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Two Screenings of Local Indie Feature *Acts of Imagination*

Cinematically vibrant, making beautiful use of sensual close-ups and hand-held camera, this accomplished first feature by Carolyn Combs recalls the West Coast "New Wave"... VIFF

Vancouver, B.C.: Moving Pictures (MP) and Women in Film & Video Vancouver (WIFVV) are pleased to present two screenings of local feature film ***Acts of Imagination*** on **Friday, June 1st at 9:20 pm at Tinseltown Theatre** (88 West Pender) and **Sunday, June 3rd at 4 pm at the Rio Theatre** (Broadway @ Commercial). Tickets are \$8 general / \$6 members of WIFVV and MP

Eastern Europe meets Asia Pacific as two Ukrainian immigrants, haunted by their parents' disappearance under Soviet rule, build a new life in Vancouver.

The debut film by director **Carolyn Combs**, *Acts of Imagination* is an engaging film about the power of new relationships, forgiveness and the mutability of memory.

Set in **East Vancouver**, just off Commercial Drive, the film centers around Katya and her brother, Jaroslaw, Ukrainian immigrants who try to come to terms with their past while trying to build a new life in Canada. Fixated on her vivid imaginings about her mother's death, Katya finds her real life conflicted. Her brother wants to assimilate and becomes involved with Seuchong, a Korean single mom central to his future. Each strives to move forward, yet neither finds a way to accept the efforts of the other. Misunderstandings follow with tragic results, but Katya learns to face the past and open up to someone else's imagination. www.actsofimagination.com



Starring newcomers *Stephanie Hayes* and Billy Marchenski, the film has been called a "quiet, eerie, and mannered portrait" by the Toronto International Film Festival.

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