



## **Message from the Deputy Mayor**

It is my pleasure to extend greetings and a warm welcome to everyone attending the Canadian Film Centre's CFC Gala: Take 35.

This event celebrating the Canadian Film Centre's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is also an opportunity to recognize established and emerging Canadian filmmakers, storytellers, artists and other talents from the industry. Thank you to the Canadian Film Centre for continuing to foster local Canadian talent, while increasing access and inclusivity, and driving positive change in the media industry for the past 35 years. This anniversary is a cause for celebration, a time to reflect on your many accomplishments and an opportunity to look with hope to a future of new possibilities.

I would also like to thank all of the attendees at tonight's event who through your attendance, are raising funds in support of full resident scholarships and CFC programming.

The arts enrich and enhance the lives of many and it is wonderful that events like these are taking place in Toronto. Arts and culture can be incredible forces for the development of an individual, group or community, and they promote intercultural connections including understanding, friendship and social cohesion.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable event and continued success.

Yours truly.

Jennifer McKelvie

**Deputy Mayor of Toronto**