

CANADIAN LABOUR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

WORK

IT'S WHAT MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND



FREE FILMS!

INNIS TOWN HALL

SATURDAY

20 NOVEMBER, 2010
2:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

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21 NOVEMBER, 2010
2:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

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27 NOVEMBER, 2010
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28 NOVEMBER, 2010
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LABOUR FILM MONTH
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Canadian Labour International Film Festival
THE WORLD OF WORK AND THOSE WHO DO IT

known for Cesar Chavez's leadership and considered a Chicano movement, Filipinos played a pivotal role that began it all.

Defying the Law

1997 – 47 minutes, English

On 14 July, 1946, a group of steelworkers left Hamilton's Playhouse Theatre and set up pickets around the country's largest steel mill. Their action sparked one of the most important strikes in our country's history - a strike which many consider to be the birth of the modern Canadian labour movement.

5:00 P.M.

Beneath Black Skies

2009 – 67 minutes, English

In 1902, Australia's largest industrial disaster killed 96 men and boys and left 120 children fatherless. This labour history tracks how Australia's first mineral export, coal, shaped the men and women who lived the mining life... beneath black skies.

7:00 P.M.

The Union Song

2010 – 3 minutes, English

A short video containing a bluegrass song about how all members of the education community work together to keep the public school system strong.

The Coca-Cola Case

2009 – 86 minutes, French, English, Spanish (with English subtitles)

Colombia is the trade union murder capital of the world. Since 2002, more than 470 workers' leaders have been killed by paramilitaries hired by companies intent on crushing the unions. Among these corporate brands is... Coca-Cola.

SUNDAY, 28 NOVEMBER
STRUGGLES & VICTORIES:
HERE & NOW, HOME & AWAY

2:00 P.M.

Angadi Theru

2010 – 148 minutes, Tamil (English subtitles)

This is considered to be a milestone in Tamil cinema due its raw content. After tragedy strikes his father, a young man has to look after his mother and two sisters. Mahesh, along with hundreds of others, are employed at the Senthil Murugan Stores run by the big Annachi where 50 to 60 sales boys and girls work in pitiable conditions. He meets Kani (Anjali), a fiery independent girl.

6:15 P.M.

Sudden Wake

2009 – 11 minutes, Arabic (English subtitles)

This is the story of the struggle of Egypt's first independent trade union – the Real Estate Tax Authority Union (RETA). RETA was formed in December 2008, one year after tax collectors there held a two-week sit-in in front of the Cabinet Building. They face constant harassment from the Egyptian government as well as the country's official labour federation, the ETUF.

Special Pass

2009 – 24 minutes, Tamil with English Subtitles

A documentary about a group of foreign workers in Singapore who attempt to seek shelter and support themselves while out of work. This is the lesser-known story of foreigners who receive little support in a country that, ironically, was built by the work of immigrants.

Work in Progress

2009 – 11:33 minutes, English

The life of an injured worker is seen through her challenges, both personal and the bureaucratic.

REplace

2010 – 57 minutes, English, French, Other (subtitles)

REplace is a documentary about African immigrants coming to work in Europe – if they make it. Sven Jense reversed their route from Amsterdam to Mali, West Africa. On his way he meets with different migrants, from a mother in Paris to a construction engineer who never made it.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Locations from all over Canada will be voting on the Best-in-Festival prize. It carries a \$2,500 cash award. Last year's winner was Tanaka-san Will Not Do Callisthenics, an Australian film about a Japanese worker.

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Welcome back to the Second Canadian Labour International Film Festival. Last year we had more than forty locations across Canada participate in our unique national film festival.

This year, we have more than fifty! Join us to watch some of the best labour films from across the world. Share in the struggles of others and find out how workers all over the world are succeeding by standing up and speaking out!

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2 Sussex Avenue, Toronto

(5 minutes south of St. George subway)

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SATURDAY, 20 NOVEMBER
THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON WORKERS
2:00 P.M.

Neoliberalism as Water Balloon

2009 – 12 minutes, English

A Do-It-Yourself experiment illustrating the impact of neoliberal economics on class, race and gender equality.

Workers' Republic

2010 – 61 minutes, English, Spanish

In December 2008, factory workers in Chicago took over their closing workplace to demand their severance, inspiring people all over the world to “not take a bad economy lying down!”

4:30 P.M.

The Curious Case of the Missing Recovery

2010 – 13 minutes 25 seconds, English

“Stanfordo” searches far and wide for answers to a mystery that continues to baffle hard-working Canadians. How can the federal government and Bank of Canada proclaim an economic recovery when hundreds of thousands of workers are still jobless, and millions are still reeling from one of the worst downturns since the Great Depression?

Home Safe Toronto

2009 – 96 minutes, English

Examines the threat and reality of homelessness facing the working poor, in the context of economic and job insecurity that has eroded the manufacturing sector.

7:15 P.M.

The Union Song

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Schmatta: Rags to Riches to Rags

2008 – 75 minutes, English

Brings to life the vibrant unexpected history of the garment district, which for many years was the heart and soul of Midtown Manhattan, but is now in danger of disappearing.

SUNDAY, 21 NOVEMBER
WOMEN WORKERS AROUND THE WORLD
2:00 P.M.

Silent Voices: Home-based Women Workers in Pakistan

2010 – 14 minutes, Urdu, Punjabi, others (English subtitles)

The stories of women home-based workers in Pakistan told in a gritty and realistic style.

Red Dust

2010 – 20 minutes, Mandarin, Sichuanhua (dialect) English (subtitles)

The incredible story of resistance, courage and hope by women workers in China battling cadmium poisoning, and demanding justice from the local government and their employer, a multi-national battery manufacturer.

Bölge (The Zone)

2010 – 40 minutes, Turkish (English subtitles)

Seven workers, all women. Four free-trade zones in four different Turkish cities. Surrounded by high walls, barbed wire fences, very much like a concentration camp. This documentary covers the working conditions of women in the free-trade zones, their experiences, observations and their hopes for the future. The barbed wire fences not only surround the zones but also accentuate the captivity of women workers. So much so that the borders of the zone evade us, inside and outside is indistinguishable.

The Nanny Business

2010 – 44 minutes, English

Traces the story of Edelyn Pineda who left her three children behind and paid thousands of dollars to a recruitment agency in Canada to make the arrangements and book her with a family. She arrived to discover that the agent had taken her fee, but the “employer” who signed her contract was not interested in her services. Joelina Maluto came to Canada after working in Hong Kong and the Middle East to find she had no job and was forced to live in her agent’s basement with 16 other nannies for the next 2 and a half months. Edelyn and Joelina were among several nannies brave enough to go public about their experiences in the hope of forcing change.

SUNDAY, 21 NOVEMBER
REDS FROM ACROSS THE POND
6:00 P.M.

The Union Song

2010 – 3 minutes, English

A short video containing a bluegrass song about how all members of the education community work together to keep the public school system strong.

Whose Conspiracy?

2010 – 35 minutes, English

The Story of the Shrewsbury Pickets. The film re-examines the political events surrounding the arrest of 24 Shrewsbury Building workers and the shocking imprisonment of three of them six months after the successful 1972 Building Workers strike. It contains material from the original campaign to free Des Warren and Ricky Tomlinson – the Shrewsbury Two.

Only a Bookseller

2009 – 55 minutes, English

A film remembrance of labour bookseller and fearless labour movement activist Jack Firestein. A strong Jewish anti-fascist, Jack took part in the Battle of Cable Street and was wounded and captured at Anzio. Jack was in the Communist Party and then the Labour Party and also was a Unity Theatre Committee member.

The Daily Miracle

2010 – 28 minutes, English

Tells the story of the Morning Star, the only English language daily socialist newspaper in the world, and its forerunner, The Daily Worker, which began publication in 1930. The paper is known as the Daily Miracle as it keeps appearing with a staff of 25 against the 300 in most newsrooms and a government and business boycott of advertising.

SATURDAY, 27 NOVEMBER
STRUGGLES AND VICTORIES:
LOOKING BACK
2:00 P.M.

Betrayed: The Story of Canadian Merchant Seamen

2005 – 56 minutes, English (French)

Tells the story of the little-known struggle of merchant seamen to save the merchant fleet and their livelihood. It traces the history of Canadian shipping from the international strike of 1949 to the globalization of coastal shipping in Australia by Canada Steamship Lines — owned by the family of former Canadian Prime Minister, Paul Martin.

The Delano Manongs: Forgotten Heroes of the United Farm Workers (Trailer)

2010 – 6 minutes 57 seconds, Tagalog, English

Tells the story of farm labour organizer Larry Itliong and a group of Filipino farm workers who instigated one of the American farm labour movement’s finest hours – The Delano Grape Strike of 1965 that brought about the creation of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW). While the movement is