



**WHO** 

Cultural non-profit organization that facilitates local and international films through operating their acclaimed Vancouver International Film Festival (VIFF) and year round screenings



**MISSION** 

To celebrate excellence in screen based storytelling



**VISION** 

Catalyse a diverse community to discover, discuss and share the creativity and craft of storytelling on screen.



- Engagement
- Community
- Relationship



Internal documentation & communication issues

Lack of engagement post-festival

Need for a wider audience

Misconceptions about Not-for-Profit

"You're trying to reach the summit of the mountain but you can't see the path, can't see the other people you're supposed to be talking to and can't tell if they're even there."

- Ken Tsu (VIFF Live Producer)

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Conflicts with VIFF year round program and long term goals

During festival: 321 films, 4 music concerts, creator talks, VR sessions

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~40% audience is 55+

The impact of digital has depreciated cultural value of film

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Must cater to sponsors instead of finding ideal partnerships

Not perceived as essential to the community

## **INITIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Community Perceptions**

Comparisons to high arts culture

Non profit misconceptions

### **Core Identity**

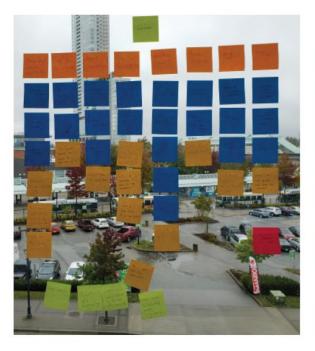
VIFF as cultural facilitator for Vancouver

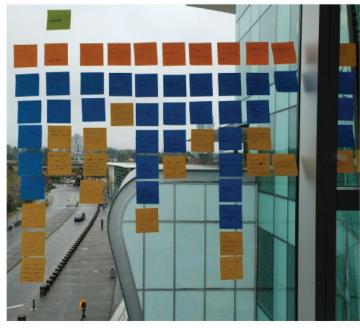
#### Pacing of Events

Drop off of promotion in events and staff post after

Audience retention is mainly in an older demographic

# **USER JOURNEY**







VOLUNTEER AUDIENCE FILMS+ CONTRACTOR

# **AUDIENCE USER JOURNEY**

Secondary Pain Point

#### **Primary Pain Point**

Retention & post-festival engagement is a long-term issue

#### **Secondary Pain Point**

Lack of distinguishing personal festival experience from regular cinemas

Screening

Primary Pain Point

# **CONTRATOR USER JOURNEY**

#### **Primary Pain Point:**

Post-Festival internal drop-off and documentation

#### WHY NOT:

Outside of scope
Re-inventing of existing platforms
Commonality of internal issues

VIFF is still successful despite these issues

Primary Pain Point

refestival Festival Post-Festival

# **PERSONAS**



AUDIENCE MEMBER
ALEXA / CURIOUS SOCIALIZER

New to VIFF, interested in the film scene. Wants to experience non-blockbuster movies and connect with other film fanatics.



VOLUNTEER
CAMERON / GENEROUS ENTHUSIAST

Wants to become more involved in film and give back to those around him.



FILMS+ CONTRACTOR
MICHAEL / CREATIVE MULTITASKER

Wants to create more engaging Films+ events to expand beyond the screen

# **MORE THAN ENGAGEMENT**

More than engagement, members need to feel like they are a part of something



## **COMMUNITY FOCUSED PERSONAS**



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FREQUENT GOER HUGO / CULTURAL WORKER Interested in the culture behind film, wants to find others who engage in similar interests



EXPERIENCED ATTENDEE
PATTY / LONELY STORYTELLER

Enjoying films, wants to share her stories and feel more connected to the community.

# **DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES**

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Create engagement post-festival throughout the year

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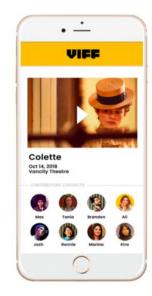




1 Create a unique and personal film theatre experience

# **TAP & CHAT**

An app extension designed to create a more personalized theatre experience by encouraging audience interaction.







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# **TAP & CHAT**

Why Not

feasibility issues related to the audience's interest and physical location limitations

### Insight

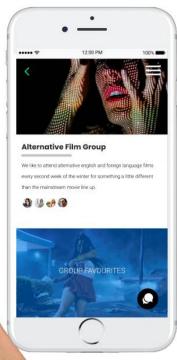
create and facilitate the growth of niche communities at VIFF

2 Create engagement post-festival throughout the year

# FILM CLUB

An app designed to provide an online platform to collaborate and build the VIFF community.





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# FILM CLUB

Why Not too broad and general; nonunique

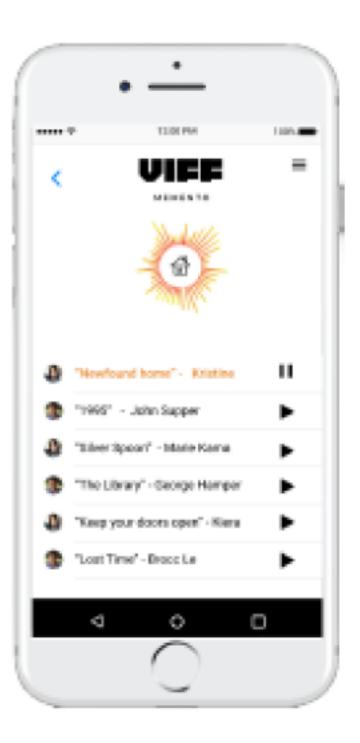
## Insight

connecting similar people with similar values together

Bridge gaps through storytelling

# MOMENTO

An app extension designed to engage member interaction and connect the community through storytelling.





# MOMENTO

Why Not

feasability and the interests of audience memebrs along with technological issues

# Insight

Giving something personal and intangible to audience, 'giving them a voice'

# LESSONS LEARNED

Create and faciliate the growth of niche communities

Connect similar people with similar values together

Give something personal and intangible to the audience

# DESIGN FOCUS SHIFT

COMMUNITY ——— RELATIONSHIPS

Joining the VIFF community starts from forming relationships



# **EVOLUTION OF FOCUS**

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# **AUDIENCE DISCONNECT**

VIFF app is only available during the festival

VIFF communicates mainly through email updates The only place for personal connection is attending VIFF events



# **EXTEND THE EXPERIENCE**

Foster niche communities that continually participate in VIFF related activities

As a not-for-profit, a community is essential to gain sponsors who tap into niche groups.

- Georgina (Design Coordinator)



# **LOCAL ASPECT**

Highlighting the local film culture

Personalizing the theatre experience helps build a connection



# **REVISED DESIGN FOCUS**

To form enduring relationships around film through local and personal film experiences at VIFF





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