

Zonta Film Festival - 2016

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46 King St. N., Waterloo, N2J2W8

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2:45 pm - 4:15 pm	Angry Inuk Description: Seal hunting, a critical part of Inuit life, has been controversial for a long time. Now, a new generation of Inuit, armed with social media and their own sense of humour and justice, are challenging the anti-sealing groups and bringing their own voices into the conversation. Director Alethea Arnaquq-Baril joins her fellow Inuit activists as they challenge outdated perceptions of Inuit and present themselves to the world as a modern people in dire need of a sustainable economy.	<i>Princess Twin Cinema</i> 46 King St. N.
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4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Sonita Description: If 18-year old Sonita had a say in things, Michael Jackson would be her father and Rihanna her mother. She captures her dream of being a famous rapper in her scrapbook. Her family has a very different future planned for her: as a bride she's worth \$9,000. What's more, women aren't allowed to sing in Iran. How can Sonita still succeed in making her dreams come true? Director Rokhsareh Ghaem Maghami ends up personally involved in answering that question, reigniting the discussion as to how documentary makers should relate to their subjects. This is just one of the many unexpected twists in an exciting journey replete with the setbacks and successes of a young woman looking for her own path. The film's core consists of Sonita artistically arguing against the disastrous forced marriage practices that obstruct her freedom in an impressive, dramatic rap video.	<i>Princess Twin Cinemas</i> 46 King St. N.
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6:15 pm - 8:00 pm	Code: Debugging the Gender Gap Description: As both a business woman and a long-time professional	<i>Princess Twin Cinemas</i> 46 King St. N.

photographer, Robin Hauser Reynolds, Director/Producer, brings her creative eye and leadership skills to this documentary that exposes the dearth of American female and minority software engineers, and explores the reasons for this gender gap. Her experience in the business world affords her a unique perspective on what it takes to motivate an audience. CODE raises the question: what would society gain from having more women and minorities code? This viewing includes a Q&A after the film.

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Description: The danger is palpable as intrepid young filmmaker Nanfu Wang follows maverick activist Ye Haiyan (a.k.a Hooligan Sparrow) and her band of colleagues to Hainan Province in southern China, to protest the case of six elementary school girls who were sexually abused by their principal. Marked as enemies of the state, the activists are under constant government surveillance and face interrogation, harassment, and imprisonment. Sparrow, who gained notoriety with her advocacy work for sex workers' rights, continues to champion girls' and women's rights and arms herself with the power and reach of social media. Eventually, through smuggling footage out of the country, Wang is able to tell the story of her journey with the extraordinary

revolutionary Sparrow, her fellow activists, and their seemingly impossible battle for human rights.

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