

REELWORLD FILM FESTIVAL

TRAILBLAZER AWARD HISTORY

2021 - 2014

Each year the Trailblazer Awards recognize outstanding achievements by racially diverse professionals in the Canadian media and entertainment industry. These remarkable individuals inspire others and blaze a trail of excellence through their constant efforts to improve and diversify our vibrant film and television industry.

2021

CARSON TING
Artist

ALICIA K. HARRIS
Filmmaker/Director

**ELLE-MÁIJÁ
TAILFEATHERS**
Director

SHIVANI SAINI
Producer/Consultant

**AMBER SEKOWAN-
DANIELS**
Screenwriter/Comedian/Creator

GYIMAH GARIBA
Visual Artist/Illustrator

2020

IRIS NG
Cinematographer

THYRONE TOMMY
Director

LISA MEECHES
Executive Producer

CASH B. LIM
Head of Studio Operations

ANAND RAMAYYA
Producer

KAREN CHAPMAN
Director

2019

FARAH MERANI
Actor/Filmmaker/Advocate

ALBERT SHIN
Director

NYLA INNUKSUK
Director

EMMANUEL KABONGO
Actor

NATHALIE YOUNGLAI
Writer/Director

MOHIT RAJHANS
Film Critic

2018

LYRIQ BENT
Actor

TRACEY DEER
Writer/Director

SAMANTHA WAN
Actress/Writer/Producer

SIMU LIU
Actor/Writer/Producer

HUSE MADHAVJI
Actor

MARSHA GREENE
Screenwriter

2015

JEFF BARNABY
Filmmaker

CARA GEE
Actress

ABBY HO
Producer

SHANNON KOOK
Actor

LISA BERRY
Actress

**NARINE DAT
SOOKRAM**
Producer/Author/Host

2014

ROY T. ANDERSON
Filmmaker

INS CHOI
Screenwriter/Actor

WAAWAATE FOBISTER
Actor/Playwright

SANGITA PATEL
Reporter

KIM ROBERTS
Actress

ELLEN WONG
Actress

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2013 - 2008

2013

MICHELLE LATIMER
Actress/Filmmaker

OMARI NEWTON
Actor

HAYLEY PHILIPS
Finance

KAREN WILLIAMS-
POSIVAL
Agent

NAVEEN PRASAD
Distributor/Producer

ARTHUR YEUNG
Composer

2012

NATHANIEL ARCAND
Actor

SHERNOLD EDWARDS
Screenwriter/Director

LISA JACKSON
Director

RUPINDER NAGRA
Actor

HEIDI TAO YANG
Producer

TUSHAR UNADKAT
Director/Producer

2011

VINESSA ANTOINE
Actress

CLE BENNETT
Actor

SARAH PODEMSKI
Actress

VIKAS KOHLI
Composer

TRICIA LEE
Filmmaker

LEE KIM
Producer

2010

VINCENT GALVEZ
Writer/Producer/Director

MPHO KOAHO
Actor

LALITA KRISHNA
Director

DARLENE NAPONSE
Filmmaker/Poet

KEVIN PENNANT
Publicist

JEFFREY REMEDIOS
Record Producer

2009

KARLA BOBADILLA
Business and Legal Affairs

DIEGO FUENTES
Actor

ZACHARIAS KUNUK
Filmmaker

LISA RAY
Actress

WARREN P. SONODA
Filmmaker

MARK TAYLOR
Actor

2008

ANDRE BERAUD
Producer

K.C. COLLINS
Actor

JANI LAUZON
Actress

LISA MAHAL
Actress/Producer

AUSTIN WONG
Filmmaker

BYRON WONG
Composer

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2007 - 2004

2007

ZARQA NAWAZ

Filmmaker

TAMARA PODEMSKI

Actress

ELIZABETH ST. PHILIP

Filmmaker

MILLIE TOM

Casting Director

AWAOVIEYI AGIE

Actor

RICHIE MEHTA

Director/Writer/Producer

2006

PRIYA RAO

Actress

JULIA KWAN

Filmmaker

FLOYD KANE

Screenwriter/Producer

ANNIE FRAZIER

HENRY

Filmmaker

HUBERT DAVIS

Filmmaker

2005

SADIA ZAMAN

Journalist/Producer

FIRDAUS KHARAS

Producer/Director

NOURA KEVORKIAN

Filmmaker

ALISON J. DUKE

Filmmaker

WALTER ALZA

Actor

2004

JASON DASILVA

Filmmaker

BOBBY DEL RIO

Actor/Writer/Producer

RICHARD LEACOCK

Actor

SOOK-YIN LEE

Filmmaker

ANNMARIE MORAIS

Screenwriter

NGOZI PAUL

Actress

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2003 - 2002

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ROMEO CANDIDO

Filmmaker

DAWN WILKINSON

Filmmaker

MARY JANE GOMES

Filmmaker

WESLEY WILLIAMS

Actor/Singer

VANCE CHAPMAN

Screenwriter

DAVID 'SUDZ'
SUTHERLAND

Filmmaker

JENNIFER HOLNESS

Producer

JASON EBANKS

Director

RICHARD FUNG

Video Artist

KARA RUSSELL

Lawyer

RUBA NADDA

Filmmaker

2002

ANDREW ROSEN

Producer

ANN SHIN

Filmmaker

CHARLES OFFICER

Filmmaker

DECO DAWSON

Filmmaker

JASON TAN

Cinematographer/Filmmaker

KEVIN DE FREITAS

Director

LILLYANN GOLDSTEIN

Producer

NATHAN MORLANDO

Director/Screenwriter

NAOMI HILTZ

Director

STEVE WHITEHOUSE

Filmmaker

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