

**-The New West Film Society-
ACNW Member Report 2015**

After four consecutive successful annual film festivals under the name New West Doc Fest in 2014 we officially became a British Columbian Registered Non Profit Society **-The New West Film Society-**

We were excited to join with a number of community partners throughout the year. Thank you to the Arts Council of New Westminster for all of the support and encouragement in 2015!

Here is a brief description of the events of 2015;

May 28th New West Film Society's first AGM with special guest *Film Maker Sergio Toporec* and a sneak peak of his film **Beware of Images**

August 15th Collaboration with the New Westminster Museum- film screening of *City of Water* and speakers panel at the River Market

October 7th Collaboration with The City of New Westminster, New Westminster Fire Chief & Emergency Management, St Johns Ambulance, and The River Market for the film screening and information session - **Monster Quake- will we survive?**

September- Promoting New West Film Fest at a table at the **Royal City Farmers Market**

November 5-7th Our fifth annual film festival-

Now called **New West Film Fest-** Over three days we screened seven feature length films and four short films by local and student film makers from *the Vancouver Film School (VFS)* and New Westminster's own **CG Masters School of 3D Animation & VFX**. We welcomed guests and speakers each night and had patrons and volunteers of all ages and backgrounds attend. Our annual free after party was a hit and generously hosted by the *CG Masters School of 3D Animation & VFX*. We served refreshments from local businesses; **Togo Sushi, Safeway at New West Station, Great Wall Tea, Old Crow Coffee, Steel and Oak Breweries, and Pacific Breeze Winery**. Our volunteers all received a free organic festival t-shirt from **Me to We style** (a Canadian company that plants a tree for each t-shirt we buy). This event was environmentally friendly and **BullFrog Powered**. Thanks to our generous sponsors and community partners the arts grant from the **City of New Westminster, VanCity grant, Landmark Cinemas New Westminster, Tourism New West, TIFF film circuit, and the Downtown New Westminster BIA**.

The community in New Westminster has been tremendously supportive of our efforts and we are encouraged to continue to work with many partners to create fun and engaging events in the future.