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Land Acknowledgement

The Digi60 Filmmakers' Festival and its Board of Directors would like to acknowledge that the land on which we work is on the traditional, unceded, unsurrendered territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People. Please take a moment to learn about the Algonquin Anishnaabeg Nation and to learn about their history, concerns and work as a community. Digi60 believes that the path to reconciliation includes learning and understanding these concerns directly from them, as well as a concerted effort for settlers to make active work toward righting the historical injustices that have faced First Nations peoples.

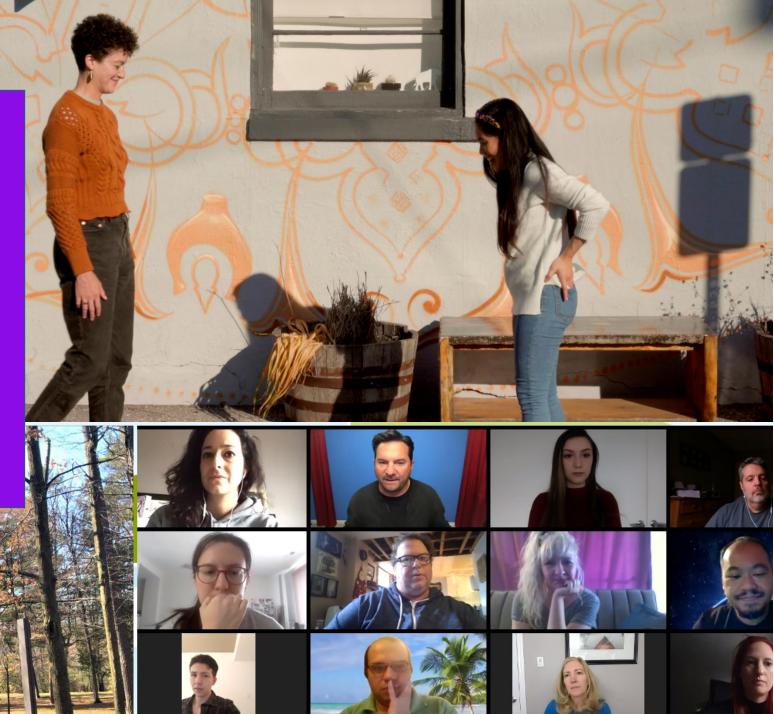
We are grateful and thankful for the opportunity to learn and create in this community.



ABOUT Digi60

The Digi60 Filmmakers' Festival is a grass-roots, volunteer driven, registered not-for-profit corporation run by filmmakers for filmmakers.

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THE Digi60 MANDATE

To provide opportunities for new and emerging filmmakers to

- Create and Learn,
- Expand their Network, and
- Multiply their Skills,

in an accessible, affordable, supportive, and constructive environment where they can access professional development opportunities, their artistic abilities will be celebrated, and their curiosity is embraced.

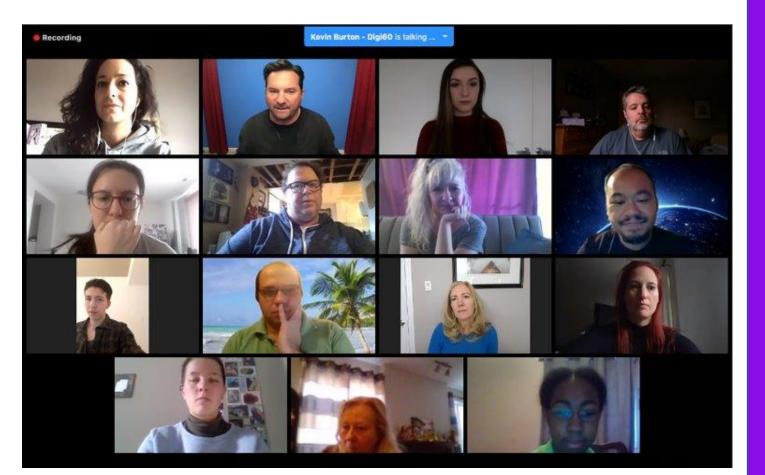
Statement from the President

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"The Digi60 Team showed its flexibility and its devotion to the Festival, pulling off a full weekend of screenings AND workshops that once again brought together all levels of the Ottawa filmmaking community. Against all odds, we had another amazing Festival." - Kevin Burton, President





2020 Reflection

- Overview & Thanks, Emily Ramsay, Board Chair
- Maissa Houri, Director of Womxn's Industry
- Derek Price, Technical Director
- Veronica Roy, Festival Coordinator
- Financial Statement

Thank you to our 2020 Festival Partners & Sponsors!



The Digi60 Filmmakers' Festival would like to gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the City of Ottawa.

Statement from Maissa Houri, Director of Womxn's Industry

"At Digi60, we have been committed to supporting emerging female filmmakers in their filmmaking journey as well as using our platform to raise the voices of underrepresented people in the film community."





Technical Statement Derek Price, Technical Director

"With the pandemic it became apparent that Digi60 needed to focus on a virtual solution for the 2020 festival if it was going to happen. The decision to use YouTube was to drive folks to our newly established platform and account, while keeping the content accessible for all."



2020 Festival Veronica Roy, Festival Coordinator

"Without having to reimagine and adapt our medium, we were able to focus on pivoting the social experience of our festival to a digital format."



Financial Statement

Digi60's 2020 year ended with a positive outlook, but like many arts and culture organizations in Ottawa and Ontario, we were heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic from ticket sales to sponsorships, our revenues were low this year. The primary focus for the festival during the pandemic was to offer panels and workshop on a Pay-What-You-Can or By Donation basis. Participation was largely successful as Derek shared right before this.

We were able to create new partnerships that helped to offset some of the costs of presenters and speakers in our 10 panels and workshops offered during the 2020 festival. The project grant that we received from the City of Ottawa therefor went toward artist fees for workshop presenters, panelists and toward programming costs.

We have also just confirmed that Digi60 will receive \$12,000 toward our programming this year from the City of Ottawa project grants, for whatever iteration the festival will be.





2021 Programming & Outlook Emily Ramsay, Board Chair

In the 2021 Season, Digi60 has committed to the following priorities:

- Board Governance Training
- Strategic Planning
- Uplifting underrepresented voices through programming and financial support
- Creating new partnerships that reflect these new priorities

How will we do this?

- Bilinguallism initiative and serving BIPOC Francophone filmmakers through ACFO Ottawa Bilingual Ottawa program.
- We are excited to share that we will also be financially supported by the City of Ottawa and the Ontario Trillium Foundation in 2021 to achieve these goals and priorities.

Thank you to our 2021 Festival Financial Sponsors







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Feedback and Q&A Open to all attendees.

Get involved!

Digi60 is looking for volunteers to help with the festival and its programming and to help steer the direction of our festival.

Email us at **info@digi60.org** with your experience & how you'd like to get involved.