

VAUGHAN FILM FESTIVAL LAUNCH



Mark, Mayor Bevilacqua, Joe, Jason, & Antonio



Lisa-Marie Gagliardi & Nicole Marin

A few years back, local filmmakers Antonio Ienco and Mark Pagliaroli (Reel Film Pictures) kickstarted big plans when they launched their first Grand Social Gala event. While it began as a way to celebrate their 10th film, the team also saw a way to support and engage artists, both locally and worldwide. That vision is coming to fruition and the launch of the very first Vaughan Film Festival (April 18th & 19th) illustrates an incredible leap forward. Antonio and Mark were joined by Board Members, representatives from Producing Sponsor Scotiabank, Vaughan's Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, and throngs of supporters as the exciting plans were outlined at a Public/Media Launch Event held at Vaughan's City Hall. Submitted films, which are to be no longer than 25 minutes in length for this year's proceedings, will have a chance to be among the 20-30 screened on April 18th at Colossus Theatre in Vaughan. The following evening, the community is invited to attend the VFF's Grand Social, to then see who will be crowned with the VFF's first Golden Reel Award Winners for Best Film, Best Actor, Best Actress, & Best Director. There was significant optimism among the speakers during the press conference, as organizers, Mayor Bevilacqua, and Jason Polsinelli of Scotiabank each spoke of the impact the VFF will have on art & culture in this community; and the potential for this event to thrust Vaughan into the global spotlight in years to come.

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Adam, Michael, & Melissa



2 of the VFF Judges - Rob Lorusso & Rob Mauriell