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Lunenburg Doc Fest Expands with an Experimental Short Film Program and out of the Theatre

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia — Lunenburg Doc Fest is pleased to announce a new addition to the festival's program: *From the Edge of the Atlantic*, experimental short films showcasing Atlantic filmmakers near and far. The program includes an evening of short films followed by a Q&A and reception as well as a single channel exhibit in a local gallery. The short films that make up the program are somehow inspired by or linked to the Atlantic.

"We are eager to incorporate innovative and unconventional ways to tell stories through the art of documentary," says Pamela Segger, festival co-chair. "LDF fosters artistic expression and aims to present an immersive experience for filmmakers and audiences."

The program opens with a free media art installation at the Peer Gallery, 167 Lincoln Street featuring *Crows and Branches* by Millefiore Clarkes, from Charlottetown, PE. The looping single channel video runs from Wednesday, Sept. 23 through to the close of the Festival, Sunday, Sept. 27. See The Peer Gallery for hours of operation.

"We live in a land surrounded by the Atlantic and cannot deny its force — some of us fight the current, others flow with it, we all explore it," states Darrell Varga, Professor, writer, filmmaker and professor of film history and documentary filmmaking at NSCAD University. "Each of the filmmakers chosen for the program explores in some way this effect, this rhythm, this aqua elemental influence, whether harsh and violent or serene and rousing."

From the Edge of the Atlantic offers yet another opportunity for audiences to interact with attending filmmakers (at least six will be present) by way of a post-screening panel discussion and an informal reception, both of which are open and free to all. Lunenburg Doc Fest will present an award for overall best short film at this year's Festival and the films in the **From the Edge of the Atlantic** program are eligible. DOC Atlantic will also award a one-year membership to a filmmaker from one of the four Atlantic provinces.

The screening takes place at 9pm on Saturday, September 26 at the Lunenburg School of the Arts, 6 Prince St., Lunenburg. Tickets are \$10 at the door or Pass Holders. For more information or to buy passes go to <http://www.lunenburgdocfest.com/>.

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Lunenburg Doc Fest showcases documentary films that entertain, educate, and inspire, creating a cultural experience and place of connection between filmmakers and film enthusiasts in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. The festival is presented with the generous support of the Province of Nova Scotia, the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage, the Town of Lunenburg and Nova Scotia Tourism. From the Edge of the Atlantic is generously supported by Arts Nova Scotia along with The Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative and The Centre for Art Tapes.

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