

The League

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Active within Toronto's experimental film community from 2000 thru 2003, The League was a group of four emerging artists dedicated to working with traditional, handmade filmmaking techniques. Focusing on the experimental, the group investigated those aspects of film which make it unique; the photo-chemical composition of the emulsion, the imposed frame lines, and the overall physicality of film as a medium. The League's main goal was to create collaborative new works in an environment that was both open and supportive. By rejecting formal screening rooms, they strove to broaden their audience by presenting films in unique and non-conventional venues.

Their first collective endeavour was a Christmas fundraiser for LIFT (the Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto), which saw the creation and screening of found-footage film loops. In late May of 2002, The League completed *Elements* a multi-projection film event. Manipulating film footage gathered collectively, they sought to present the four elements of nature inside the major urban centre of Toronto. The event, held with the support of Niagara Custom Lab, became a living installation as images captured at a summer campsite were, after manipulation, uniquely presented within the space.

Collaborating with Ontario based collectives The Iris Group (Oshawa), Freeshow Seymour (Toronto) and Pretty, Porky and Pissed-Off (Toronto), The League exhibited and performed works throughout Ontario at various festivals and venues including, Splice This!, Pleasuredome, Niagara Custom Lab and The Robert McLaughlin Gallery.

Geographically separated since 2003, the League is currently on hiatus with hopes to rekindle collaborations at some point in the near future.

The League's Manifesto

Art is for everyone.
Come and go as you please!

Art in the public square, not the private gallery.

Collaboration over hierarchy!
Cooperation over competition!
Process over product!

Art is spontaneous and fun!

Art is Craft!
Craft is Art!

The League - List of Works & Happenings

'A Degrassi Christmas'

multi-projection film loop performance

LIFT - Toronto - 2001

'Elements'

multi-projection film loop performance

Niagara Custom Lab - Toronto - 2002

'traffic'

multi-projection, super 8 installation

Splice This! - Toronto - 2002

'Elements'

accompanying live djs

Om Summer Solstice Festival - Killaloe, Ontario - 2002

'untitled'

multi-projection film loop performance

Pleasuredome - Steamwhistle Roundhouse, Toronto - 2002

'Grocery Tape Project'

film video hybrid - in collaboration with the Iris Group

Robert McLaughlin Art Gallery - Oshawa, Ontario - 2002

'Communications'

multi-projection film loop performance

CINEphile's One Year Anniversary Party - Toronto - 2003

'4 Humours'

multi-projection film loop performance

Niagara Custom Lab - Toronto - 2003

'Space'

multi-projection film loop performance

Harbourfront - Toronto - 2003

'Food'

film loop performance - in collaboration with Freeshow Seymour & Pretty,

Porky and Pissed-Off

Pleasuredome - Gladstone Hotel - Toronto - 2003