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# Application to Receive Funds

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$1 million to date and has financially assisted several community organizations to provide much needed services to residents living in the Town of Aurora. Recipient selection is conducted annually by the application review and disbursement committee of the Town of Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic and is based on the information provided in this application.

## Funding Criteria and guidelines;

- Individual applicants and community groups must demonstrate financial hardship or a limited means to retain funds in another manner. Individual applications demonstrating financial hardship will be kept confidential.
- Individuals and organizations may not receive funding for more than two consecutive years.
- Funding requests for more than \$5,000 in a calendar year will not be accepted.
- Funding requests for more than 50% of an initiative will not be considered and applicants must demonstrate how the remaining funds will be or have been obtained
- Applications should demonstrate a benefit to the residents of the Town of Aurora that receiving the funding will provide
- Successful applicants will be required to report back in any way they deem appropriate regarding the utilization of funds within six (6) months of receiving funds

## Name of Individual or Community Group \*

A WWB Production, Inc.

## What percentage of your organization's clients reside in Aurora? \*

75%

## Address

**Street Number and Name \***

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**Province \***

Ontario

**Postal Code \***

L4G 5B2

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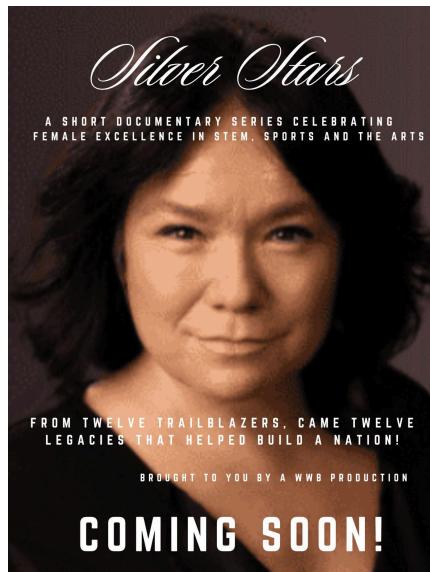
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**Phone Number \***

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**On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach your documentation with this this form.**

Town of Aurora Community Grant Application: Charity Golf Classic



Lanette Ware-Bushfield, Founder & CEO  
A WWB Production, Inc.  
Aurora, Ontario

January 6, 2026

Town of Aurora – Community Grants Committee  
100 John West Way  
Aurora, Ontario

**Re: Community Grant Application – Silver Stars (Request: \$5,000)**

Dear Members of the Community Grants Committee,

I am writing to share a project that is very close to my heart and deeply connected to the young people who call Aurora home. *Silver Stars* is the next chapter of a docuseries and youth-empowerment initiative that celebrates the strength, courage, and leadership of girls and young women across Ontario. This year, we have the opportunity to bring Aurora's girls into the centre of the story, not as background participants, but as leaders whose voices deserve to be heard.

We have already begun building meaningful conversations as a way to launch partnerships and participation with Girls Inc. of York Region, local units of the Girl Guides of Canada, and the Central York Girls Hockey Association. These organizations nurture confidence, resilience, and community spirit in girls ages 5 to

18. *Silver Stars* aims to honour their work by giving Aurora's youth a platform to express themselves, explore their creativity, and see their contributions reflected on screen.

Although our overall docuseries budget of \$50,000 is supported through grants and post-production partnerships with the National Film Board of Canada and Oya Black Arts Coalition, these funds do not cover the additional costs required to film on location in Aurora or to deliver the specialized programming we have designed for local youth. A WWB Production is not in a position to absorb these additional expenses on our own.

This is why we are respectfully requesting a \$5,000 Community Grant from the Town of Aurora. Your support will allow us to film in the places where Aurora's girls learn, grow, and lead. It will help us offer workshops, storytelling sessions, and leadership experiences at no cost to participants. And it will make it possible for us to host a community showcase where families, volunteers, and residents can come together to celebrate the achievements of Aurora's young people with a local screening!

*Silver Stars* aligns naturally with the Town's commitment to youth engagement, inclusive recreation, community partnerships, and arts and culture. More than that, it reflects the heart of Aurora, a community we at A WWB call home that believes in its young people and invests in their futures.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our application. It would be an honour to partner with the Town of Aurora to bring this vision to life and to give Aurora's girls the chance to shine in a way that is meaningful, lasting, and deeply deserved.

Warm regards,



Lanette Ware-Bushfield, Founder & CEO  
A WWB Production, Inc.

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## **Silver Stars – Town of Aurora Community Grant Application**

**Funding Request:** \$5,000

**Applicant:** A WWB Production, Inc.

**Project Lead:** Lanette Ware-Bushfield, Founder and CEO

**Project:** Silver Stars – Female Leadership and Youth Empowerment Initiative

### **Executive Summary**

Silver Stars is an intergenerational docuseries and youth-empowerment initiative created to honour the strength, resilience, and brilliance of girls and young women across Ontario. For the 2026 edition, we are expanding the project to include a dedicated Aurora component that brings local girls into the heart of the series. We intend for this work to be carried out in collaboration with Girls Inc. of York Region, local units of the Girl Guides of Canada, and the Central York Girls Hockey Association. Each of these organizations plays a vital role in shaping the confidence, leadership, and well-being of Aurora's youth, and *Silver Stars* aims to amplify their impact by giving their stories a platform.

Although our overall docuseries budget is \$50,000, supported through grants and post-production partnerships with the National Film Board of Canada and Oya Black Arts Coalition, these funds do not cover the additional costs required to film on location in Aurora or to deliver the specialized programming we have designed for local youth. A WWB Production is not in a position to absorb these additional expenses. A \$5,000 investment from the Town of Aurora will ensure that Aurora's young leaders are represented, celebrated, and supported through meaningful, community-building experiences that reflect the Town's values and long-term vision for youth engagement.

### **Project Description**

*Silver Stars* will bring Aurora's youth into the centre of the series through on-site filming, leadership workshops, and community-building experiences. We anticipate that Girls Inc. of York Region will host empowerment and storytelling sessions for girls ages, giving them the chance to explore their voices, build confidence, and learn how to express themselves through media. Local Girl Guides units will participate in leadership and community-service activities that align with their badge work, while also gaining behind-the-scenes exposure to the filmmaking process. The Central York Girls Hockey Association will be featured through segments that highlight teamwork, resilience, and the importance of girls' sports in shaping strong leaders.

Each of these experiences will be offered at no cost to participants. The intention is to create a safe, inspiring space where Aurora's girls can see themselves as leaders, creators, and contributors to their community. The Aurora-focused portion of the series will also include a community showcase, giving families, volunteers, and residents the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of local youth together.

### **Alignment With the Town of Aurora's Priorities**

This project aligns closely with the Town of Aurora's commitment to youth empowerment, inclusive recreation, community partnerships, and arts and culture. *Silver Stars* strengthens the Town's existing youth-focused ecosystem by bringing together organizations that already serve Aurora's young people in meaningful ways. It also creates new opportunities for leadership development, civic engagement, and creative expression.

By filming in Aurora and featuring local girls, the project will highlight the Town's dedication to nurturing confident, capable, community-minded young people. The series will also contribute to Aurora's cultural landscape by producing a lasting record of the community's youth leadership. It will showcase Aurora's diversity, its commitment to girls' sports, and its investment in programs that help young people grow into strong, engaged citizens.

### **Community Impact**

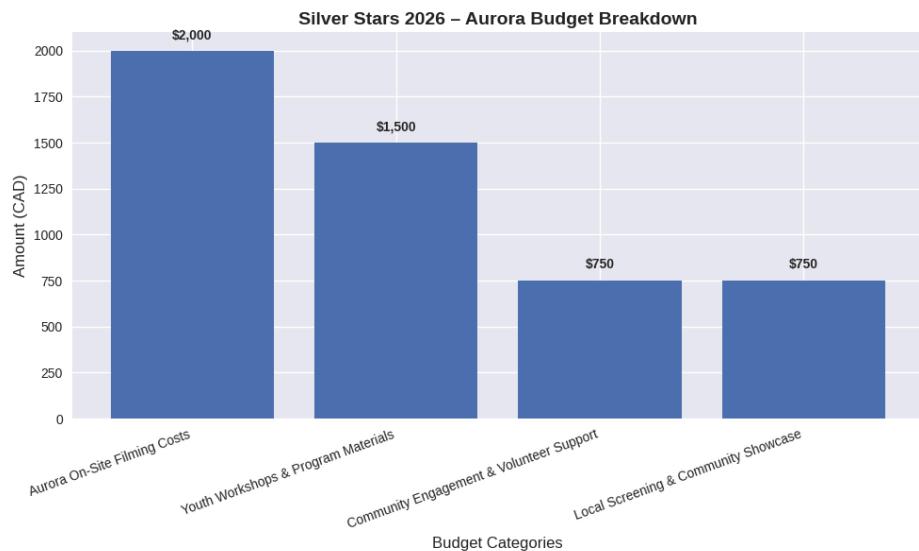
The impact of this project will be both immediate and long-lasting. We anticipate that a significant number of Aurora girls will participate directly in workshops, leadership circles, and filming opportunities. Youth volunteers will gain hands-on experience supporting events, production days, and community engagement activities. Families, educators, and community members will also benefit from the sense of pride and connection that comes from seeing Aurora's young people celebrated on screen.

Beyond participation, the heart of this project lies in the stories themselves. When a young girl sees her strength reflected back at her in the stories and faces of our twelve Silver Stars, whether she is a hockey player, a Guide, a budding leader, or a quiet storyteller, something shifts. She begins to understand that her voice matters. That her community sees her. That she belongs. *Silver Stars* is designed to create those moments for Aurora's youth.

### **Budget Overview**

Our overall docuseries budget of \$50,000 is supported through grants and post-production partnerships with the National Film Board of Canada and Oya Black Arts Coalition. These funds cover the core filming and editing of the series but do

not extend to the Aurora-specific programming or the additional costs required to film on location in Aurora. The Town's support is essential to ensuring that Aurora's young leaders are included in the 2026 series.



## Organizational Capacity

A WWB Production, Inc. is a multi-award-winning creative and social-impact company with deep experience working with youth, schools, nonprofits, and community partners. As Founder and CEO, I bring decades of experience as a producer, educator, empowerment coach, and advocate for underrepresented voices. Our team is committed to delivering programming that is thoughtful, inclusive, and rooted in community values. We approach every project with care, integrity, and a belief in the transformative power of storytelling.

## Conclusion

*Silver Stars* offers a chance for Aurora's girls to see themselves as leaders, creators, and contributors to their community. It is an opportunity to strengthen partnerships, celebrate youth, and build a sense of pride that extends far beyond the screen. With the Town's support, we can ensure that Aurora's young people are not only included but truly seen.

We are grateful for your consideration and would be honoured to partner with the Town of Aurora to bring this vision to life.

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*"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."*

Warm regards,



Lanette Ware-Bushfield, Founder & CEO  
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### *Silver Stars Articles:*

[Community Angel Lanette Ware-Bushfield Spearheads Bold Cultural Project](#)  
[Silver Stars Gala Shines Bright in Aurora, Celebrating Women Who Paved the Way](#)  
[York Region Filmmaker Hosts Gala for Docuseries Celebrating Women Leaders](#)  
[Dreams Truly Matter: Aurora Docuseries Producer Celebrating 12 Women Trailblazers](#)

*2025 RBC Women of Influence Nominee /TIFF Share Her Journey Fellow/Series Accelerator/NSI/EAVE/CMF/OYA Media /Anthony Q. Farrell Showrunner Bootcamp Alumni*

### *Lanette Ware-Bushfield Featured Articles:*

[ROOM Magazine – Rewriting the Script: Lanette Ware-Bushfield \(September 2025\)](#)  
[Screenfish – Curious, Confident, Intentional: The Many Hats of Lanette Ware-Bushfield \(June 2025\)](#)  
[The Toronto Star – Why the Movie Nonnas Filled Me with White-Hot Fury \(May 2025\)](#)

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# *Silver Stars!*



*November 8th, 2025  
Gala and Calendar Reveal!*

*“Twelve images. Twelve legacies.*

*One calendar that turns the beautiful*

*passage of time into testimony.”*

# Featuring

Dr. Nyasha Gondora



Field of Focus: STEM / Pharmacy

A 2024 One to Watch University of Waterloo pharmacy leader and advocate for equity in STEM, Dr. Gondora is a passionate mentor working to empower underrepresented voices in healthcare and science.

Jennifer Podemski



Field of Focus: The Creative Arts / Film & TV Production

An acclaimed Indigenous filmmaker, actress, and producer, Jennifer uses storytelling to advocate for justice, inclusion, and cultural truth in film and television.



# So What's The Story?



Silver Stars is a bold, heart-driven docuseries that celebrates twelve extraordinary women from across Ontario—each preparing for a 2026 /2027 calendar photo shoot that captures their brilliance, spirit, and impact. Through intimate day-in-the-life moments and candid sit down conversations, the series offers a rare chance to truly know these women, not just for what they've accomplished, but for how they've shaped the cultural heartbeat of our nation. Weaving present-day preparations for the shoot and flashbacks that delve into their personal journeys, showcasing their struggles, triumphs, and the relationships that have shaped them, these are the women who lead with love, challenge convention, and inspire change.

Silver Stars connects generations, giving young people—especially girls in STEM, sports, and the arts, living proof that their dreams are valid and their voices powerful. The calendar, to be included in graduation packages, becomes a lasting symbol of pride and possibility. A series and celebration of legacy, resilience, and the women whose stories continue to strengthen the fabric of our communities.

# Our Director: Kwame Pipim



Kwame is a director and cinematographer from Ghana. He studied Video Design and Production at George Brown College, graduating in 2021.

During his time at George Brown, he worked on numerous projects, including the short film *The Elevator*, which went on to win awards at festivals around the world.

Now based in Toronto, Kwame works as a director and cinematographer on short films, documentaries, music videos, and commercials.

*“The calendar shoot may be the thread  
—but the tapestry is woven from decades  
of defiance, creativity, and love.”*

# Featuring

Ninette Longsworth



*Field of Focus: Health & Wellness / Fitness Training*

*A Canadian powerlifter and strength trainer, Ninette inspires through her dedication to health, wellness, and empowering women through fitness.*

Rosa Calabrese-Teal

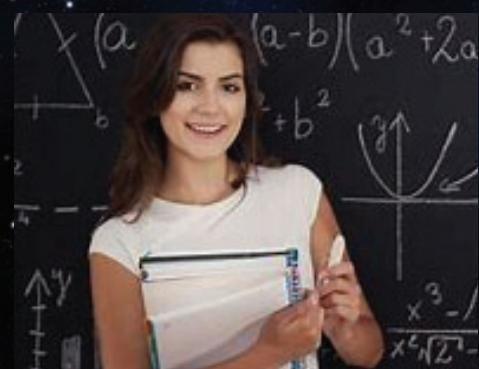


*Field of Focus: Owner at Royal Rose Gallery*

*As an accomplished curator and founder of the Royal Rose Gallery located in the heart of downtown Aurora ON, Rosa Calabrese has dedicated her career to celebrating artistic excellence and nurturing cultural dialogue within her community.*

# What's the Problem **Silver Stars** is Most Trying to Solve?

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At its heart, Silver Stars is a call to shift the mindset of young men and women to help them see, understand, and celebrate the profound ways women contribute to the fabric of society. Too often, women's achievements especially those of mature women, are sidelined or erased from mainstream narratives. This project confronts that imbalance head-on by spotlighting twelve extraordinary women whose lives reflect resilience, innovation, and deep community impact.

Through their stories, we challenge the stereotypes and biases that have long marginalized women's voices. As we present tonight's celebratory calendar reveal, we're capturing legacy with each image and each story, is a reminder to the next generation that women's contributions are not secondary but foundational.

# Our Photographers:

Dana Leigh Korba:  
Portrait Photographer



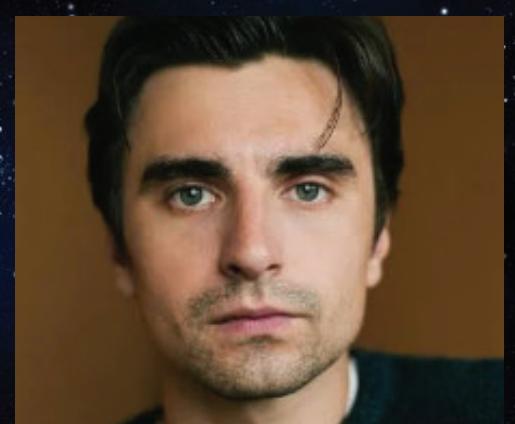
**Dana Leigh Korba** is a multi-award-winning portrait photographer based in York Region, Ontario. A former educator, she is passionate about empowering children, teens and women. Her recent project celebrates mature women, building a powerful, passionate community that uplifts, inspires and redefines beauty through connection, confidence and authentic storytelling.

Carel Kabamba:  
On Set Still Photographer



**Carel** is a Congolese creative director, photographer, and fashion designer based in Toronto, Ontario. Whether behind the seams or behind the scenes, Carel continues to shape bold narratives through every project she touches.

Alex Ozerov-Meyer:  
Gala Photographer



**Alex Ozerov-Meyer** is a photographer specializing in unit stills and behind-the-scenes coverage, capturing the authentic spirit of a production. With his background as an experienced screen actor, he brings a unique sensitivity to storytelling, creating images that highlight both the artistry of the crew and the performances in front of the camera.

*“Each calendar photo image has  
become a climax of personal reinvention,  
where past scars meet present strength.”*

# Featuring

Ngardy Conteh George



*Field of Focus: Film & video production*

Ngardy is an award-winning Sierra Leonean-Canadian filmmaker and co-founder of OYA Media Group, known for amplifying underrepresented voices through culturally grounded storytelling. Her acclaimed work includes *Black Community Mixtapes*, *Bam Bam: The Sister Nancy Story*, *A Mother Apart*, and *Mr. Jane and Finch* earning multiple Canadian Screen Awards and the CMPA Kevin Tierney Emerging Producer Award.

Angelina Braithwaite



*Field of Focus: Life Sciences*

Angelina is Director of Life Sciences and DIB Leader for North America at Brunel Canada, where she's led transformative growth over 18 years. She founded and expanded Brunel's Life Sciences vertical, now spanning pharma, biotech, medtech, food, and agriculture. A passionate advocate for inclusion and community leadership, she serves on multiple industry boards and champions talent development across the sector.

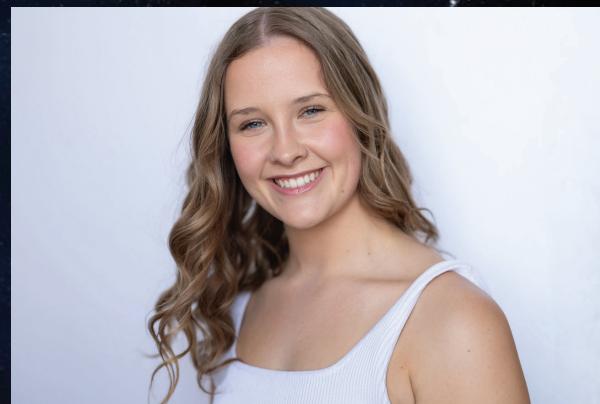
# Meet Our Fabulous Young Hostesses!

Bettina Oghinan



**Bettina** is a MASC student in mechanical engineering at the University of Toronto. Her undergraduate experience involved contribution to the launch of a satellite, internships in the biomedical and space robotics industry, and mentorship roles as an engineering ambassador. Her MASC focuses on environmentally sustainable innovations to improve transportation in Ontario.

Sarah Herriot



**Sarah** has over 15 years of experience in cheerleading and continues to compete while coaching athletes at multiple levels. She is committed to fostering discipline, teamwork, and resilience in the athletes she mentors. In addition to her athletic career, Sarah pursues acting, applying her dedication and creativity to the performing arts.

Storm Clarke



**Storm** is a Toronto-based Canadian actress and dancer whose passion for performance and storytelling is rooted in her Jane and Finch upbringing and driven by a commitment to represent and uplift marginalized voices through the arts.

*"For every girl who's ever wondered if she  
belongs in the room ~ these women say:  
Yes you do. You always have!"*

# Featuring

Rosey Edéh



*Field of Focus: Sports Broadcasting / Athletics*

*A celebrated Canadian 23 year Olympic record holder and veteran sports broadcaster, Rosey brings decades of experience in athletics and media representation.*

Janet Castillo-Gerongco



*Field of Focus: Performing Arts*

*A spirited Filipina-Canadian creative leader, Certified Wisdom Kids Coach, and women's leadership advocate, draws on over two decades of professional dance and performance experience to empower the next generation of girls through confidence-boosting programs that blend movement, mindset, and mentorship.*

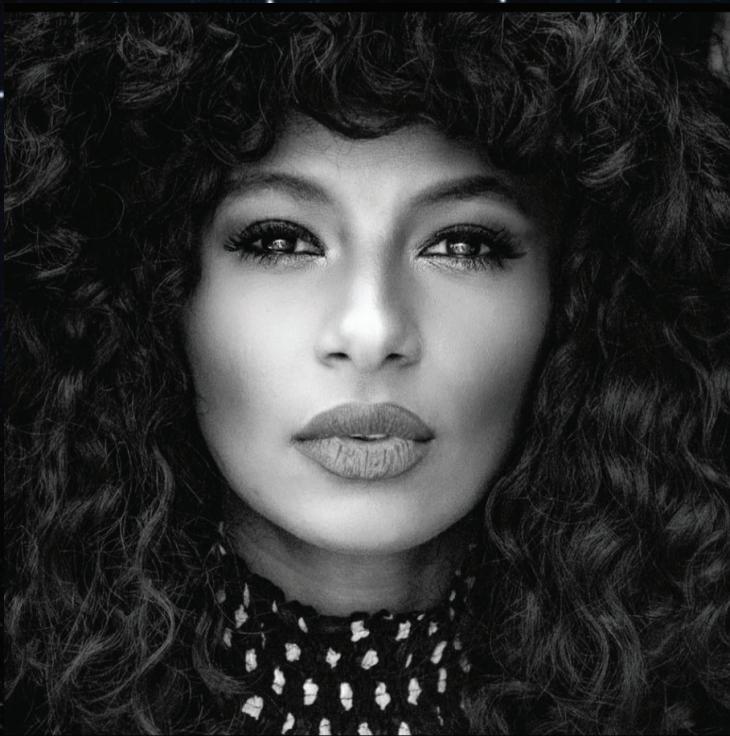
# How Does *Silver Stars* Serve Community?



As a tribute to the women who shape the soul of our country, this intergenerational docuseries will capture the essence of twelve remarkable women from across Ontario who are moving our culture forward. They lead in boardrooms, classrooms, studios, and fields. They challenge norms, lift others, and redefine what it means to lead with heart. Silver Stars doesn't just document their lives, it amplifies their legacy, connecting young women, especially those in STEM, sports, and the arts, to role models who reflect their dreams and expand their sense of possibility.

The calendar, set to be included in graduation packages in 2026, is set to become a symbol of pride and promise, a daily reminder that brilliance comes in many forms and that every generation stands on the shoulders of those who came before. Silver Stars is not just a series. It's a celebration of the women who shape our zeitgeist and a call to honor their place in our national story.

# Partial Proceeds: Dare to Rise Foundation



Absane Ibrahim  
Founder & Chief Executive Officer

It Takes a Village—We Are That Village  
Field of Focus: Artistic Beauty Entrepreneur and  
Women's Empowerment Advocate  
Link: <https://www.jamafacebeauty.com/>

A passionate entrepreneur and founder of JamaFaceBeauty, Abbie promotes diversity and self-expression. A member of Immigrant Women in Business, her mission centers on helping women build confidence and pursue their dreams through storytelling, beauty, and personal transformation.

*"Silver Stars is a love letter to the women  
who show us that legacy isn't what you leave  
behind – it's what you live out loud."*

# Featuring

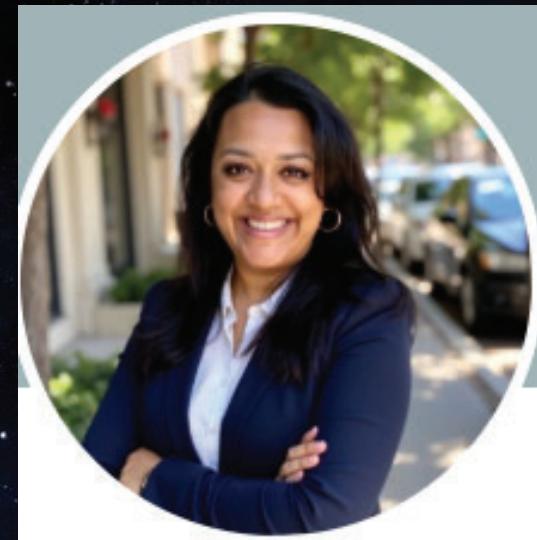
Andrea Donais



*Field of Focus: Performing Arts, Education*

*Artistic Director and Founder of The Artist Within Academy and RISE Children's Choir, Andrea is an arts educator, conductor, and performer with over 20 years of experience who is passionate about inspiring confidence, creativity, and lifelong connection to the arts through her signature Artist Within Method.*

Beverly M. Francis, PhD



*Field of Focus: Neuroscience*

*Dr. Beverly M. Francis, PhD, is a seasoned scientific leader with a rich background in medical affairs and research. Her career spans multiple roles in both academia and the pharmaceutical industry, reflecting a strong commitment to advancing healthcare through science.*

# Why A WWB Production?

This project is a love letter from CEO Lanette Ware-Bushfield to her teenage daughter, and to every young woman like her who dreams of breaking barriers in male-dominated fields. It also honors women like Lanette's grandmother, who devoted over fifty years to the local education system in New York City, quietly shaping generations without ever seeking the spotlight.

At its core, Silver Stars is a celebration in honour of the unsung female heroes in our own backyards who have dedicated their lives to meaningful, often overlooked societal contributions, and a challenge to the outdated stereotypes surrounding the capabilities of mature women in every profession.

In a time when some of our freedoms are under attack, it is more vital than ever to do our part to level the playing field in young hearts and minds. By showcasing powerful women who are just as essential to the fabric of a nation as their fathers, this series offers monthly reminders of what's possible when you believe in your dreams.

Lanette's vision is that every little girl and boy sitting at home, whether at the dinner table or curled up in the living room, can look up and see themselves reflected in stories of courage, brilliance, and purpose. This is more than a series, it's a movement to inspire, uplift, and remind us all of the extraordinary power of representation.



*"When women rise, communities rise.*

*And when important stories are  
shared, generations come together to*

*listen."*

# Featuring

Mesrak Lissanu



Berhan TV Toronto

Field of Focus: Pharmaceutical, Life Sciences and Nonprofit

*Mesrak Lissanu is a purpose-driven leader with over two decades in pharma and community development, dedicated to empowering others. As President of P2P Canada and Co-Founder of ABTiP, she champions inclusion, equity, and leadership that uplifts.*

Elaine Chan-Dow



Field of Focus: Artist, photographer & eductor

*A Chinese-Canadian award-winning photographer and cross-disciplinary artist specializing in digital and analogue modalities of photography and research-based creation exploring the themes of behavioural science, botany, and art.*



# Thank You Friends!

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