

**LIFT ANNOUNCES TRANSFORMATIONS:
A CROSS GENERATIONAL COMMISSIONING PROJECT
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SCREENINGS**

Toronto, September 5, 2023—In 2021 the Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto's (LIFT) celebrated its 40th anniversary as an artist-run organization. This milestone presented the opportunity to create an intergenerational dialogue between artists. As a way to honour that desire for communication we launched "**Transformations: A Cross Generational Commissioning Project,**" in Fall of 2022, in which five veteran LIFT members were paired with five artists selected from an open call and who were newer to the LIFT community.

Each pair was tasked with considering an open ended question: *What defines a city in flux?* These five veteran filmmakers each held their own history with LIFT, in some cases dating back to the early 1980s. Helen Lee, Jorge Manzano, Kelly O'Brien, John Price and Edie Steiner, alongside their collaborators, Dev Ramsawakh, Luísa Cruz, Alice Charlie Liu, Jean-Pierre (JP) Marchant and Kourtney Jackson, responded to the prompt with curiosity and ingenuity, traversing numerous genres and themes.

We are delighted to announce the premiere of the films will be **Thursday, September 21, 2023**. The full program will be available for both in-person and online screening.

The program includes:

- "Circadian Verses" Directed by Luísa Cruz and Jorge Manzano
- "What We Carry" Directed Dev Ramsawakh and Helen Lee
- "meditations on a process" Directed by Kourtney Jackson and Edie Steiner
- "Some Observations on Human Behaviour" Directed by Kelly O'Brien
- "I Said Goodbye to Me" by Alice Charlie Liu
- "Toronto, Old and New" Directed by Jean-Pierre (JP) Marchant and John Price

In-Person Screening:

Thursday, September 21, 2023
Innis Town Hall, 2 Sussex Avenue
7:00pm - 9:00pm

\$10.00 Non-Members, FREE for LIFT members

Register here: <https://lift.ca/workshop-registration/?event=1275&workshopcat=0>

**** Cash tickets may be available at the door; space permitting.*

Following the screening there will be a Q & A with attending filmmakers and a small reception.

The full film program will be **available to watch on demand on VUCAVU.com from September 21 through to October 5, 2023.**

These commissioned films are explorations of collective experience, and cultural memory; placemaking; intersectional storytelling; intergenerational exchange; and imagined or unexpected communities. Although wildly different in form and approach. Together, they testify to the breadth of knowledge and talent in this city's independent filmmaking community, and to the value of dialogue in service of reflection

Visit our website for complete information on the filmmakers and their films:

<https://lift.ca/programming-home/lift-announces-transformations-in-person-screening-and-vod>

Accessibility:

- **Closed Captioning** will be provided for the following films: "Circadian Verses," "meditations on a process," "What We Carry," "Some Observations on Human Behaviour," and "I Said Goodbye to Me." "Toronto, New and Old" will be a live film performance.
- **If you use an assisted mobility devices and would like to request a space**, please get in touch with Development Coordinator Cayley James at development@lift.ca as soon as possible.
- Although the University of Toronto and Innis Town Hall currently does not have an active masking policy, **LIFT strongly encourages those attending the screening to wear a mask.**

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and a variety of other services. LIFT is supported by its membership, Canada Council for the Arts, Ontario Arts Council, Ontario Trillium Foundation, Ontario Arts Foundation, the Government of Ontario and the Toronto Arts Council. <https://lift.ca>

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