

**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 | 6:15 –8:00 p.m.**

**Theme: Understanding people and the Past**

**6:15 - 7:07 p.m.**

**The Other Side of the Other (52:03)**

**Directors: Rita de Cácia Oenning da Silva, Kurt Shaw**

**7:08 - 7:29 p.m.**

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

**Director: Sophie Jackson**

**7:30 - 7:50 p.m.**

**Q&A/Break**

**Session 4 | 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

**Theme: Shared Histories and Living Traditions**

**7:50 - 8:18 p.m.**

**The Empire Writes Back (28:00)**

**Director: Dorna Van Rouveroy**

**8:19 - 9:08 p.m.**

**A Tale of Two Qallunaat (47:32)**

**Director: Kelly Saxberg**

**9:09-9:40 p.m**

**You Dance Our Dance**

**Director: Brita Miko**

**9:40 - 10:00 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**

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## 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