

# Trading amateur filmmaking for the reel thing

The Alberta Student Film Festival hopes to showcase some of the province's fine young filmmakers and their outstanding works

## Alberta Student Film Festival

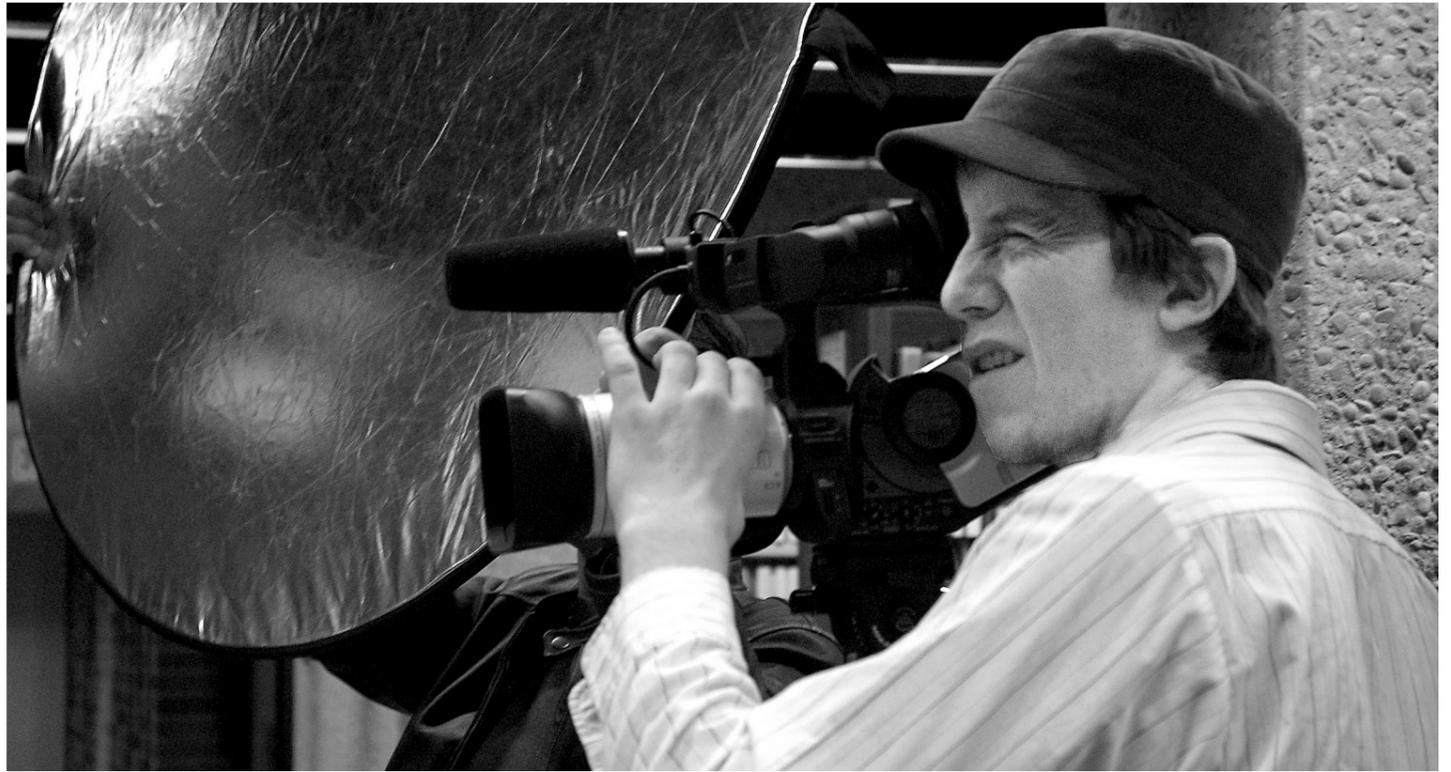
Thursday, 29 March and Friday, 30 March at 8pm  
Myer Horowitz Theatre

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Film festivals aren't exactly new to our city. The Edmonton International Film Festival, The 48-hour Film Project and Red Deer College's former Notion of Motion festival, among others, have provided the city with plenty of memorable films. But according to John Negropontes and Tyler MacIntyre, the coordinators for the first Edmonton Student Film Festival, there's still one group of filmmakers that haven't quite had their time in the spotlight.

"There's never really been many film festivals geared towards just students or people under the age of 25 who are not quite at the professional level yet but who are working towards it," MacIntyre explains. "There's kind of an odd lack of market for people who are under 25, because you're not quite professional enough to be in something like the Toronto Film Festival, but a bit too old for the high school film festivals, so we're hoping to give those people an outlet."

In order to provide that outlet, the festival focused on accessibility, keeping the application fees low and making the criteria for submissions flexible without restrictions on length or genre. MacIntyre hopes this approach will allow applicants to use films they've already made, and avoid the observer



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expectation effect when making films specifically for the festival.

The films will be judged in four different categories, including Best Cinematography, Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Film, and each come with a \$500 prize. In order to judge the films, the coordinators created a screening panel comprised of people in touch with various elements of film making, including two film studies

professors from the U of A, a creative writing professor who teaches screenwriting, a radio-television teacher from NAIT and a member the Film and Video Arts society of Alberta.

"I want them to see that this art is becoming more and more accessible," MacIntyre says. "Often people get daunted by the idea of going out and shooting a movie, where the reality is that it's not that hard. There

are resources available to you, especially in this town and the network of people around that can help you make that happen."

The festival will be screening on both Thursday, 29 March and Friday, 30 March at the Myer Horowitz Theatre, with the cost of admission being a donation. MacIntyre hopes that the festival will help give the festival's audience a better awareness of

the quality of films being made right here in Edmonton.

"When you see Edmonton International Film Festival, the international part becomes the operative part of that, because they show a lot of films from the States, and not all of them necessarily have anything to do with Canada or Edmonton. The purpose of our festival is to keep it very local."

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