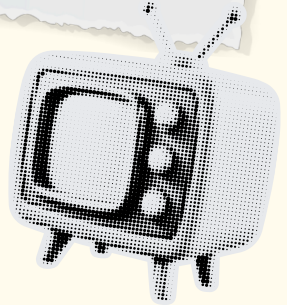


13th Annual McGill International Cellphilm Festival

CONVERSATIONS AND
CONNECTIONS: THIS IS
NOT A TIME FOR
SILENCE



Our Judges

This year, our wonderful judges had to work hard in order to choose the winners and honourable mentions out of so many strong submissions!



Brett Pardy

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



Joan Summers

Chief Operating
Officer for CODE



Nicole Guan

Research assistant at
the Participatory
Cultures Lab



Dr. Schwab-Cartas teaches at NSCAD University in the MA Education program. His focuses span decolonial aesthetics, participatory research, and Indigenous knowledge systems

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Joshua Schwab-Cartas, one of the festival's original co-creators and Assistant Professor in the Art Education at NSCAD University, delivered the keynote address reflecting on the cellphilm movement's evolution from a small classroom gathering to a global platform. He shared the inaugural festival's promotional video, describing cellphilm as a movement that breaks silence and sparks dialogue. Drawing from his work documenting Zapotec cultural practices, he emphasized how cellphilm preserves traditions while connecting generations.

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"As the Zapatistas remind us, Caminando preguntando means "we walk while questioning"—this is the spirit of cellphilm. It's not static, it's not prescriptive, it's an invitation. It asks what stories haven't been told yet, whose knowledge has been ignored or dismissed, what futures can be imagined when we listen and see differently."

- Joshua Schwab-Cartas
Keynote Address



"I hope one thing you take away from my video (*Shatter the Silence*) is that privilege isn't just something to be thankful for, it's something that carries responsibility... I have a duty to care, to act, and to NOT be complicit"

- Winner, Leena Abdel-Dayem
of Canada





OUR WINNERS



Children	Youth	Group	Individual	Older Adults
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- Winner: **My Roots**
- Honourable Mention 1: *Birrarung*
- Honourable Mention 2: *Un monde meilleur avec l'album de vie*
- Honourable Mention 3: *Comment protéger les animaux ?*

- Winner: **Dear Future me**
- Honourable Mention 1: *Cutting Edge Forestry*
- Honourable Mention 2: *Life on a Leaf*

- Winner: **Used and Abused**
- Honourable Mention 1: *RED ANT Awareness Video on Chaupadi*
- Honourable Mention 2: *From Waste to Awareness: Climate Justice and Human Relationships*

- Winner: **Shatter the Silence**
- Honourable Mention 1: *Roots*
- Honourable Mention 2: *Slow down and get curious*

- Winner: **We would like to get treated well by health services**
- Honourable Mention 1: *As Old People, We Need to be Treated on Time*

WHERE ARE OUR 2025 SUBMISSIONS FROM?

