



Oakville Festival of Film and Arts (OFFA)

Proudly Presents Megan Follows

Directorial Debut “Stealing The Sky”

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—OAKVILLE, ON— In celebration of 12 successful years as Oakville’s only independent film festival, the Oakville Festivals of Film and Art (OFFA) will present its 2025 Film Festival, running from June 18th to 25th, 2025.

This year, OFFA has a very special screening set for its EY Canada Opening Night Gala, a red-carpet event featuring “Stealing the Sky” on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 7 pm.

Written by award-winning writer and actor Marie Dame and directed by Canadian icon and award-winner Megan Follows, “Stealing the Sky” presents a diverse mosaic of interlocking stories set against the backdrop of Toronto’s expanding urban landscape. This heartfelt dramedy depicts a world where bulldozers reduce historic buildings to rubble, development notices disfigure storefronts, and cranes and half-built towers literally steal the sky. Dame and Follows star alongside a stellar ensemble cast of Toronto’s top talent, including Ali Kazmi, Anursree Roy, Dylan Trowbridge, Alex Karzis, Olga Korsach, Liisa Repo-Martell, and Allegra Fulton, in this quirky comic drama shot on location in a building marked for demolition.

“Stealing the Sky” marks several significant milestones. It is the first film to feature three generations of the Follows family and represents Megan’s debut as the producer/director of a feature film. She was drawn to Marie Dame’s poignant, truthful, and offbeat portrayal of the societal issues affecting large cities, which draws inspiration from Marie’s own life experiences. Megan was particularly motivated to take on this project due to the prescient interwoven themes of the housing crisis, displacement, and the desire for connection and purpose in today’s urban landscape.

“I love that this film is both an ode to and an indictment of the remarkable city of Toronto, my hometown. I really resonated with the story of a single woman getting older in a society that is largely indifferent to her struggles; meanwhile, there are so many other folks struggling even more. It’s so vital to have gratitude for what we do have,” says Follows, “you have to laugh or you’ll cry!”

Over seven days, OFFA will showcase 105 specially curated Canadian, local, and international narrative, documentary, and short films. The festival celebrates cinema with galas, parties, star appearances, and entertainment from the world of film and culture. A selection of films will also be available online during the festival.

Please visit <https://offa.ca/offa-2025/> for a comprehensive guide to the festival, including film screenings, exclusive Q&As, and more. We look forward to welcoming you to the 2025 Oakville Film Festival!

To schedule an interview with Megan Follows, Marie Dame, Alex Karzis, and Festival Co-Founder Wendy Donnan, 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 12th year. For more information on the 12th annual festival, which will be held from June 18 to 25, 2025, please visit OFFA.ca. @oakvillefestivals #OakvilleFilmFestival @theOFFA