Topographies Seminar Series Presents:

"ICEMAKERS"



About the film:
Every winter ICEMAKERS battle to keep Canada's outdoor hockey tradition alive. From the front lines of climate change, they work through late nights, early mornings, and unforgiving conditions to transform uneven ground into fleeting winter sanctuaries. Equal parts science and artistry, their labour is driven not by recognition, but by a belief in what outdoor hockey represents: community, resilience, and connection.

Director bio:
Randy Frykas is an award-winning Canadian filmmaker.
Based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Frykas has built a career capturing authentic human stories through visually driven, character-focused filmmaking.

2020 Canadian Screen Awards nominee (Best Direction, Factual)
2023 Outside Awards Winner (People's Choice, Best Film, Purpose)



Director statement:
A few years ago, I asked myself a simple question: if I could make a film about anything, what would it be? My answer: outdoor hockey . There's something deeply meaningful about it across the country that goes far beyond the game itself. I wanted to understand how others connected to it in their own lives.

As I traveled across the country capturing various stories, I met passionate ICEMAKERS and communities dedicated to preserving this Canadian winter tradition. No matter where they lived, they all faced the same challenge: Canada's changing winters and the uncertainty surrounding the future of outdoor hockey.

This film became an exploration of identity, tradition, and resilience. It combines my lifelong love of outdoor hockey with larger questions about climate, community, and what it means to be Canadian. Ultimately, I realized this was the film I had been wanting to make all along.

Film website: https://outdoorhockey.club/
Director website: https://randyfrykas.com/

Sophie Lindfield from My Climate Plan will be part of the discussion after the screeening
My Climate Plan is a membership community and platform to help you do the most effective things you can to defend what you love and stop runaway climate change.
https://myclimateplan.com/

Sophia Lindfield - Atlantic Organizer
For nearly a decade Sophia has worked at the intersection of climate and politics, trying to make political systems more accessible and responsive to everyday people, particularly youth. She has led campaigns, written legislation, advised environment ministers, and run a national emissions reduction projects grant program. She is passionate about organizing that is locally rooted, collaborative, and endlessly curious.

Wednesday, December 2, 2026
2:30pm - 4:00pm, Loeb A220
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In-Person, All Welcome

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