FAVA is a community of emerging and established film, video and media artists. Being a member gives you access to equipment, facilities, workshops and classes at affordable rates. You also receive access to our bi-weekly e-bulletins with information about workshops, industry events, developments and opportunities. Members have access to information resources, video archives, mentors and peers.

Annual membership price: $89.25
Youth Annual Membership: $73.50

Membership prices are pro-rated for new members only. Annual memberships expire September 30th and can be purchased by cash, debit, Visa or Mastercard.

FAVA welcomes new members. Membership is a prerequisite for all workshops. Please contact FAVA at 780.429.1671 for details.

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Intermediate Screenwriting

Tuesdays » Sep 10 - Nov 12 » 6:30pm - 9pm
Early Bird $425+GST | Regular $475+GST | Call 780-429-1671 to register

Take your storytelling to the next level! This workshop-style class is intended for writers with some experience in/familiarity with dramatic screenwriting and screenplay format. Admission to the workshop will be determined by the instructor in consultation with FAVA, based on the submission of a sample of your writing (completed screenplay or several sample scenes) and a short synopsis of the project you wish to work on during the course.

Main Course

Saturdays » Feb 22 - May 16 » 10am - 2pm » no class Apr 11 & 25
Early Bird $895+GST | Regular $945+GST | Call 780-429-1671 to register

This is our intermediate production class. Participants must have completed FAVA’s Video Kitchen course, or have proven equivalent experience (at the discretion of FAVA). This class will build upon the basic knowledge of production and editing, in order to take your craft to the next level. As in Video Kitchen, you’ll get to take a short film (under 10 minutes) from pre-production through to completion. This curriculum is designed to elevate the technical skills needed to fully realize your vision. With the guidance of instructors, you’ll decide whether to shoot on the ARRI SR3, ARRI II, AC-160, or EPIC. Learn how to level a dolly, the difference between a maffer, cardellini, and gator clamp, and the importance of sound design and colour grading. Dramatic, documentary, or experimental projects are welcome and encouraged. All the necessary FAVA gear rentals are included in the class price, excluding film costs if you choose to shoot on film.

Video Kitchen

Thursdays » Mar 5 - May 28 » 6pm - 10pm » no class April 23
Early Bird $795+GST (paid by January 10, 2020)
Regular $845+GST | Call 780-429-1671 to register

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Super8 Challenge

Wednesday » May 27 » 6:30pm - 9:30pm
Members $70+GST | Non-members $80+GST
Call 780-429-1671 to register

Shoot some film! We dare you! Included in the cost of your registration you’ll get: a three-hour workshop on shooting super8; one roll of super8 film (one only! It’s a challenge!); a weekend rental of a super8 camera (or use your own if you have one); FAVA pays for shipping to the lab, film development, and digital transfer of all the films. See your masterpiece for the very first time alongside the other challenge participants at FAVA’s summer BBQ. Crank up your nerve and come have some fun shooting film.

Access to Artists

Looking to learn how to use a specific piece of equipment or brush up your skills in a certain area? If there isn’t a class or a workshop covering what you are interested in learning, FAVA members can contact our Programming Department at programming@fava.ca, to set up one-on-one, member-to-member training through our Access to Artists program.

FAVA Free-for-All

The FAVA Free-For-All is an ongoing series of one-off workshops that are FREE for our membership. Workshops are topical and range from beginner to professional levels. They could introduce you to new gear, best practices, aesthetics and techniques, or just about anything. Make sure to contact our Programming Department at programming@fava.ca to register for a FAVA Free-For-All, spaces are limited.

FAVA FEST Aug 22-24, 2019

We’re closing out the summer with FAVA’s 8th Annual FAVA FEST, running August 22-24. Join us as we showcase our members’ work in Best of the Fest screenings curated by our festival jury. We’re also thrilled to feature films by our Outstanding Achievement Award recipients Alex Viszmeg and Joe Viszmeg on both screening nights. Our closing night party is FAVA GALA, where we honour independent film, video, and media art in style with our Awards of Excellence and Production Awards. It’s also a great chance to check out FAVA’s new headquarters. We’ll showcase our new facilities at GALA with various activities including: screening the results of our Super8 Challenge; a media art installation from Scott Portingale; an Arri Alexa demo, and more! Help us shine a spotlight on the great work that is being made in Edmonton & Alberta. Watch for the full schedule on FAVA.CA.

Gotta Minute Film Festival Nov 4-10, 2019

Wait for it! Watch for it! For one week One Minute Silent Short Films will light up platform screens throughout the Edmonton Transit LRT system and the Calgary C-Train transit system, bringing Media Art to Albertans ‘on the go’. Miss a show in transit? You can watch the full program online. Other screening locations TBA. A celebration of Public Art, on Public Transit, in Public Space, proudly brought to you by PATTISON Onestop and FAVA! See gottaminutefilmfestival.com for details.

CHECK FAVA.CA FOR MORE WORKSHOPS, CHALLENGES AND INTENSIVES.