

March 5-7, 2026

**Thunder Bay Museum
425 Donald St E, Thunder Bay**

\$10 per session

5th Annual

Spotlight on Academics Film Festival



Lakehead
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History



Thursday March 5th

6:15 - 6:30 p.m.

Welcome and opening remarks by Ron Harpelle

Session 1 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Theme: Art, Culture, and Storytelling

6:30 - 6:55 p.m.

The Language of Light (23:35)

Director: Fiona Cochrane

6:55 - 7:05 p.m.

The Muster at Marquette (10:00)

Director: Andrew Coons

7:05 - 7:58 p.m.

Adonis Unadorned (53:00)

Director: Dalibor Mišina

8:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Q&A/Break

Session 2 | 8:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Theme: Education, Technology, and Cultural Reflection

8:30 - 9:20 p.m.

Incredible India (50:00)

Director: Mikhail Alekseenkov

9:20 - 9:31 p.m.

Could Try Harder (11:00)

Director: Sophie Jackson

9:31 - 9:49 p.m.

The Digital Dilemma (18:11)

Director: Stephane Kaas

Friday March 6th

Session 3 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Theme: Understanding people and the Past

6:30 - 7:22 p.m.

The Other Side of the Other (52:03)

Directors: Rita de Cácia Oenning da Silva, Kurt Shaw

7:22 - 7:43 p.m.

Brown- An Archaeological Perspective in 4 Layers (21:00)

Director: Sophie Jackson

7:45 - 8:15p.m.

Q&A/Break

Session 4 | 8:15 – 10:00 p.m.

Theme: Shared Histories and Living Traditions

8:15 - 8:33 p.m.

The Empire Writes Back (28:00)

Director: Dorna Van Rouveroy

8:33 - 9:20 p.m.

A Tale of Two Qallunaat (47:32)

Director: Kelly Saxberg

9:20 - 9:45 p.m.

Q&A

Saturday March 7th

Session 5 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Theme: Indigenous Histories and Land

1:00 - 2:23 p.m.
The Doctrine (1:23:00)
Director: Gwendolen Cates

2:23 - 2:53 p.m.
Baaxpee: This Ground (29:42)
Director: Robin Starbuck

2:55 - 3:10 p.m.
Q&A/Break

Session 6 | 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.
Theme: Environment and the Future

3:15 - 3:50 p.m.
Yungilla: A Sustainable Community (35:00)
Director: Ligia Simba-Bolaños

3:50 - 4:10 p.m.
Seeds of the North (20:00)
Director: Jyothis Thomas

4:10 - 4:16 p.m.
Greenland: A Geological Journey (05:26)
Director: Gina Moseley

4:16 - 4:26 p.m.
Tipping Point (10:05)
Director: Marjolaine Lamontagne

4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Q&A

Online Festival

All festival films including the following titles will be presented exclusively on ResearchTV from March 8-15, 2026.

A Pot Full of Dreams

01:23:37 | Directed by Shiva Sanjari

A Remote Frontier

00:06:26 | Greenland Caves Project

Cosmic Coda

01:26:00 | Directed by MJ Doherty

Dabucuri

00:52:11 | Directed by Kurt Shaw, Rita Oenning da Silva

Eitai – Community Togetherness

00:59:00 | Directed by sally bashford-squires

Gert's Boys

00:19:45 | Directed by Sara Laura Schwartz

Grad Students, Talking

00:55:50 | Directed by Matt Rogers

How To Groom Your Rabbit

00:18:45 | Directed by Ashley D. Morgan

In the Midst of Art and Devotion

00:35:05 | Directed by Ayans Lam Miguez

Interplay

00:20:00 | Directed by Sanne Rovers

Invisible Machines

00:24:00 | Directed by Yelena Gluzman

Like A Mountain: Mindfulness for Young Caregivers

00:25:31 | Directed by Dr. Mike Lang

Maestro Roman Toi Beautiful songs I dedicate to you

01:27:00 | Directed by Kalli Paakspuu

Our Threatened & Endangered Species: Allegheny Woodrats

01:06:00 | Directed by Tracy A Graziano

Saffron Robe

01:25:13 | Directed by Jane Centofante

Online Festival

Simulacrum

00:20:20 | Directed by W. Plińska, W. Jankowski

Simulating Religious Violence

00:60:00 | Directed by Jenn Lindsay

Snowdrops for the Bairns

00:25:12 | Directed by Donna Dees

Stolen Time

01:25:00 | Directed by Helen Klodawsky

The Darkness: Lessons on Solar Energy, Community, and Power

00:20:00 | Directed by Nelson Varas-Díaz

The Language of Light: Ashley Gilbertson

00:25:29 | Directed by Fiona Cochrane

The Language of Light: Emmanuel Santos

00:26:57 | Directed by Fiona Cochrane

The Language of Light: Jacqueline Mitelman

00:24:38 | Directed by Fiona Cochrane

The Language of Light: John Street

00:24:30 | Directed by Fiona Cochrane

The Language of Light: Meredith O'shea

00:23:00 | Directed by Fiona Cochrane

The Language of Light: Ricky Maynard

00:22:30 | Directed by Fiona Cochrane

The Radiant Screen

00:47:17 | Directed by Ine Lamers

This is Somewhere Safe

00:15:59 | Directed by Greg Scott

Unconditional

00:31:39 | Directed by Simon Wharf

Unveiling Earth's Climate Secrets

00:03:38 | Directed by Gina Moseley