## ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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#### ATLANTIC FILM FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION – CURRENT STATISTICS

- 2019 is 39<sup>th</sup> year
- Festival Association currently employs:
  - 9 full-time positions
  - 40+ short-term contract roles
  - 250+ volunteers
- Annual budget: \$2.5 million (\$1.5m cash/\$1m "in-kind") audited annually
- Association is debt free as of 2016
- Volunteer Board of Directors (12 members)
- Offices inside NSCAD Historic Properties Campus



### Re-Brand















To be recognized as the curator of amazing content in Atlantic Canada

#### **ACTIONS**

- Build interest from first timers and opportunity segments
  - Engage the audience in spreading the word
  - Stimulate lifetime film fans (Youth to Adult)

#### **MEASURES**

- Awareness tracking
- Perception (post event survey)
  - Attendance
  - Box office revenue
  - Social engagement
  - Website analytics



Provide a voice for our communities

#### **ACTIONS**

- Program for diverse communities
  - Increased accessibility

#### **MEASURES**

 Perception of programming (choice, quality, diversity, community) via post event survey



Enhance the audience experience

#### **ACTIONS**

- Enhanced audience discourse via in-person and streaming Q&As and discussion experiences
  - Simultaneous screenings across the region
    - More targeted, niche programming
      - New technology partners

#### **MEASURES**

- Perception of theatre experience via post-event survey
- Perception of event execution (food, venue, entertainment quality) via post event survey
  - Technology integration and implementation (progress updates)



Develop strong stable partnerships

#### **ACTIONS**

- Secure long-term agreements
  - Stable government funding
- Technology and FIN Partners

#### **MEASURES**

• Revenue mix – sustain government while increasing corporate



### KEY CONSIDERATIONS

#### **CONTENT TRENDS:**

- More documentaries
- More communityspecific content
- More small and micro budget film

## DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS:

- Age 35+ (incl. Baby Boomers), interest in film
- Ethnic & female audience growth
- Opportunity to engage younger demographics

## CHANGING AUDIENCE EXPECTATIONS AND BEHAVIOUR:

- Driven by technology
- On-demand i.e greater Netflix usage
- New formats any time, any interest, any device



### KEY CONSIDERATIONS

## OPPORTUNITY TO DIVERSIFY FUNDING SOURCES:

- Heavy weighting to a single funding source
- Opportunity to create new partnerships and long term agreements

# OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD BRAND AWARENESS:

- New brand name (low brand awareness)
- One week festival, once per year
- Limited reaction time to make announcements between TIFF and FIN



