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Community Passion for Independent, Experimental and Budding Filmmakers Finds a New Home at ARTSPACE

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (JUNE 23, 2021) – ARTSPACE and the former King's Film Society have jointly celebrated cinema through community screenings, film talks, and outdoor movies over the past five years. From a presentation of "Evangeline," filmed at Fort Anne in 1913; and films exploring local First Nation's culture; to the annual "Teen Instagram Film Festival", showcasing budding high-school filmmakers; this partnership has directed dynamic and diverse programming for the Western Annapolis Valley.

"Joining forces and combining resources means ARTSPACE will continue to program events like Dave Dymont's video art feature "Timeline" plus family Movie Nights like "The Muppet Movie" at Oqwa'titek Amphitheatre (the "O") to honour the Film Society's 28-year legacy of celebrating cinema as art and entertainment in our region" said Gallery Director, Sophie Paskins.

"We're very excited that the best aspects of our co-operation will continue in programming that features more intimate screenings, a Q&A with filmmakers, and even more outdoor events." added Ted Lind, ARTSPACE Board Member and Program Committee Chair.

The first outdoor presentation at OpenSpace Film takes place Friday July 23, 2021 (rain date: July 30) with a series of short films by the award-winning filmmaker Casimir Nozkowski. Nozkowski's work has been featured on The Tonight Show, PBS, MSNBC, cited in the New York Times and his films have been shown at the MOMA (Museum of Modern Art).

This program is a testament to Nozkowski's sensitive and wry observations: "...you're just living your life and forget the kind of interesting things that are happening around you and all the real life that's happening around you."

"These films will make you laugh, and cry with their humanity. Bring your own seating, your friends, refreshments of your choosing and get ready for films at twilight!" added Lind.

Nozkowski Shorts screen Friday July 23, 2021 (rain date: July 30), 9:00pm, outdoors at ARTSPACE 396 St. George Street in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. Free event, but donations encouraged. COVID-19 guidelines will be observed.

Casimir Nozkowski has generously provided these films to ARTSPACE without charge. He invites you to view his first feature film, "The Outside Story." Available to rent or purchase at: <https://theoutsidestorymovie.com/watch>

ARTSPACE is a public Art Gallery that is operated by the Annapolis Region Community Arts Council a registered non-profit, charitable, community organization dedicated to encouraging and promoting the arts. Supported through the Province of Nova Scotia and the Canada Council for the Arts.

ARTSPACE Gallery is located at 396 St. George Street in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

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