

12th Annual McGill International Cellfilm Festival

Taking action
together /

Agir ensemble

Our Judges

This year, our spectacular judges judged each category non-hierarchically, choosing primary winners as well as honorable mentions.



Brett Parody

Teacher of Media and
Communication Studies at the
University of the Fraser Valley



Joan Summers

Chief Operating Officer
for CODE



Beth Hales

Current research
coordinator for the BEEP
Lab, former PCL intern

Keynote Speaker

Casey discussed how, in times of struggle and repression, how important it is to continue demonstrating queer joy praxis is in 2SLGBTQ+ communities globally. She concluded her remarks with a call to action for other marginalized and queer communities: to use cellfilming as both personal and pedagogical tool to spread the joy that comes from living authentically.



Casey Burkholder

Former Associate
Professor at the University
of New Brunswick, current
Canada Research Chair at
Concordia University

A word from our sponsor



In her speech, Joan Summers discussed the long, fruitful partnership between CODE and the PCL, in particular in reference to previous joint work in Mozambique and Mali. The work of the PCL and CODE there primarily utilized participatory visual art as a means of community communication for young teachers, who often combat sexual harassment inside and outside of their workplace. Cellfilms are both part of the research process and research output, giving them a special place as means of communication and method of change.

Our Winners

Children Ages 12 and under

-  **On n'aime pas le nuage**
By: Marie, Oona, Evi, et Sarah
-  **Are You Okay?**
By: Kristopher Sinaga
-  **The Mask of a Girl**
By: Yihan Shen
-  **Kindness**
By: Dolia Bong Duke
-  **Passons l'action ensemble pour sauver l'environnement**
By: Lea, Jeanne, et Mia

Youth Ages 13-17

-  **Where are you from?**
By: Sofia Guzman
-  **Dana Zan Tattuna? (Who do I talk to?)**
By: Rabiya Umar, Abubakar Muhammed, Yusuf Musa, Abubakar Adamu
-  **L'exploitation des Ressources Naturelles**
By: Lola Christiano
-  **Peace**
By: Mujahid Isayaka, Usman Umar, Khalid Buhari, Sanusi Musa
-  **CATS: The BIG BOSS**
By: Roxana Krutos Tanoutasi

Group

-  **Depression**
By: Nyameka Tyabule
-  **Murmar Mu Daya Ce (One Voice)**
By: Amira Hussain, Rukaita Harisu, Amina Shetti, Maryam Zubairu, Najatu Ahmed, Wasila Ismail
-  **Illaar Shaye Shaye (Drug Abuse)**
By: Zillatun Mas'ud, Muhi'd Saddam Sagir, Hababakar Badamasi, Yusuf Usman
-  **Together, let's make a change in our university for a better and more enjoyable living environment**
By: Fily, Fatoumata, Bahaba, Aliou, Abdoulaye, Djeneba, Djilissatou, Fode, Amadou

Individual

-  **A Monologue of a Human**
By: Lingun Tang
-  **On Humanity**
-  **Resistance Existence**
By: Leena Abel Dayem
-  **Love Letter to my Mind**
By: Meghri Bakarian
-  **Together Against the Swipe: Finding Love Beyond the Screen**
By: Emmanuel Latio
-  **Together Against the Swipe: Finding Love Beyond the Screen**
By: Stephen Cheng

Highlights

Thank you so much for hearing the children out.

— Erika Liang, speaking about Children's category cellphlms

'We made this cellphilm to express our feelings, and to make our families and community understand some of the challenges that girls are facing due to lack of communication in their close relationships.'

— Bilkisu Ibrahim, quoting the creators of "Murmar mu daya ce (One Voice)"

Where did our submissions come from?

This year, our submissions came from 7 different countries across the globe!

