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Announcing the Second Toronto Nepali Film Festival

Toronto, Canada: The Second Toronto Nepali Film Festival (TNFF) will be held on Saturday March 12, 2011 in Toronto, Canada at Innis Town Hall, University of Toronto, 2 Sussex Ave (at St. George Street). The Festival will screen films that pertain to Nepal and Nepal's by filmmakers from around the globe. The festival will lend voice to Nepal's myriad narratives while adding to the multi-cultural spirit of Toronto.

Toronto Nepali Film Festival seeks to promote and support Nepali filmmaking, educate its audience about contemporary and historical issues of Nepal, create a platform for dialogue between Nepali and International filmmakers, and provide a critical space of engagement among audience from different backgrounds. TNFF celebrates the diverse cultures of Nepal and encourages films based on indigenous languages such as Limbu, Maithili, Gurung, Newar and others. The Festival also encourages representation of women filmmakers and filmmakers of marginalized communities. TNFF showcases films of all genres including documentary, fiction, experimental and animation. TNFF is open to filmmakers of all race, nationality, creed and gender.

The festival programme is selected from the films solicited through call for submissions. The 2011 call for submission deadline is December 24, 2010. The programme for the 2011 Festival will be selected by three-member jury, which includes John Sharkey, Sapana Shakya and Surendra Lawoti. John Sharkey is a Toronto-based filmmaker, activist, and organizer of numerous film festivals. Sapana Shakya is a Nepali filmmaker based in San Francisco. Surendra Lawoti is a Nepali photographer based in Toronto and is also the Executive Director of TNFF. All the films selected for festival will be paid an honorarium up to CAD\$200 each. One Audience Choice Award with a prize money of CAD \$150 will be selected by the audience. Filmmakers will be present at the festival for interaction with the audience.

The Second Toronto Nepali Film Festival hopes to bring together audience of more than 500, both Nepal's and non-Nepal's. With its remarkable narratives rendering the beauty and the complexity of Nepal, the film festival promises to be an extraordinary event.

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