



September 30th 2023

RE: Letter of Interest

Dear Lloyd,

I am writing to confirm my interest in the screening my short documentary films on CHCO-TV and CIMC-TV as part of a documentary initiative between DOCTalks and these broadcasters.

I am a Black British born, documentary Filmmaker and Freeleance Photographer living in Fredericton NB. Currently serving as the President of DOCTalks and Vice President and founder of The NB Black Artists Alliance (NBAA). With both organizations we seek to elevate and illuminate creativity and artistry in the Province of NB and beyond. Both have very vibrant social media presence and within the Black community we are building an awareness of excellence in our programs and events.

My two films that I would be interested in screening are all New Brunswick short stories, made to complement longer screenings of local interest. The films are:

Food and Friends: Creation Connection (2019 - 5:44)

Here we take a glimpse at the connection between "Fredericton First Friend" Gisele Belyea and recent Syrian immigrant Asia Alabbas and her three wonderful daughters. We discover the importance of food as an integral part of their connection, making the differences between them are not so great.

An Off-Grid Life: Dirk Gronenberg (2018 - 11:59)

With a simplicity of life and an abundance of spirit, Dirk Gronenberg allows us entry into his "off the grid" lifestyle. We discover his "not for everyone" philosophies of living simply, and his desire to bring nowanting harm the Planet for the sake of an easier way of living. From growing his own food to capturing rain water for use, it's an intimate look at a more thoughtful way of living.

Pugilist Pride: The Story of Faryad Azizi (2023 - 17:59)

Fredericton Boxing Club is the start for many a young man or woman to learn the "sweet science". Born of Kazacstan refugee Parents, Faryad Azizi is a promising boxer from the stable of British boxing trainer David Furneaux. We are allowed entry into the world of amateur boxing, experiencing the trust that it takes between a fighter and his trainer. With unique insight from NB Hall of Fame boxer Ralph "Tiger" Thomas we get to feel every moment of what it takes to be a winner!

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason regarding these films.

All the very best

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Weekes". The signature is stylized with loops and a long horizontal stroke.

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