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## Free Workshop, Free Admission for 12 and Under, and \$1000 Bursary: Lunenburg Doc Fest's Youth Program

**Lunenburg, Nova Scotia** — Lunenburg Doc Fest presents an expanded and enhanced Youth Program this month. Adding to the popular **free Youth Workshop** for 13 to 18 year olds, the Festival is offering a \$1000 school **bursary** and **free admission** to the Youth Screening for anyone 12 and under.

Starting this weekend (running September 12, 13 and 19, 20), the Youth Workshop will teach kids to make their own short documentaries then showcase their work at the festival along with the feature film, **I Am Eleven**, an "insightful, funny and moving documentary portrait of childhood."

NEW this year, Lunenburg Doc Fest is pleased to offer **free admission to youth 12 and under for the Youth/Family program**, which includes the premieres of short documentaries created during the free Youth Documentary Workshop plus the **I Am Eleven** film.

From an orphanage in India, to a single-parent household in inner-city Melbourne, to bathing with elephants in Thailand, **I Am Eleven** explores the lives and thoughts of children from 15 countries. **I Am Eleven** weaves together deeply personal and at times hilarious portraits of what it means to sit at this transitional age. These young minds provide us with a powerful insight into the future of our world. The screening takes place at 1:00pm, The Pearl Theatre, 37 Hall Street, Lunenburg.

Also NEW in 2015, Lunenburg Doc Fest will award a bursary of \$1,000 to a Nova Scotian student, attending post-secondary film studies. In addition to the bursary, a Film Pass granting access to all feature documentary screenings on September 26 and 27, 2015, will be awarded.

"We strive to offer something for everyone, including the youth," states Debra Beers, Co-Chair of the Festival. "Our community encourages youth to participate in this festival and it is our pleasure to create opportunities that will educate, entertain and inspire them."

For more information, to register for the free workshop, apply for the bursary or buy tickets to the screening go to <http://www.lunenburgdocfest.com/>. Deadline for the bursary is September 16, 2015.

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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. The Youth Program is presented with the support of The Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative and The Centre for Art Tapes.*

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