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Cyrus is an [AcademiCreActivist](#): a **Gemini** Award-winning filmmaker, scholar, songwriter, composer, poet, and change-maker. Cyrus continues to expand and find cracks in conventional boundaries presenting his research, films, and music at numerous national and international broadcasts, festivals, and conferences. A much sought after creative scholar and guest lecturer, his research and productions have taken him around the world including India, Israel, Spain, Haiti, Jamaica, and Sri Lanka.

On the foundation of his documentary/storytelling career that began with his Award-winning debut [Film Club](#) (2001), Cyrus conceived and successfully produced a site-specific hybrid live-documentary world premiere of [Brothers In The Kitchen](#) (2016) as his MFA thesis project and two iterations of [Africville in Black and White](#) in 2017/18). Most recently, Cyrus successfully produced, and mentored the [i am...](#) storytelling project: 28 short-films by 28 graduate students from across Canada exploring identity and belonging—all from within their individual pandemic bubbles. In 2022, Cyrus is leading and mentoring [i am's](#) next iteration [Under the Tent](#).

His recent publications include: [Floating to the Lure of the Promised Land in Refuge in Canada: Narratives of Dislocation](#) (2021); [How We See: The Colourization of Race in Gnosis: Journal of Philosophy](#) (2020). Cyrus' photo/video installation [Emancipation2Africville](#) formed part of the [Africville: A Spirit that Lives On-A Reflection Project](#) at the MSVU Art Gallery in Nova Scotia (2019) and [foot\[age\]](#) at [WC2 Symposium Toronto](#) (2018) and the Bata Shoe Museum (2015/17).

As an award-winning composer Cyrus' credits include, **Genie** Award Winner *Moving Day*, the **Gemini** Award Nominated [Twisted Sheets](#), [Film Club](#), and the International Award-winning documentary film *Salaam Shalom: The Jews of India*. His musical scores for CBC Radio Dramas have premiered to national and international audiences. As a singer/songwriter, **Cyrus'** musical journeys have culminated in the release of his critically acclaimed CD, [Sun to Star](#).

**Cyrus** has written, produced and directed in a range of genres including documentary, reality, food, and lifestyle for various international broadcasters including BellMedia, CBC, VisionTV, Smithsonian Channel, Discovery Channel, and MuchMusic. His writings have been published in poetry anthologies, academic journals, and peer reviewed medical journals.