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NATIVE
Film + Media Arts Festival
June 1-6, 2027 (Toronto)
June 7-13, 2027 (online)

Welcome

Founded in 1999, imagineNATIVE is the world's largest presenter of Indigenous screen content and a global centre for Indigenous media arts.

Through our annual Festival and year-round programming, we celebrate Indigenous-made film, video, audio and digital + interactive work while creating opportunities for Indigenous artists at every stage of their careers.



2026 Festival Wecome Gathering

Indigenous Stories, Told by Indigenous Storytellers

“An indigenous-focused, indigenous-led film festival of this calibre is vital to the cultural calendar of Toronto, and positions Canada as a leader in international cinema for indigenous-made and showcased films.”
-2026 Audience Testimonial





imagineNATIVE Executive Director Naomi Johnson with imagineNATIVE Board Chair Kelly Boutsalis at the 2026 Festival Welcome Gathering



“A gathering rooted in community and Indigenous creativity, the imagineNative festival explored so many aspects of Indigenous knowledge, lived experience, history and futures. As a non-Indigenous participant, I was grateful for the opportunity.”
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Showcasing Indigenous Narrative Sovereignty

Why partner with imagineNATIVE?



IMPACT

Invest directly in Indigenous artists, stories and communities.

VISIBILITY

Connect your brand with local, national and international audiences.

ENGAGEMENT

Create meaningful experiences for employees, clients and communities.

CONNECTION

Build relationships across Indigenous media, film, arts and industry.



Festival Events and Programming





FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

- 75+ films every year
- From feature lengths, to shorts, to animation and experimental
- International representation



INDUSTRY DAYS

- Presented by the Institute
- Featuring panels, masterclasses, and networking events
- Multi-day professional development conference



EXHIBITIONS + ART CRAWL

- Established and local artist-run galleries
- National + international exhibitions featuring Indigenous artists
- Featured stops at our annual Festival Art Crawl



INDIGITAL SPACE + ARCADE

- Interactive gallery featuring digital projects by Indigenous creatives
- iNdigital Days provides profesisonal development programming
- Free admission and open to everyone



Our Impact

» 2026 Stats

16,444 In-person
3,055 Online
75+ Films presented annually
32K Instagram followers
23K Facebook followers
5.5K Newsletter subscribers

160 Artists supported
56 Indigenous nations represented
51 Indigenous languages represented
20 Countries represented
354 Industry delegates
45 Festival events
146 Institute participants/alumni

Our Community

» 2026 Stats

GEOGRAPHICAL REACH

61% Greater Toronto Area

15% Canada

7% USA

10% International

AGE

5% 19-25

27% 26-39

34% 40-55

34% 56-70+

GENDER

58% Female

22% Male

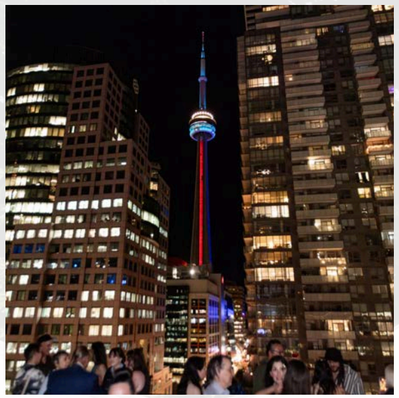
9% 2Spirit

11% Other











2027 Partnership Opportunities

Major Partner

Festival Benefits

- Festival passes and/or ticket package with access to screenings, events, and Industry Days

Festival Recognition

- Logo recognition as “Major Partner” in Festival catalogue, following the Festival trailer, and on website Supporters page
- Opportunity to provide a static ad shown before Festival screenings
- Mention in newsletters and press releases related to the Festival, where applicable
- Verbal recognition at selected events, where applicable

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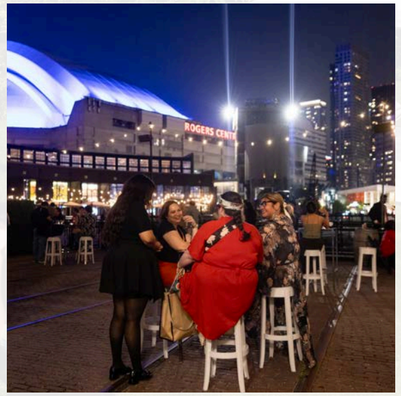
- Verbal acknowledgement, where applicable

Additional benefits can be negotiated.





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