



Oakville Festival of Film and Arts to Screen Documentarian's Epic 500 Day Trek across Canada for International Women's Day Film Event on Mon. March 4th

OFFA's Fourth Annual International Women's Day Film Event shines a spotlight on the accomplishments of Canadian Women through Film, Music, Art and Comedy.

For Immediate Release - Oakville ON - The Oakville Festivals of Film and Art (OFFA) is proud to host another inspirational, entertaining, and awareness-raising homage to females in film and the arts at their [International Women's Day Film Event](#), on Monday, March 4th, 2024. This diverse and jam-packed event will celebrate women's stories while recognizing local and international change-makers from the stage.

Attendees will be welcomed to the venue by the beat of the Butterfly Spirit Drum Circle of Women, led by [Grandmother's Voice](#) co-founder, Jody Harbour, accompanied by Josie Lavalley and Jenn Luxmore-Begin. Their collective performance will echo the timeless wisdom passed on through music and community gatherings with a mission to revive and amplify ancestral insights and values.

This year, guest emcee Carole Bertuzzi-Luciani returns to delight attendees with her entertaining vignettes as she introduces special live musical and feature performances.

Award-winning singer/songwriter Sydney Mae will perform her latest release, [Rhythm](#), to lead into the 2024 feature film [500 Days in the Wild](#), from award-winning director and cinematographer, photographer and author Dianne Whelan. Dianne (pronounced Dee-anne) is the first person to complete what is being credited as the longest trek in the world, traversing 24,000 km of Canada's land from sea to sea to sea.

Dianne completed this gruelling, occasionally harrowing, often exhilarating and always surprising journey of discovery in her 50s by hiking, biking, paddling, snowshoeing and skiing across the country. She started out alone, disillusioned with the state of the world and worried about climate change, but ended this journey a bit wiser, more hopeful, in love, and with a passion to share her story. A virtual live Q&A with Dianne will accompany the screening.

On why she chose to feature her film at OFFA, Dianne shares, "Ideas shape our lives. As a storyteller, they are the seeds from which it all begins. As words give shape to breath, art gives shape to ideas." Watch the [trailer here](#).

The event will take place at Film.ca (171 Speers Rd, Oakville, ON L6K 3W8) and tickets must be purchased in advance.

Partial proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to The Women's Centre of Halton. Attendees can enjoy a regular or VIP Ticket experience and a chance to win one of three door prizes.

For more information about this event or to obtain a media pass or schedule an interview with OFFA executive director Wendy Donnan, or any of the featured performers, please contact:

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ABOUT OFFA

Established in 2014, OFFA is a cultural not-for-profit that envisions a community of cultural and artistic diversity with the cinematic arts as a focal point. OFFA produces Oakville's only independent film festival which is [now in its 11th year](#). For more information on the 11th annual festival from 19th to 25th June, 2024, please visit [OFFA.ca](#).
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