



Mississauga's Pasquale Marco Veltri is the winner of the Chris Statuette at the Columbus International Film Festival for his multicultural film *Words to Remember*.

## Filmmaker wins top award

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A Mississauga filmmaker has won the top award at the Columbus International Film Festival, which, at 62 years old, is the longest running film festival in the U.S.

Pasquale Marco Veltri was awarded the Chris Statuette - the festival's top honour - for best narrative film for *Words to Remember*.

"It examines the pearls of wisdom that would be passed down to us if our future selves could share their reflections and regrets with us in the present moment," said Veltri, who wrote and directed the film, which is presented in four languages - Hindi, Gurtahi, English and French.

"The mixing of different languages helped to enforce the universal themes of family life and living in the moment," he said.

The original score was written by Mississauga composer Vikas Kohli, and draws inspiration from the multicultural aspects of the film. It fuses a classical string quartet with a traditional Indian bowed instrument known as the Taus.

A graduate of Sheridan College, Veltri's films have been screened nationally and internationally in Canada, Britain, Italy, and Egypt. Past films include *The Politics of Fear*, *A Day in the Life* and *Into the Light*.

"My work has been an attempt to create stories with a mosaic of cultural backgrounds that accurately represent the Canadian experience," he said.

Veltri will be in attendance Nov. 22 at the Columbus College of Art & Design to receive his award.