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## **Media City Film Festival / House of Toast launches its 19th edition with \$111,400 OTF Grant Announcement**

Windsor, ON – The House of Toast Film & Video Collective (HOT) / Media City together with Broken City Lab, Common Ground Art Gallery and SB Contemporary Art, are thrilled to announce \$111,400 in funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) over the next two years.

The grant will enable the group to host a year-round filmmaker-in-residence program, and offer free community workshops for residents in order to promote increased interest and participation in film production in Windsor and region.

Teresa Piruzza, MPP for Windsor West, will join OTF representative Shannon Prince in congratulating the House of Toast.

"Congratulations to the organizations involved in this collaboration" said Teresa Piruzza, MPP Windsor West. "This funding will provide artists and residents opportunities to build skills as well as promote increased interest and participation in film production in Windsor-Essex."

HOT/ Media City and its partners will use OTF funding to invite internationally-renowned filmmakers to Windsor to create films about the region and to teach hands-on film workshops to area residents over a two-year period. The workshops will be completely free to the public, and will also include community bicycle tours to scout for shooting locations. Together with its collaborators HOT/ Media City will also produce publications and distribution packages to circulate to festivals around the world in order to promote Windsor as a significant hub for international film production.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for providing us with this wonderful opportunity to expand our artistic activities beyond the scope of the Media City Film Festival", said Oona Mosna, Program Director, Media City/ HOT. "The festival already enjoys a stellar reputation with filmmakers and professionals traveling to Windsor each year from all corners of the globe. This funding will enable HOT/ Media City and our partners to provide the community with valuable hands-on training in film production, while promoting the region as a significant destination worldwide for the creation and reception of artist's film."

A leading grantmaker in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities. [www.otf.ca](http://www.otf.ca)

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