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Media Release

Reelworld Recognizes Excellence in Diversity

Toronto, ON: 24 Sept 2020 - Lisa Meeches, Karen Chapman, Cash B. Lim, Anand Ramayya, Iris Ng, and Thyrone Tommy have been named **Reelworld 2020 Trailblazers**. Since 2002, the Reelworld Trailblazer Award has recognized talented racially diverse Canadians who set themselves apart as pioneers in the entertainment industry. Trailblazers inspire others by blazing a trail of excellence through their constant and committed efforts to improve and diversify Canada's vibrant film and television industry.

"These amazing individuals remind us all what incredible talent we have in Canada," says Tonya Williams, Executive Director of Reelworld. "At Reelworld, we are honoured to spotlight them for the rest of the industry."



Lisa Meeches, *Founding Partner, Executive Producer at Eagle Vision*

Lisa Meeches, a proud Ojibway from Long Plain First Nation, is one of the most respected producers in the film and television industry. She has produced over 150 hours of *The Sharing Circle*, Canada's longest running Indigenous television series, *Ice Road Truckers*, *Tipi Tales*, *Elijah*, a Gemini Award-winning MOW, and *Jack*, the winner of two Canadian Screen Awards.



Karen Chapman, *Director*

Karen Chapman has screened her work everywhere, from international festivals, to subways, hospitals, and mobile devices. She is also an alumna of the Banff Centre and a Hot Docs/Documentary Channel Channel Doc Accelerator Fellow. In 2017, Chapman was named one of CBC's "great Canadian filmmakers of the future". A graduate of the CFC Directors Lab in 2018.



Cash B. Lim, *Head of Studio Operations, Portfolio Entertainment Inc.*

Cash B. Lim is Head of Studio Operations at Portfolio Entertainment and has over 20 years of experience in the animation industry. Cash has worked in film, advertising, and television series production and specializes in 2D, 3D, stop motion, and VFX pipelines. His credits include the feature film *Rock Dog*, the Gemini award-winning children's series *Will and Dewitt*, and Nelvana's *Handy Manny*.



Anand Ramayya, *Producer*

Anand Ramayya is founder and principal of Karma Film. After dropping out of university, Ramayya spent five formative years teaching English and backpacking throughout Asia before pursuing a career in film and TV. Anand has produced over 75 hours of doc, animation, and feature film credits. Karma Film has received more than 35 awards of excellence including six Geminis/CSAs (Canada's Emmy).

