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SCREENING: The Centre, 777 Homer Street, Doors 6 pm/Show 7pm

AFTERPARTY: Science World, Start 9:30 pm

WELCOME TO CRAZY8S 2023!



Welcome to Crazy8s 2023! Tonight, we're grateful—that we can gather together on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples—Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Səlilwətał/Selilwitulh (Tseil-Waututh) and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.

Tonight, we celebrate—being here as a community, in person, to witness the vision and achievement of the filmmakers and their teams who took up the Crazy8s challenge.

Tonight, we're thankful—for our industry and shared indie community; the Crazy8s alumni who shared their experience with this year's applicants and cohort; the experienced professionals who guided and mentored with this year's teams; our sponsors and supporters, who continue to see value in the Crazy8s program and vision for accelerating talent here in BC.

Thank you, Crazy8s Board for your encouragement, wisdom, and engagement, and for trusting me with the program; and to Paul and Erin, for graciously consulting with me this year.

Thank you, Crazy8s team for selflessly sharing and giving your time, skill, and expertise to support the program and help create a positive environment for the filmmaking teams.

Thank you, Crazy8s Top 6 teams, for trusting us with your stories.

And thank you, the audience, for attending this fundraiser and being part of tonight's cinematic journey through the looking-glass worlds of the Crazy8s 2023 filmmakers!



Grace Chin
Executive Director
2023

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CRAZY8S AFTERPARTY

Following the Gala Screening, head over to our "Through The Looking Glass"-themed Crazy8s Afterparty - Vancouver's largest single-evening film and television industry party. Walk the red carpet, partake in specialty cocktails or your choice of beverages from Lavish Liquid, enjoy the photo booth and roving event entertainment, and hit the dance floor (Main Stage and Chillout Stage) spun by top notch DJs. Triple O's will be open, offering their full menu!

Come on down and join the party!

Grab the party bus sponsored by On Set Headsets. Buses leave regularly from outside The Centre and head to Science World.

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GREETINGS

GREETINGS FROM DGC BC

Good evening to you all and welcome back to Crazy8s! It's an exciting night for our filmmakers and to heighten the experience for them we're happy to be premiering their work in front of a live audience of well over... well, a lot of people. Throughout the years the Crazy8s film festival has developed from its earliest incarnation, as an excuse to use up short ends of film stock while attempting to create new and sometimes highly original short films; ending on the weekend after shooting with a screening for industry friends and have an excuse to drink a couple beers. How the event has evolved is mind boggling when you stop to consider the comparative enormity of the events that they have become. With a nod of appreciation for those who pioneered the Crazy8s and set it up to become the phenomenon that it is and the success it continues to enjoy, to the salute we give to this year's teams as they convene in this theater to unveil their latest creations for our entertainment...Break a Leg Crazy8s class of 2023 and thank you for your dedicated work!

Allan Harmon

Chairman

Directors Guild of Canada, British Columbia



MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO, TELEFILM CANADA

We could not be more excited to come back to the festival circuit to celebrate the artistry of film and showcase Canadian creatives around the world and at home. That is why we are proud to support Crazy8s 2023!

We want to thank and congratulate Crazy8s 2023 for its continued support of diverse voices in film and for fostering the return to cinemas so we can all celebrate these talents from around the world in theatres once again.

And remember, keep supporting Canadian talent in theatres and online whenever you can!

Francesca Accinelli

Interim Executive Director and CEO,
Telefilm Canada



GREETINGS FROM CREATIVE BC

Congratulations to Crazy8s on behalf of Creative BC! We are delighted to partner once again as a presenting sponsor of Vancouver's flagship short film competition, now in its 24th year!

Since its inception, Crazy8s has grown to be recognized as a spirited driver of filmmaker careers, community film culture, and B.C.'s motion picture industry. Now celebrating 24 seasons and 139 short films, Crazy8s returns with six new short films and its exciting signature challenge bringing audiences together with the work of these inspired filmmakers. Creative BC thanks the team behind Crazy8s—the volunteers, partners, creators, audiences, and sponsors for building the capacity of our province's local storytellers and exposing us to the fresh and distinctive voices of British Columbia.

This initiative is also devoted to creating community and real connections within our fast-moving motion picture industry. Together, everyone that touches Crazy8s encourages domestic creators—backing them as they push boundaries, tackle rich and relevant subject matter, and prepare to participate in a global marketplace where the demand for content grows exponentially each day.

Every year when we come together for Crazy8s, we are reminded of the meaningful impacts of our domestic motion picture industry and we reconnect with the energy, heart, and magic of story. Congratulations!

Prem Gill

Chief Executive Officer, Creative BC



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of my colleagues on City Council and of the citizens of Vancouver, I am pleased to extend my warmest greeting to the 2023 Crazy8s Film Gala.

Vancouver is fast emerging as a true creative powerhouse on the world stage, and the Crazy8s Film Gala is one of the contributors to the strength of our vibrant arts and cultural community. It provides funding and support to emerging film makers to help them produce a short film and support them who have little or no access to funding for short film and to train crew and cast. This event is a great opportunity for artists and spectators alike to appreciate the diverse range of film expression in this unique presentation.

Vancouver is proud to the diversity that thrives in our community, and our city is so tremendously enriched by the economic, cultural and social contributions. As Mayor, I would like to thank all the film makers, entertainers, organizers, and volunteers who contribute to the success of this unique and important festival.

Best wishes for a successful and exciting event!

Sincerely,

Mayor Ken Sim

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Sim'.



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Brenna
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Passiflora

Gabriel Souza
Nunes



ZIP

Ava Maria Safai



Hellmark

Jessica Lauren Doucet



High End Dying

Helen Liu



Meditation 4 Black Women

Rukiya Bernard

GALA HOST



MARCI T. HOUSE

Marci is an American/Canadian (Canerican) actress of stage, voice, film & tv, a producer, and has honed her craft all over North America. Hailing from the south-side of Chicago, she now makes her home in Vancouver, BC in Canada. Marci began her acting career at the young age of 7 years old, in community and Chicago Park District Theater, in and around the Chicago area. Marci is a NAACP Theater Award (Los Angeles) & Jessie Theatre Award (Vancouver) nominated actress and set designer, and now works as a professional actor in both the U.S., and Canada.

Marci is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University and the University of Illinois (Chicago), where she studied acting, as well as architecture and urban planning & design. Since then she has also jumped head first into a vast array of theatrical training with the likes of Diane Hardin (Young Actors Space-LA), Bill Duke (Actor's Boot Camp-Miami & LA), Michele Lonsdale Smith (Lyric School of Acting-Vancouver, BC), and Susan Batson, Greg Braun, and Christian Contreras (Black Nexxus/Susan Batson Studios/ New Collective Acting Studio -LA, NYC & Vancouver).

Marci is of the belief that having a diverse life and training not only make one a more rounded person, but also a more interesting actor.

BEHIND THE SIX

What goes into making a short film in just 8 days? We get up close and personal into this crazy experience with our six directors, who brought their short films to life through the Crazy8s program together with their hardworking teams and alongside industry professional crew and mentors. From the highs to the lows, from the inspirations to the challenges, we look Behind The Scenes to see and hear how it all came together and onto the big screen.

Director

Brian Cheung

Videographer/Director of Photography:

Brian Cheung

Executive Producer

Grace Chin

Editor:

Cindy Au-Yeung

BCAM Operator / Assistant Camera:

Quinn Tang

ABOUT CRAZY8S

Crazy8s is an 8-day filmmaking challenge that provides support and funding to emerging filmmakers to help them produce a short film. The Crazy8s program is run by the Crazy8s Film Society, a registered BC not-for-profit society with a core belief in equality, diversity, and community. Crazy8s was created in 1999 by the DGC BC to foster support for emerging filmmakers who have little or no access to funding and resources for short films. 139 films have been made to date. Crazy8s 2023 is presented by the DGC BC. Fast. Fun. Crazy8s! crazy8s.film

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APRIL 15

PRESHOW: 6:30PM SHOW BEGINS: 7:00PM

Opening Remarks by Host Marci T. House
Greetings from Special Guests
Behind The Scenes Video

I Can't Go On
Passiflora
ZIP

10 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Hellmark
High End Dying
Meditation 4 Black Women
Filmmaker Presentation

AFTERPARTY: SCIENCE WORLD

See page 3 for afterparty details



Content Warning: Some of this year's films contain scenes that some viewers may find disturbing or triggering. The films are not rated by Consumer Protection. Viewer discretion is advised.

MESSAGE FROM THE CRAZY8S 2023 BOARD

The Crazy8s board welcomes you to the twenty fourth year of our incredible event! Tonight, as always, will be a culmination of months of hard work and determination to produce an outstanding 6 short films. These 6 teams have made sacrifices and struggles to deliver on the creative promise of Crazy8s: an opportunity to nurture and develop talent who will join and grow the ranks of our established film and television community. We wholeheartedly congratulate the teams, cast and crew, and give thanks to the generous sponsors who make this event possible. A special thank you to the many volunteers who help keep the screening and party running smoothly.

Under the new leadership of Grace Chin, we have continued to grow and evolve as an organization while maintaining all of the key pillars of the society. As the premier short film screening event in Canada, we build on the foundation over the years to develop talent, educate new filmmakers and help usher these sophisticated films into the World.

Thank you for coming tonight to support these teams and their work. Enjoy the screenings and party, and have a great night!



Marc Stephenson
President



Leah Mallen
Treasurer



Amanda Tapping



Allan Harmon



Dylan Akio Smith



Jayme Pfahl



Ines Eisses



Sabrina Furminger



Tyson Hepburn



Jem Garrard

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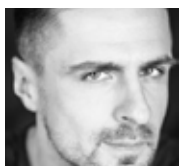
Julia Niendorf
Post Production Producer



Kat Montagu
Story Editor Coordinator



Sophie Caird
Script Coordinator



Luka Cyprian
Stills Photography Coordinator



James Mattagne
Production Coordinator



Cody Kearsley
Production Coordinator



Marena Dix
Credits Coordinator



Sierra Wilson-Furr
Editorial Assistant



Regina Leung
Gala Event Producer

Amy Tsai
Afterparty Event Manager

Chandni Sharma
Gala Event Coordinator/ Box Office Liaison/ Volunteer Coordinator

Director Mentors
*Nimisha Mukerji
Allan Harmon
Jonathan Tammuz
Jem Garrard
Nicholas Humphries
Aubrey Arnason*

Lead Director Mentor
Allan Harmon

Producer Mentors
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Amanda Verhagen
Kristyn Stilling
Jayme Pfahl
Phil Planta
Michelle Morris*

Cinematography Mentor
Danny Nowak

Locations Mentor
Amber Jackson

Workflow Mentor
Kyle Sanborn

Stills Mentors
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Kailey Schwerman*

Editor Mentor
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Marena Dix*

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Edward J. Douglas

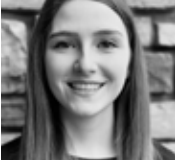
STORY EDITORS FOR THE TOP 12 SEMIFINALISTS



Jessica Bradford



Brian Casilio



Allie Devereaux



Sara Graefe



Adam Hussein



Kaylyn Johnson



Karen Lam



Jonathan Lloyd Walker



Kat Montagu



Ron E. Scott



Rudy Thauberger



Shakil Jessa
Script Consultant

VIDEO PITCH JURY FOR TOP 40 QUARTERFINALISTS



Josh Aries
Filmmaker



Javier Badillo
Filmmaker



Lecily Corbett
Executive Director of Marketing, Keslow Camera



Liza Huget
Chair, Mental Health & Addiction Committee, UBCP



Kay Shioma Metchie
Producer/Writer/Actor



Brendan Prost
Filmmaker / Adjunct Professor, UBC Dept. Theatre & Film

IN-PERSON PITCH JURY FOR TOP 12 SEMIFINALISTS + TOP 6 FINALISTS



Selina Crammond
Program Analyst, Creative BC



Tesh Guttikonda
Writer/Director/Producer



Lynne Lee
Director/Producer, Mighty Asian Movie-making Marathon, Vancouver Asian Film Festival



Zach Lipovsky
Director, DGC - BC - British Columbia District Council



Jayme Pfahl
Producer / Senior Instructor, Vancouver Film School

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Three years ago Crazy8s Film Society was proud to be included as a Designated Industry Partner organization for Telefilm's Talent to Watch program which funds feature films. Each year since, Crazy8s alumni directors apply to us for a recommendation letter towards this program. We are thrilled that one of these projects was successful in its application - THE CHINATOWN DINER, to be directed by Lawrence Le Lam (CYPHER), written by Lawrence and Tesh Guttikonda (MOM VS MACHINE), and produced by Thomas Affolter (THE UNDERTAKER'S SON). We look forward to hearing back from Telefilm on the project we put forward for this year, SON OF A BITCH, from Brodi-Jo Scalise and Josh Farnworth (ITSY BITSY SPIDER).



I CAN'T GO ON

An alienated young woman discovers a body in her apartment elevator, left to fester under the heels of her unconcerned neighbours.

DIRECTOR: Brenna Goodwin-McCabe

WRITER: Brenna Goodwin-McCabe

PRODUCER: Dominique Roy

CO-PRODUCER: Fei Ren

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: Dominique Roy,
Brenna Goodwin-McCabe

CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS:
Madison Stenner, Jasmin Lyu

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Jay Kamal

EDITOR: Bruno Trivelli

PRODUCTION DESIGNER:
Isobel Baker-Smith

FEATURING: Gabrielle Jacinto,
Tyson Arner



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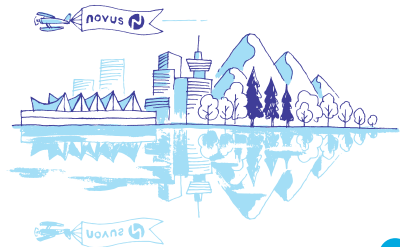
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PASSIFLORA

In a modern retelling of Brazilian folklore, nervous and insecure Theo discovers love for the first time at a fantastical, avant-garde party.

DIRECTOR: Gabriel Souza Nunes

WRITERS: Carolyn Woolner,
Gabriel Souza Nunes

PRODUCERS: Aries Ceta, Elaine Yan

ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS:
Carolyn Woolner, Lily Gao, Emily Poulin,
Rachelle Younie

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY:
Agustin Little

EDITOR: Coline Debray

ORIGINAL MUSIC: Jordan Andrew

PRODUCTION DESIGNER: Tye Leseuer

CHOREOGRAPHERS: Christian Lagasse,
Breanna English





ZIP

On her 16th birthday, singer-songwriter Melody awakens with a zipper sewn to her mouth. A story about the voiceless, who must fight to be heard.

DIRECTOR: Ava Maria Safai

WRITERS: Ava Maria Safai, Syd Castle

PRODUCERS: Nicco Graham, Christopher Cook, Mandana Mehrghorbani, Ava Maria Safai, Caylee Watrin, Brook James

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER: Jonathan Gogoi

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Diego Lozano

PRODUCTION DESIGNER: Naomi Berezowsky

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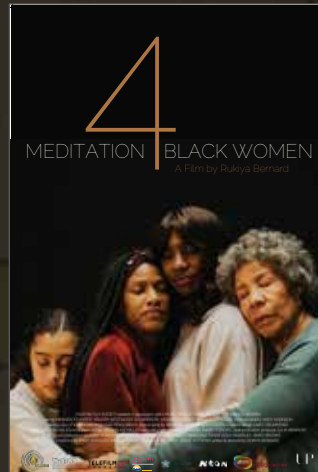
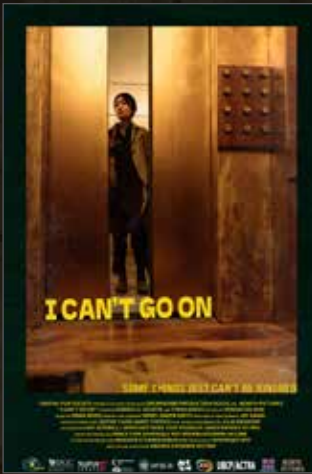
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Congratulations to the Crazy8s teams!







HELLMARK

Madeline's happy ending is interrupted by an abduction that tears her away from the man of her dreams. Put to work in a Christmas factory, she must find her lover and confront the truth behind her own story.

DIRECTOR: Jessica Lauren Doucet

WRITER: Jessica Lauren Doucet

PRODUCER: Eloise Cameron-Smith

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Jaryl Lim

EDITOR: Nathan Young

PRODUCTION DESIGNER: Hillia Aho

FEATURING: Tanya Jade, Giles Panton, MJ Miller, Jen Oleksiuk, Tanis Dolman





HIGH END DYING

An elite-level chef literally puts herself into her craft, as her attempt to impress a famed food critic descends into a bloodbath.

DIRECTOR: Helen Liu

WRITER: Jordan Symes

PRODUCERS: Nancy Kamar,
Melanie Germain, Moheb Jindran

CO-PRODUCERS: Bernardo Villarreal
Covarrubias, Allen Xu, Ernest Ng

ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS: Aileen Wu,
Betty Abeyayehu

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Ernest Ng

PRODUCTION DESIGNER: Samantha Lam

EDITOR: Ian Tan

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MEDITATION 4 BLACK WOMEN

Four black women, with seemingly unrelated lives, meditate on race and how the love of their identity saved a young Black boy.

DIRECTOR: Rukiya Bernard

WRITER: Rukiya Bernard

PRODUCERS: Teana-Marie Smith, Mariam Barry, Jessie Anthony, Andy Hodgson, Rukiya Bernard

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY:
Andy Hodgson

EDITOR: Rayne Pires

PRODUCTION DESIGNER: Jacquie Miller

FEATURING: Lennox Leacock, Marci T. House, Miranda Edwards, Kendra Westwood, Yasmeen Keelders, BJ Harrison, Viv Leacock, Tom Pickett, Corey Strudwick, Matt Anderson, Dustin Wolf





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The cash sponsors allow Crazy8s Film Society to operate as a not-for-profit on a modest budget, and to help finance the filmmakers' projects, contributing toward the \$6,000 total cash that goes to the teams to help finance their Crazy8s films.

We estimate that the in-kind value is approximately \$75,000 per team for a total of \$450,000 in support. This includes: Production insurance, legal opinions (including title, script and music), casting direction, production gear and equipment (including cameras, grip, lighting and sound), locations support, special effects,

props and set dressing, radios, and the full gamut of post production services (including editing, sound, VFX, online, colour correction, and more). Added to this are other in-kind donations for the production of our Behind The Scenes video and promo videos, bringing the total to over half a million dollars a year in in-kind sponsorship.

Crazy8s, and each year's cohort of filmmakers, are grateful to all the sponsors that support the organization and the program. For the full list of our many sponsors, please visit: crazy8s.film/sponsors



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