



**2019**

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# ABOUT US

## HYFF

Founded in 2017, the Hamilton Youth Film Festival (HYFF) was created to give the youth of Hamilton a chance to shine. Now an annual event, HYFF is largely promoted to the young adults of the Hamilton community and beyond. To date, HYFF has received over 1100 submissions from around the world, and the festival has featured guest speakers, such as Juno Rinaldi (Canadian actress and playwright) as well as Nathan Fleet (Hamiltonian and Hamilton Film Festival Founder).



# SCHEDULE

<b>6:30 PM</b>	Doors Open
<b>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b>	Showcase 1
<b>8:30 PM - 9:00 PM</b>	Showcase 1 Fireside Chat
<b>9:15 PM - 9:45 PM</b>	Showcase 2 Fireside Chat
<b>10:00 PM - 11:00 PM</b>	Showcase 2

# FILMS

## SHOWCASE 1

### **Mother's Day**

By Alexander Desouza

### **Homecoming**

By Alyssa Gismondi

### **Journey**

By Radheya Jegatheva

### **The Ocean from my Eye**

By Natalie Baird

### **Scarlet**

By Calyx Passailaigue

### **Hearth**

By Max Shoham

### **Sincerely Anthony**

By Max Shoham

### **Due Process**

By Gabe Braden

### **Heart Strings**

By Kaleb Laidman

## SHOWCASE 2

### **Tundra**

By Carol Nguyen

### **Reminiscing**

By Phinehas Yoon

### **Happy Birthday**

By Alyssa Asaro

### **Wild Temagami**

By Hailey Sonntag

### **LET'S GO HOME**

By Steve Masihoroe

### **Heartstrings**

By Kaleb Laidman

# GUEST SPEAKERS

## Matt Joniec

Matt has been working in the industry since 2012. He is a passionate and experienced video producer who always strives to find unique and creative ways to tell a client's story. Matt has produced projects for clients of all types from small businesses to prominent public organizations. Matt is also a professional aerial camera operator within I.A.T.S.E. local 667, with a great deal of film and commercial credits to his name (such as *The Handmaid's Tale*, *The Expanse*, *Lincoln*, *McDonalds*, *Chevrolet*, etc). Matt has a love of football, fashion, and things that go fast. He's unapologetic in his love of Michael Bay movies. He has a diploma in digital graphic design from Mohawk College, and an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Multimedia from McMaster University.



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## Michael Chwastiak

Michael Chwastiak is a producer, director, and the co-founder of Boots On The Moon Media. He has produced a wide variety of projects, including the 2018 Clio Shortlist winning visual poem, *Elegy: The Long Dark*, narrated by Academy Award winning actor Christopher Plummer, and the Rockzeline/StudioCanal SF mystery digital series *Seraphim*.

As a director, he has seen festival success with the surreal circus comedy shorts, *The Rebecca's*, and most recently with the one-take comic short film *Life Alarm*, that he co-starred in opposite Canadian actress Alysa King (*Slasher*, Berkshire County).

Michael is also a film, TV and digital series actor with over 35 IMDb credits, including roles on *Murdoch Mysteries*, *Orphan Black*, *The Strain*, and *Reign*.

A late starter to the entertainment world, Michael has been an online pioneer since 1997, first as a website designer, and later as the publisher and editor of *The Sideroad.com*. He was also a founding board member of the *Routes to Roots Film Fest* in Norfolk County, and a co-curator of it in its first two years.

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