



**FILM FESTIVAL:
VISIONARY AWARD & AWARD OF EXCELLENCE HISTORY**

2023 **VISIONARY AWARD**

Anita Lee
*Chief Programming Officer,
Toronto International Film Festival*

2023 **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Traci Melchor
*Senior Correspondent,
ETALK*



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2022	VISIONARY AWARD	Nick Davis <i>Executive Director, Equity & Inclusion, CBC, English Services at CBC</i>	
2022	AWARD OF EXCELLENCE	Jennifer Podemski <i>Director/Producer</i>	
2021	VISIONARY AWARD	Amos Adetuyi <i>Director/Producer</i> <i>Circle Blue Entertainment</i>	Alfons Adetuyi <i>Producer</i> <i>Inner City Films</i>
2021	AWARD OF EXCELLENCE	Mina Shum <i>Writer/Director</i>	
2020	VISIONARY AWARD	Shirley Cheechoo <i>Chancellor/Artist/Actor/Director, Brock University</i>	
2020	AWARD OF EXCELLENCE	Clement Virgo <i>Director/Producer</i>	



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2019 VISIONARY AWARD

Hamlin Grange
President DiversiPro Inc.

2018 VISIONARY AWARD

Frances-Anne Solomon
Filmmaker/Producer, CaribbeanTales Media Group

2017 ACTIVIST AWARD

Jesse Wente
Broadcaster/Curator/Producer

2015 VISIONARY AWARD

Raja Khanna
CEO, Television & Digital, Blue Ant Media Inc.

2014 VISIONARY AWARD

Ana Serrano
Filmmaker/Producer

2013 VISIONARY AWARD

Alice Shih
Journalist



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2012 VISIONARY AWARD

Arnold A. Auguste
Founder and Publisher, Share Newspaper

2011 VISIONARY AWARD

Patricia Bebia Mawa
*Media Executive
Silvertrust Media/
Transformation Institute*

Moses A. Mawa
*Media Executive
Silvertrust Media/
Transformation Institute*

2010 VISIONARY AWARD

Joan Jenkinson
Producer, Independent Productions/VisionTV

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Helen Paul
Executive, Telefilm Canada

2009 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Aftab Shivdasani
Actor

2008 VISIONARY AWARD

Fil Fraser
Producer/Journalist



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2008	AWARD OF EXCELLENCE	Charles Burnett <i>Filmmaker/Director</i>
2007	VISIONARY AWARD	Cameron Bailey <i>CEO, Toronto International Film Festival</i>
2007	AWARD OF EXCELLENCE	Leonie Forbes <i>Actress</i>
2006	AWARD OF EXCELLENCE	Graham Greene <i>Actor</i>
2006	INDUSTRY ANGEL AWARD	Claire Prieto <i>Filmmaker</i>
2005	AWARD OF EXCELLENCE	Shabana Azmi <i>Actress</i>



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| 2004 | INDUSTRY ANGEL AWARD | Shan Chandrasekar
<i>President and CEO, Asian Television Network</i> |
| 2003 | INDUSTRY ANGEL AWARD | Andrew Cordozo
<i>Commissioner</i> |
| 2002 | INDUSTRY ANGEL AWARD | Wallace Studios |