



SAWITRI Theatre Group and Mississauga Arts Council come together to offer an exciting opportunity for emerging filmmakers!

Through filmmaking workshops that culminate in a Film Festival of short films that tell the story of each production that is being presented in the Mississauga Multilingual Fringe® Festival 2023!

Ten short films documenting the development of ideas, through conflicting values expressed by young talented playwrights and actors. New Canadians from South Asia working through cultural issues in English and in their native language, finding a balance between two cultures and expressing it publicly for the first time.

Titled **MMFF Shorts - the Film Festival** it seeks to capture the stimulating discussions and construction of story and play that bring ideas and values to life from native culture to new home and culture bridging then with now. See here how they do it, how they think it, and what it feels like to be on the inside with the creators striving to put into words the backstory behind the play they will present for the first time in a matter of days.

Each film story will be 6-10 minutes in length and will be appraised in terms of the entertainment value they bring to sharing their creative approach to presenting their ideas, showing how feelings and humour, insights and truths become a play that unfolds on stage.

Final films may be in English or not in English. Where not in English, the film will have English subtitles.

SAWITRI THEATRE and Mississauga Arts Council Presents
Real to Reel - Film Making Workshop
Call for Emerging Filmmakers

SAWITRI Theatre is seeking participation from emerging filmmakers for this filmmaking workshop. Supported by the Mississauga Arts Council, this opportunity is designed to provide participants with hands-on experience of making a short film, under the guidance of experienced Mentors. The workshop will culminate in 10 short films, made by the respective 10 participants, which will then be showcased at the Mississauga Multilingual Fringe Festival in August 2023.

Who can/should apply?

People who have made at least one film (short or feature length) and who have not made any films in the past year, are eligible to apply. The age limit for the participants is 16 to 60. However, if you do not fall within this bracket and you still want to learn, please let us know. We want to hear from you!

There are no restrictions on gender, sexuality, age, ability, ethnicity, religion, caste, race, nationality, or national origin...all are welcome!

What is in it for you and how will it work?

You will get to train under some of the best filmmakers in the business. You get to make your film, which will include deciding on Cast and Crew, writing a screenplay, and finally, getting your film screened.

As Quentin Tarantino says, "Making a low-budget film with some friends is the best film school you can attend." We believe in what Tarantino has to say.

Mississauga Arts Council and SAWITRI Theatre have access to film equipment, as well as a green screen room and studio. Participants will have the option to use these facilities. Participants will also be allotted a limited budget to make their films.

Film topic and length

The workshop is meant to be an accompanied component of the Mississauga Multilingual Fringe Festival 2023. There are 10 theatre plays to be staged this year, and each filmmaker selected for this program will be paired up with a theatre production. **The filmmaker will have to make a film about the production itself, the backstory, the themes the production explores and so on.**

While the topic is restricted, there are no restrictions on style or genre. Participants are free to explore genres such as documentaries, comedies, ad films, and so on.

The length of each film is expected to be between 6 to 10 minutes.

Films should be in English or have English subtitles.

When?

The workshops will be held over latter half of June and July. Exact dates will depend on each selected applicant, the mentor and the artists of the production on which the film is to be made.

How to apply?

Please send your resume as well as links to your previous works to admin@sawitri.ca. **The deadline to apply is 15th June 2023**, however we encourage early submissions because the selection will happen on a rolling basis.

When can you hear from us, and what is the selection process?

The selection of the participants will happen in 2 phases. If selected, you will be invited for an in-person interview. Final participants will be selected after the interview.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out at: admin@sawitri.ca