with influential and timely documentaries about social, environmental, and economic justice. All festival screenings are free, and each film is followed by a guest speaker — a filmmaker, local expert or community member with lived experience — to connect the documentary to relevant initiatives and advocacy in Calgary, Alberta, and Canada.



Vision

To influence positive behavioural change by sharing environmental and social justice films that inspire and engage neighbours to become global citizens.

Mission

Providing a platform through film and visual arts that creates community awareness and discussion about justice issues that matter.

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2023 by the Numbers

13 Films

The Festival ran November 17-19, 2023 and screened six Canadian and seven international documentaries. Films ranged from 16 to 95 minutes long.

12 Guest Speakers

17 Goals

The Calgary Justice Film Festival uses the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (from the The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) as a blueprint for film programming. All films selected for screening must align with at least one of the following goals: *No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-Being, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Clean Water and Sanitation, Affordable and Clean Energy, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, Reduced Inequalities, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Responsible Consumption, Climate Action, Life Below Water, Life on Land, Peace and Justice, Strong Institutions, Partnerships for the Goals.*

943 Festival Attendees

22% Increase in attendance over the 2022 Festival

1682 Volunteer Hours

42 Volunteers

\$0 Cost to attend

14 Partners & Sponsors

Thank you to everyone who supported the Calgary Justice Film Festival in 2023!

6,317 Subscribers & Followers

Newsletter subscribers and total followers on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and X

1 Alberta Premiere

CJFF's April 2023 JustReel screening at the Calgary Public Library brought the National Film Board's documentary *Unarchived* to Calgary audiences.

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2023 Peace Fair Participants

The Peace Fair is a pop-up community of non-governmental and volunteer organizations sharing food, crafts, and information about their work.

Accessible Renovation for Kids Society (ARK), Alberta Wilderness Association, Building Schools in South Sudan, Calgary Immigrant Women’s Association, Calgary Outlink Centre of Gender and Sexual Diversity, City of Calgary Recreation Department, Canadian Federation of University Women, Citizens for Public Justice, Fair Trade Calgary, Mennonite Central Committee, Migrante Alberta, Ploughshares Calgary, SA Foundation and Global Wonders Products of Hope, Shelter Movers Calgary, Ujamaa Grandmas

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2023 justReel Screening



FRIDAY APRIL 14

The Patricia Wheelan Theatre, Central Library

Unarchived (85min)

In community archives across British Columbia, local knowledge keepers are hand-fashioning a more inclusive history.

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17

The Globe Cinema

Love in the Time of Fentanyl (80min)

A group of misfits, artists, and drug users operates a renegade safe injection site in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18

River Park Church Theatre



A Better Place (33min)

A look at the toxic legacy of British colonial-era laws, which criminalize consensual same-sex love.



Green Warriors: Children of Lead (53min)

An investigation of the impacts of lead pollution on communities in Peru and France.



Women Will Renew (16min)

Women are empowered to tackle gender inequity and climate change in Mwenezi District, Zimbabwe.



Seeds of Change (27min)

An organic Farmer in Maine sets out to transform the prison food system.



Food for the Rest of Us (87min)

Stories from four communities fighting food insecurity with the radical activism of small-scale farming and harvesting.



Tied to a Lie (27min)

This documentary tackles sex trafficking and gang recruitment in BC.

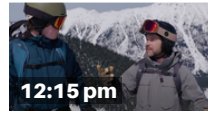


Rematriation (67min)

Citizens fight to protect the last big trees in British Columbia from being felled.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

River Park Church Theatre



Sam & Me (31min)

13-year-old Sam writes to Salomon pro skier and climate advocate, Mike Douglas, asking for advice.



The Kablona Keepers (70min)

15 years of matriarch-led resistance succeeds in protecting the Sacred Headwaters known as the Klabona.



Where Have All the Smiles Gone (30min)

Nepali migrants seeking a better future abroad face harsh realities.



He Had Wings (29min)

A portrait of a prolific artist, Ronnie Goodman, and the impact of his creative activism around homelessness in San Francisco.



2020 Chaos and Hope (95min)

Conversations with a diverse group of citizens as they reflect on the year 2020.