



## **NewWest FilmFest Report for 2017**

This year we presented a full slate of diversified films for our Festival. We forged many new partnerships and were delighted with an increase in sponsorship.

We are a platform and a catalyst for new and established filmmakers. Our Shorts Program, a delightful mix of short innovative movies give filmmakers and opportunity to see their work at a Cinematic Theatre and many of the producers were present in the audience. We received entries from all over the world...yes really! The Doc "This Is Home "dealing with the fires in Fort McMurray was sold out.

We celebrated our success with a wrap up party at Wild Rice Restaurant located at the Quay. The New West Film Fest aims to provide a variety of relevant and present-day topics that leave viewers feeling hopeful when they leave the theatre. We want this to be a place where people are informed, where they find inspiration and knowledge that empowers them.

We increased our audience by 15% with 60% being from outside of New Westminster and the survey that were returned were very positive, although not on the survey the reclining seats were a hit!  
80 returns Excellent  
26 returns Good  
2 returns Fair

Many thanks of appreciation to all of our sponsors, the many, many volunteers,(including the Directors) and our partners for making **NewWest FilmFest** a success and a "must be" in New Westminster for **October 2018**.

The Program for 2017 was:

Thursday: Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm - An Inconvenient Sequel

9:30 pm - Seed

Friday: Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm - This Is Home

9:30 pm - Shorts Program

Saturday: Oct 21<sup>st</sup>

2:00 pm – Finn’s Searchers

4:30 pm – That Never Happened

7:00 pm – Ghost Story

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the NewWest FilmFest Board of Directors, Andrée St.Martin