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Media City Film Festival Ramps Up for its 16th edition Thanks to \$95,500 OTF Grant

Windsor, ON – The House of Toast Film & Video Collective (HOT) is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded a \$95,500 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) over three years. The grant will enhance the organization's capacity while enabling greater access to and appreciation of artists' film and video through the Media City Film Festival. Sandra Papatello, MPP for Windsor West, joined OTF representative Brian Gray in congratulating the House of Toast.

“Our government has remained committed to strengthening communities by supporting organizations in the arts and culture sector, such as Windsor's House of Toast,” said MPP Sandra Papatello. “This funding assists in the development of educational and artistic programming, benefiting participants while attracting program volunteers and patrons.”

HOT will utilize OTF funding to support staff resources, purchase equipment, bolster the profile and content of the annual Media City festival through the development of new educational programming for youth, and increase its volunteer complement by providing meaningful skill development opportunities.

“We are immensely grateful toward the Ontario Trillium Foundation for providing us with this incredible opportunity to take our festival to the next level”, said Sergio Forest, President, Media City Film Festival /HOT. “ Media City already enjoys a stellar international reputation with filmmakers and professionals traveling to Windsor each year from all corners of the globe. OTF funding will help us to build on that solid fifteen-year history which will lead to a growth in local participation in this unique cultural event”

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.trilliumfoundation.org.

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