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## **Annual Reelworld Visionary Award Nominations Now Open**

The prestigious Reelworld Visionary Award celebrates a lifetime contribution to Canadian Film, Television and Media.

**Toronto** - Founded in 2001, Reelworld is a non-profit arts organization dedicated to championing and providing opportunity to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour) artists. The annual festival showcases Canadian and international narrative films, documentaries, episodic content and VR/360 films by BIPOC Canadian filmmakers that push the envelope and explore current issues and ideas.

Reelworld honours and recognizes exemplary individuals whose contributions have added to the vibrant diversity of the Canadian Film industry.

The Reelworld Visionary Award is a prominent and prestigious honour given to one remarkable BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Person-of-Colour) individual. The Visionary Award recognizes and honours lifetime achievement and significant contribution to the Canadian Film, Television and Media industries. Visionary Award recipients have dedicated their lives to opening doors for diverse artists and have forever changed the Canadian entertainment landscape.

Past recipients of the Reelworld Visionary Award include: Andrew Cordozo (2002), Graham Greene (2006), Cameron Bailey (2007), Patricia and Moses Mawa (2011), Ana Serrano (2014), Raja Khanna (2015), Jesse Wente (2017).

Nominations are available and open year round. Nomination forms, eligibility requirements, and comprehensive lists of past award winners can be found at <a href="https://www.reelworld.ca">www.reelworld.ca</a>.

Reelworld is a non-profit arts organization dedicated championing Indigenous and racially diverse media artists.