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## EMILY CARR GRADS SELECTED FOR TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL STUDENT FILM SHOWCASE

**Vancouver, BC** | Established in 2004 and organized by the Toronto International Film Festival, the Student Film Showcase spotlights the finest in student films from universities and colleges from across Canada.

2011 Emily Carr media grads, Carrie-Anne Mombourquette (*Basic Space*, animation); Ippiksaut Friesen (*The Dimming*, Inuktitut/English animation); and Waleed Nesyif (*Yearning*, Iraqi/English documentary) have had their work selected to screen at the showcase. Emily Carr is the only school with multiple works selected for this honour.

"Great works consistently come out of Emily Carr University of Art + Design," says Magali Simard, Toronto International Film Festival Programmer. "Each year is a pleasant surprise and we certainly were not disappointed this year."

The Showcase programme is selected by TIFF programmers, with awards determined by a jury of film industry professionals. The event provides opportunities for film students to showcase their work, make important contacts and develop career enhancing relationships with peers and industry professionals.

This year's Showcase will expand their national presence with an inaugural visit to Vancouver on Thursday, May 26 at Pacific Cinémathèque. Past showcase works have advanced to screen at major festivals around the world including the Toronto International Film Festival.

"Teaching film and animation in an art school makes for satisfying results; the students learn not only the craft but to focus on the content," says Associate Professor Peg Campbell, Faculty of Culture + Community. "Their work has meaning and technical finesse, which continues to impress the jury for the Student Film Showcase and make our work stand out as among the best in the country."

For more information, please visit the Student Film Showcase - <http://www.tiff.net/studentfilmshowcase>.