

VAUGHAN FILM FESTIVAL

Over the course of three excitement-packed days, the Vaughan Film Festival reeled in their second year of short films and awarded filmmakers for their works of art. This year's festival kicked off on April 2nd at the Cineplex Colossus Theatres in Vaughan with a new initiative featuring short films from Vaughan High School students. The winning students from St. Joan of Arc proudly accepted their award on the first night. The rest of that evening and the following night consisted of film screenings entered from artists worldwide, anywhere from right here in Canada to USA, United Kingdom, Denmark, Russia among other countries.

The three-day festival came to a close with over 600 people walking the Vaughan Film Festival's red carpet on April 4th at the Awards Show held at Rivera Parque. It was an evening in celebration of talented artists and filmmakers alike both local and international. Hosted by ET Canada's Rick Campanelli, the final closing event was an enchanting soirée with special guests Ellen Dubin, Andrew Jackson, Kim Roberts and Fatima Ptacek, who received the very first Independent Leadership Award at the festival.

As passionate advocates of the arts in education, each year the VFF donates proceeds to local students to support their College and University tuitions. This year, two local high school students received \$1,500 for their post-secondary education in the arts, Conne Le from Father Bressani and Sabrina Cappelli from St. Elizabeth. This non-profit organization has generously donated \$10,000 to date to local students and high schools.



Host of the VFF Award Show,
Rick Campanelli

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On the VFF Red Carpet



Co-Founders of VFF Mark Pagliaroli (left) & Antonio Ioenco (right)
with recipient of first Independent Leadership Award,
Fatima Ptacek & Council Member Steven Del Duca