



THE REGENT PARK FILM FESTIVAL SET TO LAUNCH ITS 14th PROGRAM

(Toronto, ON) September 27, 2016 – The REGENT PARK FILM FESTIVAL celebrates the Program Launch of the 14th ANNUAL REGENT PARK FILM FESTIVAL on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at Daniels Spectrum (585 Dundas Street East), during its Annual Fundraising Screening. The 14th ANNUAL REGENT PARK FILM FESTIVAL runs from November 23 to November 26, 2016. The Program Launch and Fundraiser will be hosted by CBC Radio 2's **Amanda Parris**, beginning with a cocktail reception (6:30PM), PROGRAM LAUNCH (7:00PM), **HIP HOP EVOLUTION** screening (8:00PM), followed by a conversation moderated by **Amanda Parris** with special guests: Canada's first female MC **Michie Mee**, Anishinaabe rapper and b-boy **Que Rock**, award-winning journalist and scholar **Dalton Higgins**, artist and organizer **Wan Luv** and youth hip hop artist and organizer **LolaBunz**.

Tickets are \$50.00 each, with an opportunity to purchase tickets for a youth from the Regent Park community to attend the Program Launch on October 19th or participate in one of Regent Park Film Festival's year-round workshops. All the proceeds raised from the event go directly towards the Regent Park Film Festival's Annual Festival and its many year-round community outreach programs and free-of-charge workshops. (<http://regentparkfilmfestival.com/fundraiser/>) All tickets are eligible for a tax receipt.

HIP HOP EVOLUTION follows Canadian rapper, Shad, as he travels through the South Bronx and Harlem to retrace the roots of hip hop with icons DJ Kool Herc, Africa Bambaataa, Grandmaster Flash and Ice Cube. Hip-Hop was born out of the brilliance of a community of Black youth in the South Bronx. Today, it continues to have relevance that goes beyond being just a genre of music; it is a lifestyle, a form of resistance and way of building community.

The **REGENT PARK FILM FESTIVAL** is Toronto's only free-of-charge community film festival that has been making powerful films accessible to low income communities across Toronto for over 14 years. It offers high quality international programming, presented at world-class film festivals, that resonates directly with the changing pulse of our city. REGENT PARK FILM FESTIVAL is the 2016 recipient of the *Toronto Arts Foundation's Neighbourhood Arts Network TD Arts Diversity Award*.

The REGENT PARK FILM FESTIVAL was started by a student teacher Chandra Siddan and other educators in the community. They wanted to bring people of Regent Park, especially students, access to stories that resonate with the residents. In 2003, the REGENT PARK FILM FESTIVAL was a small event at Nelson Mandela Public School and over the years it grew to be a 4-day event, with its programming (screenings and workshops) happening year round. The REGENT PARK FILM FESTIVAL's work is based on the idea that everyone deserves safe affordable housing, healthcare, healthy food and access to stories that open up possibilities.

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