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Dufferin Film Festival announces diverse Canadian short film lineup for 2026

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The Dufferin Film Festival (DFF) has unveiled its 2026 film lineup, with a three-day program running Aug. 14 to 16 in Orangeville.

The lineup features 19 Canadian short films spanning documentary, drama, comedy, horror and animation, and coming-of-age filmmaking, highlighting diverse voices and storytelling approaches.

The films delve into themes of identity, friendship, grief, family, belonging, memory, cultural heritage, resilience and personal transformation. The 2026 program spans whimsical animated adventures, powerful documentaries, psychological thrillers and heartfelt dramas, reflecting the depth and diversity of Canadian storytelling.

?This year's selections showcase an incredible range of voices, perspectives, and creative approaches. Each film offers audiences a unique window into the stories, experiences, and imaginations that make Canadian cinema so vibrant,? said Marcus Feher, jury chair and film programmer.

Organizers say the festival remains committed to showcasing exceptional Canadian talent and connecting audiences through meaningful cinematic experiences.

?We are thrilled to welcome filmmakers from across the country, as well as local filmmakers to the selection of films for Dufferin Film Festival 2026,? said Kelly McDowell, festival director and founder of DFF.

Details on additional programming, including workshops, networking events, filmmaker Q&As and special events, will be released in the coming weeks.

To view the full lineup and scheule, visit: dufferinfilmfest.com/films