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# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

# THE LAUNCHING PAD FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF NONFICTION STORYTELLERS

The Points North Institute is a Maine-based 501c3 not-for-profit organization that brings together a unique, interdisciplinary community of filmmakers, artists, journalists, industry leaders and local audiences, forming a creative hub on the coast of Maine where new stories and talent are discovered, collaborations are born, and the future of nonfiction media is shaped.

Our programs include the annual Camden International Film Festival and Points North Forum, as well as a year-round calendar of artist development initiatives, nurturing the careers of diverse nonfiction storytellers and helping them develop strong artistic voices.

Without the generosity of our supporters, we would not be able to do what we do.

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# LETTER FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF and Board of Directors of the Points North Institute, I'm pleased to present our 2023 Annual Report. As you'll see, 2023 was another year of growth for PNI, expanding our programs, providing more grants to documentary artists and conducting a successful Camden International Film Festival, despite the intervention of a major storm.

While revenues are strong, we're most proud of the increased funds we've been able to give to the filmmaking community. This goes to the heart of our mission – being the launching pad for the next generation of nonfiction storytellers. But we support the documentarians whose work we fund in other ways, too; through retreats, mentoring, 1:1 meetings, and

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peer-to-peer experiences, we strive to provide our Artist Program Fellows all the tools they need to tell their stories. From early development of the artist's voice right through to exhibition of finished work, Points North supports filmmakers at all stages of development.

Much of Points North's work culminates in the Camden International Film Festival, a curated showcase of the

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finest documentary finest documentaries being produced today. We include films that come to us from our Artist Program alumni network alongside work from Academy Award-winning directors. This content delves into the issues of the day, provoking discussions and expanding the boundaries of artistic expression. At the same time, we make sure the filmmakers, industry representatives, and our audiences have many opportunities to mingle, network, and get to know each other. The Festival vibe is friendly, open, and supportive, as well as accessible to all.

Everything we do is possible because of you, our supporters. Your contributions, individual, corporate, and foundation-based, drive our success. Donations are essential for the funding and support we give to filmmakers, for staff support of our Artist Programs, for the successful



presentation of CIFF, and to keep our community programming going year-round. My profuse thanks for your generosity. It is noted and very much appreciated.

If you have any questions about this report, our programs, or organization, please feel free to email me directly. This year, 2024, marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CIFF. Please mark your calendar for

our 20<sup>th</sup> edition, September 12-15. I look forward to seeing you there. And thank you again for your support.

Best regards,

**Rick Rector** INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
execdirector@pointsnorthinstitute.com



# 2023 CAMDEN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL & POINTS NORTH FORUM AT A GLANCE

## CAMDEN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

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### Attendance



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**3,040** streams of CIFF virtual content

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**27** feature film screenings during Festival weekend

### Participation



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**37** World, North American & U.S. Premieres

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**64** Filmmakers participating in Q&A or panel discussions

### Taking action



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**50%+** Films directed or co-directed by BIPOC filmmakers

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**47%+** Films directed or co-directed by women and/or gender non-conforming

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## POINTS NORTH FORUM & ARTIST PROGRAMS

### Support



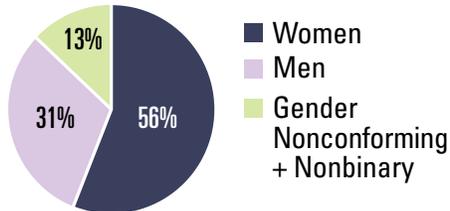
**439** one-on-one meetings

**\$103,000** in direct grants  
to filmmakers

### Demographics



**60%** BIPOC    **30%** White



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



**10** free Recovery in Maine  
screenings across the state

# 2023 SUPPORTED FILMMAKERS



Shirley Abraham  
Fahd Ahmen  
Karim Amir  
Ekiem Barbeier  
Asli Baykal  
Brian Becker  
Sonia Ben Slama  
Martin Benchimol  
Advik Beni  
Paige Bethmann  
Fritz Bitsoie  
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Alex Gibney  
Zahraa Ghandour

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Ritchie Hemphill  
Suzannah Herbert  
Bea Hesselbart  
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Bing Liu  
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Igor Maykotin  
Marley McDonald  
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Ben Mullinkosson  
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Vlad Petri  
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Adreanna Rodriguez  
Boubacar Sangaré  
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Yousef Srouji  
Brett Story  
Sarah Strunin  
Andrea Suwito  
Clair Titley  
Nicole Tsien  
Biljana Tutorov  
Sierra Urich  
Loren Waters  
Alex Westfall  
Keith Wilson  
Rebecca Zweig

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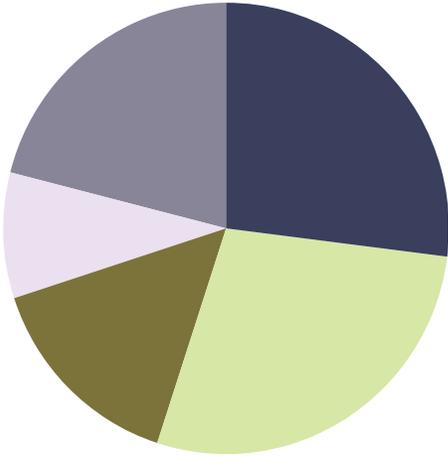
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# 2023 DEVELOPMENT AT A GLANCE



**Total Cash Income: \$1,901,368**

■ Individual Contributions \$511,732

*Annual Fund Donations: \$454,649*

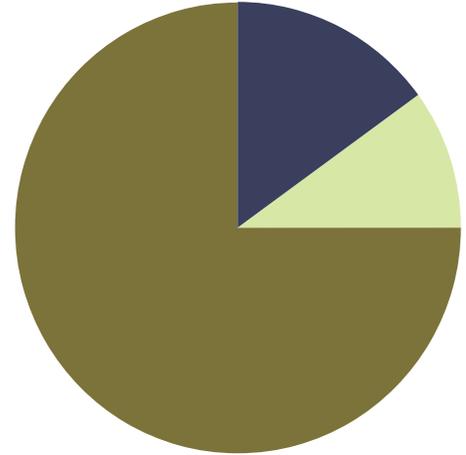
*Diane Weyermann Memorial Fund Donations: \$56,723*

■ Corporate Sponsorship \$526,266

■ Grant/Foundation Support \$280,001

■ Program Service Revenue \$179,560

■ Contracted Work \$398,525

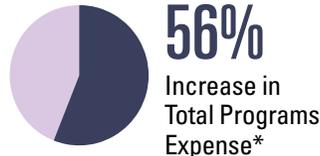
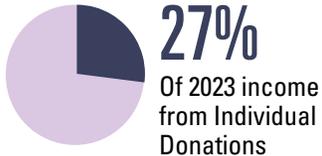


**Total Expenses: \$1,844,565**

■ Management & Administration \$281,820

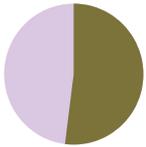
■ Fundraising \$179,259

■ Programs \$1,383,486



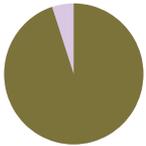
\*compared to 2021

# AUDIENCE DEMOGRAPHICS



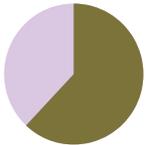
52%

Attendees are under the age of 50



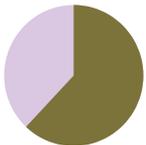
95%

Attendees have a Bachelor's degree or higher



62%

Attendees reside outside of Maine



62%

Attendees have an income of \$75,000 or higher



# 2023 PEOPLE



## POINTS NORTH INSTITUTE STAFF

**Ben Fowlie** CIFF FOUNDER / POINTS NORTH CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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# 2023 PEOPLE

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**Milton Ernesto Guillén Bendaña** SENIOR PROGRAMMER, CIFF & ARTIST PROGRAMS

**Zaina Bseiso** PROGRAMMER, CIFF & ARTIST PROGRAMS

**Mara Bresnahan** SENIOR MANAGER, ARTIST DEVELOPMENT

**Lucila Moctezuma** SENIOR CONSULTANT, ARTIST PROGRAMS

**Kate Lemberg** ASSOCIATE MANAGER, INDUSTRY & ARTIST PROGRAMS

### Production

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TECH COORDINATOR **Luke Fatora**

PROJECTION TEAM **Jonathan Curtis, Eric Lehman, Dakota Milam**

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CIFF PROGRAM DESIGN **PELLE Graphic Design**

CIFF WEB DEVELOPER **Nate Davis**

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## Cash and stock gifts

+ Denotes premium pass purchase to support the Filmmaker Solidarity Fund

### \$50,000 - \$99,999

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National Endowment for the Arts  
National Geographic Documentary Films  
RandomGood Foundation

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Nia Tero  
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Anonymous  
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Caroline von Kühn  
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