



LESLIE ANN COLES, Woodbridge, ON
WIDC 2005 Director Participant

Leslie Ann is a multiple award winning filmmaker/actress and the proud Founding Director/Programmer of the Female Eye Film Festival (FeFF) in Toronto. The Female Eye is an annual international showcase for women directors.

Leslie Ann's background is in Dance Theatre and mixed media performance art led her from stage to screen in 1996. Her debut film, *IN THE REFRIGERATOR*, which she wrote, directed and starred in was selected for screenings in more than 35 international film festivals and garnered multiple awards for Best Picture, Best Short Film, Best Avant-Garde, Best Debut Filmmaker, Best Director, Best Actress and the Grand Jury Award: Filmmaker In an Acting Role. Leslie has since written, produced and directed *ALICE SMITHEE*, *PORTRAIT OF AN INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER* (2003), a short documentary film and *KING OF THE CASTLE* a feature documentary currently in post production. Her TV documentary series, *SHOOTING STARS* won the Banff TV Fellowship Award in 2003 and is now in development with Mictrotainment / DocuTainment which Leslie will write, co-produce and host.

Leslie Ann continues to work as an actor/filmmaker and as the Festival Director of the Female Eye Film Festival which will celebrate its 5th year in March 2006!