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**26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ONE WORLD FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS**  
**Canadian Documentary Shorts with Ottawa Indie Fest**

Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the National Gallery of Canada

**September 8, 2015, OTTAWA** — One World Film Festival (OWFF) partners with **Ottawa Indie Fest (OIF)** to present a selection of short documentaries directed by Canadian filmmakers. The screenings take place **Saturday September 26, 2015** at the **National Gallery of Canada** from **12:30pm to 2:30pm**, followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers. *For more details visit:* [oneworldfilmfestival.ca](http://oneworldfilmfestival.ca) and [ottawaindiefest.com](http://ottawaindiefest.com)

Presented as part of the festival's "Our Home on Native Land" program, the four featured films explore the themes of journeys, the sacred, and conservation and reinforce the need for governments to respect and honour the needs indigenous communities and preserve something lasting for future generations.

***Searching for Sacred Mountain*** | Dir. Gary Marcuse and Shi Lihong | B.C., Canada | 2015 | 20 mins  
In the midst of a growing environmental crisis in China, journalists, filmmakers and scientists discover clean air, green mountains, wild animals and an ancient network of ecological reserves maintained by Tibetan Buddhists in the mountains of southwestern China.

***Chajil Ch'upup*** | Dir. Jennifer Robbins | Ontario, Canada | 2013 | 8 mins  
Juan is an Tz'utujil Mayan whose family has fished Lake Atitlan - one of the most beautiful lakes in the world - for many generations. Working together with other members of the local fishing cooperative - Chajil Ch'upup (Guardians of the Tule) - Juan labours with love to sustain the integrity and viability of the lake that supported his ancestors, marking the way forward for his generation and the next.

***Sayachapis*** | Dir. Marie Soleil Henri Foisy | Quebec, Canada | 2014 | 21 mins  
On a small island off the coast of Vancouver, Sayachapis lives a solitary life. His memories of hard labour, starvation, rape, broken bones and other unimaginable horrors of a childhood spent in residential school remain vivid, and yet he is able to say: "I am still alive, I am still okay."

***An Object that has Spirit*** | Dir. Howard Adler | Ontario, Canada | 2015 | 27 mins  
Five indigenous artists from across Canada come together to create a heritage marker to honour Indian Residential School Survivors and entrust their experiences to public memory. Faced with an enormous task, the artists rise to the challenge, transforming what was originally conceived of as a heritage plaque into an object imbued with spirit.

"Our Home on Native Land" continues with **Martha Stiegman's** documentary ***Honour Your Word*** at 3pm, followed by **Victoria Lean's *After the Last River*** at 6pm and award-winning director **Charles Wilkinson's *Haida Gwaii: on the Edge of the World*** at 8:45pm.

Members of Ottawa Indie Fest and all four Canadian filmmakers are available for interviews prior to the event. Please contact **OWFF Manager Jessica Ruano** by email at [media@oneworldarts.ca](mailto:media@oneworldarts.ca) for more information.

## Upcoming OWFF Events

### Launch of 26th Annual One World Film Festival and Ottawa Premiere of CHAMELEON

Thursday, September 10, 2015 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, ByTowne Cinema, 325 Rideau Street, Media are invited to attend free of charge. Please RSVP to [media@oneworldarts.ca](mailto:media@oneworldarts.ca)

### 26<sup>th</sup> Annual One World Film Festival, September 24 to 27, 2015

Pay-What-You-Can tickets for all festival events are available online at [oneworldfilmfestival.ca](http://oneworldfilmfestival.ca)

**National Gallery of Canada, 380 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, K1N 9N4**

#### Thursday Sept. 24th: "Documenting Democracy"

6pm to 10pm

*My Enemy, My Brother* (Canada)

*Democrats* (Denmark)

#### Saturday Sept. 26th: "Our Home on Native Land"

12pm to 5pm

*Honour Your Word* (Canada)

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#### Friday Sept. 25th: "The Kids Are All Right"

6pm to 10pm

*The Year We Thought About Love* (USA)

*Landfill Harmonic* (USA)

6pm to 10pm

*After the Last River* (Canada)

*Haida Gwaii on the Edge of the World* (Canada)

**Saint Paul University, 322 Main Street, Ottawa, K1S 1C4**

#### Sunday Sept. 27th: "Actions Speak Louder Than Words"

Take the next step toward action with a full day of films, panels, and interactive workshops with Inter Pares, the Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution, and Oxfam Canada.

## About OWFF and OIF

The One World Film Festival is the flagship program of One World Arts, a Canadian charitable organization that has been raising awareness and fostering public engagement on global issues since 1972.

The OWFF is Ottawa's longest-running annual documentary film festival. Since 1989, the festival has been raising awareness on a diverse range of global issues through presentations of thought-provoking documentaries, panel discussions, Q&As with filmmakers, workshops, and information fairs.

Ottawa Indie Fest is a cultural, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to recognize, promote and celebrate the art of cinema by showcasing independent Ottawa, Canadian and international films and filmmakers.

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual OWFF is funded, in part, by grants from the Ontario Arts Council and the City of Ottawa.



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