



## SASKATCHEWAN FILMPOOL COOPERATIVE

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ANNOUNCING FILMPOOL 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: TAPPING OF *WHEAT SOUP* BEER

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The Saskatchewan Filmpool Cooperative is proud to announce the **tapping of Wheat Soup Beer** as part of its 40th anniversary celebrations. This special event will take place at **Bushwakker Brewpub on Sept. 9 at 2:30pm** in Regina.

The event will recognize the **Filmpool's significant contribution to Saskatchewan's filmmaking industry and community**. To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Saskatchewan Filmpool, Regina's **Bushwakker Brewpub has prepared a limited commemorative beer** with never before used ingredients **inspired by Saskatchewan's first independent feature film *Wheat Soup* (1987)**. Co-directors Gerald Saul and Brian Stockton, two filmmakers who are still active Filmpool members making films in Saskatchewan, will be on hand to tap the keg.

*"This event at Bushwackers will honour the Filmpool's valuable contribution to Saskatchewan's cultural landscape,"* says Filmpool Executive Director Gordon Pepper. *"Not only will it celebrate the Filmpool's 40th anniversary, but how many beers in Saskatchewan are named after a Saskatchewan-made film?"*

In addition to the beer tapping, the celebration will also include a retrospective screening of *Wheat Soup*, presentations, storytelling, and door prizes. It'll be a gathering of faces from Saskatchewan's storied filmmaking history, a celebration of the thousands of films and filmmakers the Filmpool has supported over its rich 40-year history, and a look ahead to the future of filmmaking in the province.

Forty years ago, six Saskatchewan filmmakers banded together to form a homegrown filmmaking collective. On **March 16, 1977, the Saskatchewan Filmpool Cooperative was incorporated**. It was the first film centre in Saskatchewan, and is one of the oldest in Canada.

Although technology has changed dramatically over the past 40 years, the mandate of the Filmpool remains the same today as it was then: **to support, encourage and assist independent filmmaking in Saskatchewan**.

Saskatchewan Filmpool's 40th Anniversary is celebrated in partnership with Bushwakker Brewpub, and sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts, Saskatchewan Arts Board, SaskCulture and Saskatchewan Lotteries.

**What:** Filmpool 40th Anniversary Celebration: Tapping of Wheat Soup Beer

**When:** Saturday September 9 at 2:30 pm

**Where:** Bushwakker Brewpub (2206 Dewdney Avenue, Regina)

Free Admission

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The Saskatchewan Filmpool Cooperative is a non-profit artist-run centre which supports, encourages, and assists independent filmmaking in Saskatchewan.

The Filmpool is committed to developing an awareness and appreciation of independent film which reflects the individual and collective cultural expression of Saskatchewan people.