



Lovina Yavari

Director CV



knightvisionfx@gmail.com



[IMDB](#)



[INSTAGRAM](#)



www.lovinayavari.com



Toronto, Ontario

PROFILE

Lovina Yavari is an award-winning Canadian director, actor, and multidisciplinary artist based in Toronto.

A member of the DGC, ACTRA Toronto, SAG-AFTRA, and NABET 700, she specializes in genre-driven filmmaking with a focus on sci-fi, cyberpunk, and experimental storytelling.

Raised in foster care, Lovina's formative years inspired her passion for storytelling as a means of expression and understanding.

Her work blends live-action with practical effects, virtual production, and animation, bringing a bold, immersive visual style shaped by her background in production design, illustration, and animatronics.

UNION AFFILIATIONS

- Directors Guild of Canada (DGC)
- Women in Film & Television Toronto (WIFT)
- ACTRA Toronto
- SAG-AFTRA
- NABET 700

CREATIVE & TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Adobe Photoshop
- Procreate
- Graphic & Traditional Art
- Prop building/mod skills
- Photo Retouching
- Directing, Acting, Writing, Producing
- Production Design, Costume Design, Storyboarding
- Virtual Production (Unreal Engine)
- Animatronics, Prosthetics, Practical Effects

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- ACTRA Toronto - Awards Committee
- Jury Member - St Johns International Womens Film Festival 2023-Present
- Jury Member - Image+Nation Festival Courts Queer Short Film Festival 2022

SELECT DIRECTING CREDITS

- **ARECIBO** (Short film, 2025) – Director, Producer, Production Designer, Actor
- **Red String of Fate** (Short film, 2021) – Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Production Designer
- **NEO T.O Jacket** (commercial 2018)– Director, Producer, Actor, Writer, Production Designer, Motion Graphics, Jacket Designer
- **LO-FI Game AD** (Cyberpunk VR Game In-World Ad 2024) – Writer, Director, Production Designer

SELECT TRAINING / QUALIFICATIONS

- Blood in the Snow Film Festival – Director Horror Development Lab
- LIFT Workshops – Storyboarding, Directing For Dramatic Film, & Grant Writing For Arts Councils
- Disney's Pixar Visual Storytelling Masterclass
- WIDC – Acting Ensemble & Cinematography Workshop
- Diploma – Completions International College of Makeup Art & Design – Toronto, ON
- 21 DRAW Procreate Workshops – Character Design
- WIFT Mentorship Program Alumni
- Supervisor & Worker H&S Certificate
- PAL License
- WHMIS
- DGC GAP Orientation & Building a Respectful Workplace
- DGC Art Department Fundamentals

SELECT GRANTS / AWARDS

- 2025 Winner – **Ontario Arts Council** – Media Artists Grant (Arecibo)
- 2024 Winner – **Canada Council for the Arts** – Concept to Realization Grant (Arecibo)
- 2021 Winner – **ACTRA & Inside Out Toronto 2SLGBTQ+ Film Festival** – Queer Your Stories Short Film Competition
- Multiple festival awards and nominations for **Red String of Fate** (30+ international festivals)
- **Red String of Fate** featured on **DUST** (3M+ subscribers), **ACTRACon** Winter 2022, & **Telefilm/Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television** Speculative Spotlight November 2021

Reference Available Upon Request